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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*Legion of Valor*

SCHEDULE PROPOSAL

December 19, 1981

TO: GREGORY J. NEWELL, DIRECTOR  
PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS AND SCHEDULING

FROM: ELIZABETH H. DOLE

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PREVIOUS PARTICIPATION: General Alexander Haig holds membership in the Legion of Valor.

DATE: Open (should coincide with Military Order of Purple Heart award)

LOCATION: Oval Office or Roosevelt Room      DURATION: 10 minutes

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Officer Thomas K. Delahanty  
Brigadier General Robert J. Gaynor, Director of Awards  
Neil Keltner, National Commander  
Major James D. Doughtie, Past National Commander

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REMARKS REQUIRED: Brief remarks

MEDIA COVERAGE: White House Press Corps photo opportunity

RECOMMENDED BY: Elizabeth H. Dole, Max Friedersdorf, Lyn Nofziger,  
Ed Hickey

OPPOSED BY:

PROJECT OFFICER: Morton Blackwell

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September 26, 1983

I welcome the opportunity to once again commend the Legion of Valor.

The unique requirements for membership in your organization speak eloquently of the contributions each of you has made to the cause of peace and freedom. America has bestowed its highest military honors on you who have bestowed on our nation the ultimate human commitment to a duty you bravely and unhesitatingly answered. Yours is a special fraternity where personal courage is common and where the good of many has been served by the acts of a few.

I salute and thank all of you for what you have done for our country. The dedication to freedom that you have shown makes me proud to be an American.

You have the very best wishes and admiration of a grateful nation.

**RONALD REAGAN**

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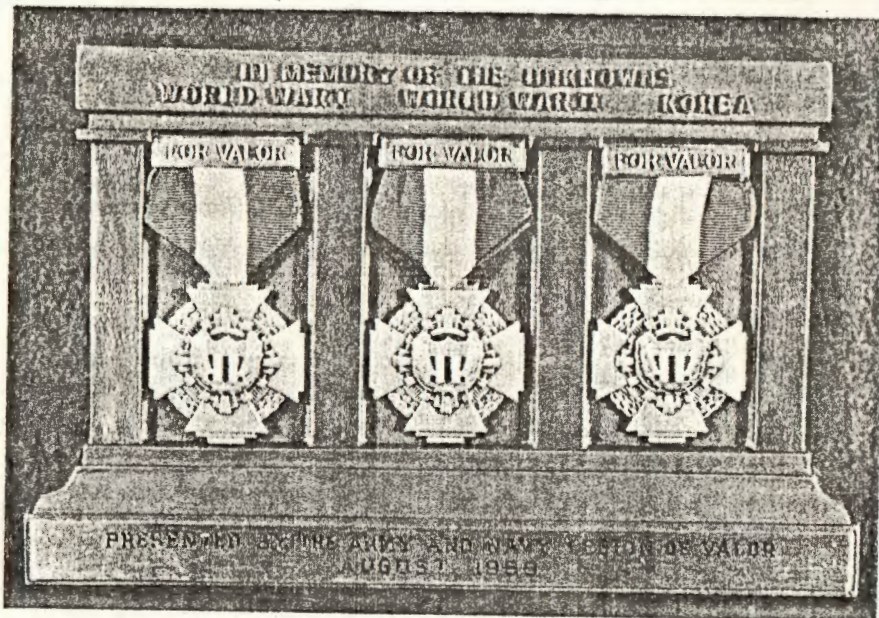
Mr. David A. Christian  
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Legion of Valor  
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cc: K.Osborne/D.Livingston/M.Blackwell(FYI)/  
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## Awards Presented By The Legion of Valor



The Silver Crosses for Valor presented to the Unknowns of World War I, World War II, and Korea, during the 69th National Reunion held at Washington, DC, 16-19 August 1959. The bronze plaque and Silver Crosses are on display in the Trophy Room at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va.



The Bronze Cross for Achievement as given to cadets and midshipmen of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the Armed Forces for outstanding excellence in military, scholastic, and community affairs.

