

Burke Gaius Hanford (December 17, 1872 – April 11, 1928) was an American sailor serving in the United States Navy during the Boxer Rebellion who received the Medal of Honor for bravery.

Hanford was born December 17, 1872 in Toledo, Ohio, and after entering the navy he was sent as a Machinist First Class to China to fight in the Boxer Rebellion.

Hanford was serving with a detachment from the U.S.S. Newark, fighting with the relief expedition of the Allied forces in China when he earned the Medal of Honor.

He died April 11, 1928, and is buried in Greenwood Memorial Park in San Diego.

Citation

Served with the relief expedition of the Allied forces in China on 13, 20, 21 and 22 June 1900. In the presence of the enemy during this period, Hanford distinguished himself by meritorious conduct.