



George Ernest Veuve (1843?-1916)

Medal of Honor recipient. He entered the Army as a hired substitute for a wealthy man who was avoiding the draft. He won his medal for a hand to hand combat with a hostile Indian. The Historical Society has procured a military monument reflecting his prestigious award. The Missoula City Cemetery placed the stone in his honor.

- **1843 or 1845–Birth.** George was born on March 19, 1843/1845 (exact date is uncertain) in Neuchatel, Switzerland.
- **Education.** It is unknown, however trained as a coppersmith.
- **Spring 1864 or 1866.** George emigrated, arrived and lived in New York City until joining the Union Army.
- **Coppersmith.** Army records state George was a coppersmith prior to entering the army.
- **Military History.** He entered the Army as a hired substitute for a wealthy man who was avoiding the draft (legal to do at that time). He enlisted in one of the German speaking regiments. He was wounded by a Confederate cavalryman during Sherman’s March to the Sea. (**Note: There is a discrepancy between dates of emigration and dates of this civil war event that may be contradictory.)
- Following the Civil War, he chose to stay in the Army. His enlistments were:
 - **1866-1869.** U.S. Infantry Regiment
 - **1869-1874.** Co. A, 4th Cavalry
 - **1875-1880.** Co. 14, 3rd U. S. Infantry Regiment
- **November 3, 1874 - Medal of Honor.** While serving with the 4th Cavalry in Texas in the Red River War, Farrier Veuve won his medal for a hand to hand combat with a hostile Indian. This original medal is now part of the Historical Museum collection located at Fort Missoula.
- **1877.** On or about November 14, 1877, he arrived at Fort Missoula as part of the escort for a 3rd Infantry wagon train coming to the fort. He remained at Fort Missoula as a sergeant.
- **1880.** Married Anna McCarthy on January 22, 1880.
- **1880.** Retired from the Army as Supply Sgt. When he started a wood business his military status secured him the contract for supplying fire wood to Fort Missoula along with private Missoula citizens.
- **1916-Death.** George died on June 17, 1916 at his home at 608 East Pine St in Missoula, Montana.
- **1957.** The local Army Reserve Center was named for and dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Veuve on November 17, 1957.
- **2005.** Medal of Honor Historical Society ordered Medal of Honor monument placed on Sgt. Veuve’s grave.