## Decorations of The Legion of Valor

The Legion of Valor, the Nation's senior organization of war veterans, was founded on 23 April 1890 by holders of the Medal of Honor who had been decorated during the Civil War and Indian Campaigns. In 1918, holders of the Distinguished Service Cross were admitted to membership; in 1933, holders of the Navy Cross, and in 1961 those who would receive the newly-created Air Force Medal of Honor and Air Force Cross. These extensions of eligibility have caused the organization to undergo two name changes since the original title — Medal of Honor Legion. The present title was specified by act of Congress in Public Law 87-56, approved in 1961.

The Legion of Valor has maintained a consistent interest in the recognition of outstanding performance and in 1957, at the 67th National Reunion created a Silver Cross for Valor, and a Bronze Cross for Achievement in the Reserve Officers Training Corps. In establishing these awards, members of the Legion of Valor concluded that the Silver Cross for Valor should be reserved to recognize actions involving the saving or preservation of life and that the decoration could be conferred on any person whose conduct met such standards. On the other hand, they reasoned, the Bronze Cross for Achievement should be available to those cadets of the Reserve Officers Training Corps who have demonstrated excellence in military, scholastic, and civic affairs.

The very nature of the Silver Cross for Valor suggests that it would be given sparingly and only after thorough review by the Legion of Valor Awards Committee. Hence, it is seldom that more than two Crosses are presented in a year's time although there is no limitation on the number that may be granted. While there is no such thing as a typical Silver Cross for Valor award, over recent years it has been given to a Florida newspaper carrier, a non-swimmer, who dived into a canal to rescue the driver of a car which had sunk in the waters. Another went to a Texas National Guard chaplain, who though painfully injured saved a number of elderly persons from drowning when a sudden violent thunderstorm struck over a lake where people were boating and bathing. A Silver Cross for Valor was posthumously presented to a native of Mexico who was studying for U.S. citizenship examinations. When his tutor was attacked by six assailants, he went to her rescue, beat off the attackers, but suffered gunshot wounds which cost him his life. Two more Crosses were given to recognize the valor of two airline pilots who successfully thwarted a hijacker. Al-

though one pilot was killed and the other wounded, the plane was landed successfully after the hijacker was wounded and subdued by the pilots.

The Bronze Cross for Achievement program began on a limited scale in 1951 when the District of Columbia Chapter established an incentive for excellence in the Washington High School Corps of Cadets. As explained above, the national body of the Legion of Valor ordained that it be converted to a nationally-sponsored program in 1957. Thus, it was extended to the Fifth U.S. Army in 1959, to the Third U.S. Army in 1960, and in 1961 to all Army ROTC and NDCC cadets. In 1962, college-level cadets of the U.S. Air Force ROTC became eligible to receive the Bronze Cross, and in 1975 college-level midshipmen of the U.S. Navy ROTC were given the privilege of competing for the Cross. High school cadets of the Junior U.S. Marine Corps ROTC also participate in the program.

Criteria for award of the Bronze Cross for Achievement have been developed by the Legion of Valor in conjunction with officials of the Army's ROTC program. In general, the standards of achievement are similar to the qualities required for award of the Army's Superior Cadet Decoration and have been adopted by the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps. Thus, the same standards prevail for all services.

Administration of the program is conducted by the services under the aegis of the Legion of Valor. Recommendations are sent to the National Adjutant of the Legion of Valor who conducts reviews to assure adherence to all criteria, including the rule that the Cross is to be presented for performance through the next-to-last year of school. Because of the rigid standards and the thorough screening processes employed, less than fifty cadets and midshipmen receive Crosses each school year. All Crosses and certificates are provided by the Legion of Valor at no cost to the participating services or to the institutions attended by the successful nominees. All nominations originate with the military officials having jurisdiction over the individual being nominated. Presentations are customarily made by an officer or member of the Legion of Valor in conjunction with officials of the institution concerned.

