

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of Congress the Medal of Honor to

**Sergeant Louis Cukela**  
**United States Marine Corps**

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

**Rank and organization:** Sergeant, U.S. Marine Corps, 66th Company, 5th Regiment. **Place and date:** Near Villers-Cotterets, France, 18 July 1918. **Entered service at:** Minneapolis, Minn. **Born:** 1 May 1888, Sebenes, Austria.

**Citation:**

When his company, advancing through a wood, met with strong resistance from an enemy strong point, Sgt. Cukela crawled out from the flank and made his way toward the German lines in the face of heavy fire, disregarding the warnings of his comrades. He succeeded in getting behind the enemy position and rushed a machinegun emplacement, killing or driving off the crew with his bayonet. With German hand grenades he then bombed out the remaining portion of the strong point, capturing 4 men and 2 damaged machineguns.