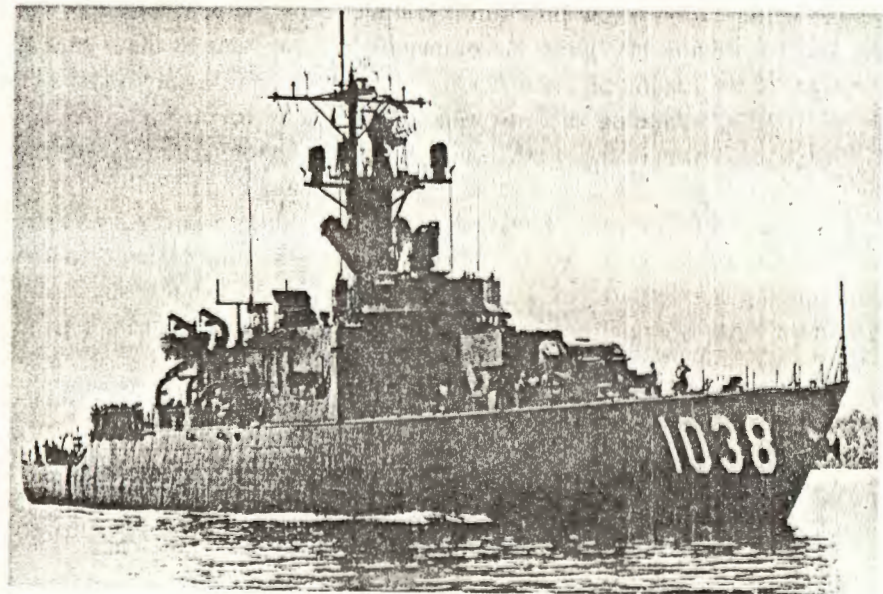
*Poor is the nation that has no heroes, but  
beggar'd is the nation that has and forgets*

—LTC William Jones III  
"Maxims for Men at Arms"

## The USS McCloy Bronze Plaques



Pictured on the left above is the plaque created by the Legion of Valor for mounting on the U.S. Navy vessel named after Lieutenant Commander John McCloy, twice awarded the Medal of Honor, National Commander of the Legion of Valor in 1923. The plaque was given to Commander Thomas H. Sherman, Jr., USN, captain of USS McCloy, during the 74th National Reunion, Washington, DC, 26-29 July, 1964. In turn, Commander Sherman presented to the Legion of Valor a bronze casting of the ship's emblem illustrated at the right above.

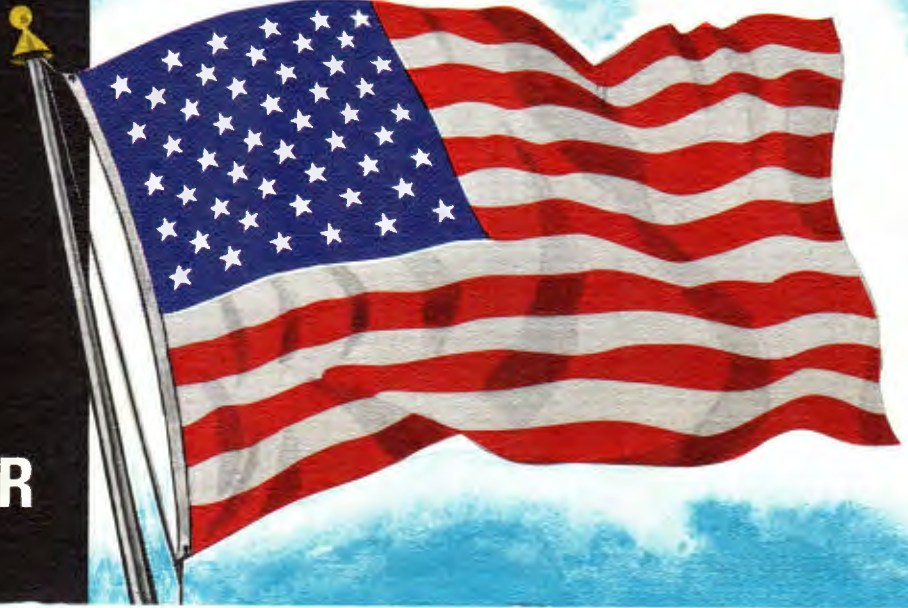


USS McCloy (Destroyer Escort 1038)

U.S. Navy Photo



**THE  
LEGION OF VALOR**





## A TRIBUTE FROM GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

*AS A SOLDIER I deem it a high privilege to salute the members of the Legion of Valor. Every man of the Legion has established himself an honored place in the history of our country, and each has proven his readiness to meet any test, no matter how extreme, in upholding the principles of freedom and human rights for which our great country stands.*

GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER  
Supreme Commander  
Allied Expeditionary Forces





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## ELIGIBLES

**I**F YOU were awarded a Medal of Honor by the Army, the Navy or the Air Force, or a Distinguished Service Cross, a Navy Cross or an Air Force Cross, you are eligible and invited to become a member of the Legion of Valor. We are bound together to keep alive the traditions for which we fought and to endeavor to inspire the youth of the land to "take up the torch" and carry on. America needs the Legion of Valor. The liberty which we now cherish must be guarded, and our young men and women must be inspired to protect it. To this end we have dedicated ourselves. Our programs among the R.O.T.C. Units in the high schools and colleges are intended to provide an ever-flowing replacement to those who value this liberty.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** We need YOU who gave proof of your devotion to the ideals for which America stands.

Fathers and sons of Companions, or fathers and sons of any person awarded one of the qualifying decorations, are eligible for Associate Membership in the Legion of Valor and are invited to apply.

## LEGION OF VALOR FACT SHEET

**T**HE Legion of Valor is an association of those whose valor has been recognized by award of the Medal of Honor of the Navy, the Army or the Air Force—or the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, or Air Force Cross.

Organized on April 23, 1890, the Legion of Valor is the Nation's senior organization of veterans. It was chartered by Public Law 224, an act of Congress approved by the President on August 4, 1955. Its **awards** office is located at 621 S. Taylor Street, Arlington, Virginia 22204.

The principles of the Legion of Valor are: patriotic allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and laws, the security of civil liberty, and the perpetuation of free institutions.

The Legion of Valor engages in public projects when requested, and it conducts an expanding nationwide program to recognize outstanding R.O.T.C. cadets by award of the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement. Individual acts of civilian gallantry are recognized by award of the Silver Cross for Valor. An annual reunion gives members an opportunity to review the organization's programs and to renew old friendships.

The Legion of Valor is administered by a National Commander, two Vice Commanders, and a National Chaplain elected by the membership. A Board of Directors, composed of these officers, nine elected members, the Past National Commanders and the National Adjutant constitute the governing body of the organization.

The official publication of the Legion of Valor is "GENERAL ORDERS," prepared and distributed monthly by the National Adjutant.

# NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MEDAL

Presented each year  
to the  
Elected National Commander  
by the  
Legion of Valor





# LEGION OF VALOR



OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

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## GENERAL ORDERS

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Constitution of the Legion of Valor prescribes that the Board of Directors shall consist of the elective officers, all Past National Commanders, the National Adjutant and nine members elected from the membership-at-large. The following members-at-large now hold Board Membership.

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*A Greeting  
from the President*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 25, 1980

I send warmest greetings to the delegates at the 90th National Reunion of the Legion of Valor of the United States of America.

You have the distinction of being the nation's oldest veterans' organization. And your unselfish and unflagging devotion to your founding principles has earned you the admiration and esteem of all Americans.

Today, perhaps more than ever before, there is need for your organization to advance and support the principles of patriotic allegiance to our country, fidelity to its Constitution and its laws and dedication to the security of its civil liberties and to the perpetuation of its free institutions.

I look to your continuing leadership and inspiring public service as I wish you a most enjoyable and productive 90th National Reunion.

*Jimmy Carter*





## State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO 95814

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
GOVERNOR

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May 20, 1980

TO: THE LEGION OF VALOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

On behalf of the people of the state, I am pleased to welcome to California those attending your National Reunion.

Each of us is indebted to the many Americans who fought for our nation, and you are deserving of special recognition for your courage and heroism. I commend your selfless service to America and offer my best wishes for a memorable reunion.

Sincerely,

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor



PETE WILSON  
MAYOR

April 29, 1980

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF VALOR:

GREETINGS:

I am honored and delighted to welcome each of you to San Diego. I hope that your visit here will be productive and stimulating as well as enjoyable.

San Diego offers a myriad of natural and man-made attractions which await your discovery -- our world-famous zoo bordering on beautiful Balboa Park, our aquatic wonderland at Sea World, the exciting Wild Animal Park at San Pasqual, and a host of cultural and historical sites, including many community theaters.

San Diego is a dynamic city, blessed with a jewel-like setting on the Pacific Ocean, an unmatched climate and an unparalleled quality of life.

From a modest sleepy coastal town beginning, San Diego today is a vibrant community, the second largest city in the State of California and the ninth largest in the United States.

I know that you will enjoy sharing the beauty and excitement and wonderful hospitality that is San Diego, and I hope that each of you will return again to our beautiful city.

Sincerely,

PETE WILSON

PW:jr

## New Members

### Navy Cross

**Lieutenant Colonel Martin L. Brandtner, NC-GS, U. S. Marine Corps**, 2969 Levante Street, La Costa CA 92008, received two awards of the Navy Cross for his extraordinary heroism while serving in the rank of captain as Commanding Officer of Company D, First Battalion, Fifth Marines, First Marine Division in Vietnam during September, 1968. The citation for his first Navy Cross follows:

On 3 September 1968, while conducting a reconnaissance in force near the village of Lan Phouc in Quang Nam Province, the lead platoon of Company D became pinned down by intense

automatic weapons fire from a large North Vietnamese Army force. As he moved forward to assess the situation, Captain Brandtner was wounded by grenade launcher fire from an enemy soldier standing in a nearby trench. With complete disregard for his own safety, Captain Brandtner boldly exposed himself to the hostile fire and hurling a hand grenade, killed the North Vietnamese soldier. Suddenly, the Marines came under an intense North Vietnamese hand grenade attack, and when one of the lethal objects landed at Captain Brandtner's feet, he unhesitatingly seized the grenade and threw it back at the enemy. On two more occasions he completely disregarded his own safety to seize hand grenades which were thrown near his position and hurl them toward the hostile force. When another grenade landed in the midst of four nearby Marines, Captain Brandtner fearlessly rushed to their position, picked up the lethal object and hurled it away from his companions. Then, concerned only for the welfare of his fellow Marines, he knocked two of the men to the ground and quickly placed himself on top of them, thereby absorbing the fragments from the exploding grenade in his protective armor and preventing possible death or serious injury to his

companions. Realizing the numerical superiority of the enemy, he consolidated his company's position and skillfully adjusted effective supporting arms fire which caused the hostile force to flee and enabled his Marines to overrun the objective. By his courage, intrepid fighting spirit, and selfless devotion to duty at the risk of his life, Captain Brandtner sustained and enhanced the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

A Gold Star to the Navy Cross signifying a second award of that decoration



Lt. Col. Martin L. Brandtner, NC-GS



was conferred on the then Captain Brandtner and is recorded in the citation appearing below:

On 11 September 1968, when assigned a mission to conduct a search and destroy operation near the village of My Binh, Quang Dia Loc District, Quang Nam Province, Captain Brandtner selected his defensive position and began deploying his platoons for their assigned night activities. As the First Platoon departed, en route to their night ambush site, they began receiving intense small arms, automatic weapons and rocket fire from a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army force. Simultaneously, the enemy approximately the size of two North Vietnamese Army companies, began an attack on the Command Group with 82mm mortars, intense automatic weapons fire and B40 rockets. Quickly analyzing the situation and immediately realizing the seriousness and the danger involved, Captain Brandtner disregarded his own personal safety and moved forward to an extremely exposed position in order that he could personally control the battle at hand. When the enemy began the first of a series of "human wave" sapper attacks against the company's position, he calmly and with outstanding presence of mind moved from position to position reorganizing, encouraging and rallying his outnumbered and dazed company into an inspired fighting unit which completely stopped the momentum of the enemy attack and forced them to withdraw. Realizing the enemy were regrouping for subsequent attacks, he calmly adjusted his supporting artillery fire to within 200 meters of his lines, again raising havoc and confusion within the enemy's ranks. When the North Vietnamese Army units began their second attack, the devastating fires of a well organized Marine Corps rifle company caught them off

balance and inflicted heavy enemy casualties. Twice more, the determined enemy launched massive "human wave" assaults on the perimeter of Company D, but the steadfast efforts of the men of the company proved to be too much for the now overwhelmed and demoralized enemy. After more than two hours of persistent attempts to overrun the company, the enemy broke contact. Daylight revealed 67 North Vietnamese dead as mute testimony to the ferocious encounter that had taken place. The number of enemy dead and wounded evacuated could not be estimated. Company D suffered only one Marine killed and fourteen with wounds serious enough to require evacuation. By his outstanding courage, superb leadership and unswerving devotion to duty, Captain Brandtner served to inspire all who observed him and upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

A graduate of the University of Minnesota, Lieutenant Colonel Brandtner entered the Marine Corps from the ROTC at that institution. He has served two tours in Vietnam, has finished the Naval War College and will soon attend the Air War College at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. He is now Commanding Officer of the 1st Recruit Training Battalion, USMC, San Diego, CA. Among his other decorations, Colonel Brandtner wears the Legion of Merit and Purple Heart and campaign medals indicating service since 1960. His application is endorsed by National Commander E. Joe Marquez, NC.

**Rear Admiral William M. Cole, NC, U. S. Navy, Retired**, 4801 Holly Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 received the Navy Cross in recognition of his extraordinary heroism and dis-

tinguished service in the line of his profession as commander of a destroyer during an engagement with Japanese naval forces near Guadalcanal Island on the night of November 12-13 1942. The then Commander Cole gallantly, and at the risk of his life, engaged numerically superior enemy forces at close range, inflicting heavy damage upon them and preventing the accom-

plishment of their intended mission. This daring and intrepid attack, brilliantly executed, led to a great victory for his country's forces. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service.

Admiral Cole's application for Legion of Valor membership bears the endorsement of Major C. C. Coffman, NC, USMC, Virginia Beach, VA.

## The Last Retreat

In their hour of sorrow, the Legion of Valor extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of those who have left our ranks. May they Rest in Peace.

### LIFE MEMBERS

**Brig. Gen. James C. Rosborough, DSC**

**Lt. Col. Olin L. Beall, DSC**  
**Henry E. Christiansen, DSC**  
**Cdr. Ernest W. Downey, NC**  
**Irving Klein, DSC**

**James R. Mansfield, DSC**  
**John J. Robinson, DSC**  
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**Clifford E. Snell, NC**

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**Lt. (jg) Walter E. Harman, NC**  
**RAdm. G. C. Hoover, NC**

**Philip Hurley, Sr., DSC**  
**Maj. Samuel N. Johns, DSC**  
**John F. Lanergan, DSC**  
**Col. Carl E. Lundquist, DSC**  
**Lynn McCracken, DSC**  
**Wendell P. Wright, NC**

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."  
 — St. Matthew, 11:28

## Marine Who Gave Life Awarded Medal of Honor

The Navy recently conferred the Medal of Honor on Colonel Donald G. Cook, USMC, who sacrificed his life to help fellow prisoners in a Vietcong prison camp more than 12 years ago. In a ceremony at the Pentagon's Hall of Heroes, Navy Secretary Hidalgo read a letter from the President saluting the "valor, dedication, and sacrifice" of Colonel Cook. The citation appears below.



The President of the United States in the name of The Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to

**COLONEL DONALD G. COOK**  
**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS**

for service as set forth in the following

### CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while interned as a Prisoner of War by the Viet Cong in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 31 December 1964 to 8 December 1967. Despite the fact that by so doing he knew he would bring about harsher treatment for himself, Colonel (then Captain) Cook established himself as the senior prisoner, even though in actuality he was not. Repeatedly assuming more than his share of the manual labor in order that the other Prisoners of War could improve the state of their health, Colonel Cook willingly and unselfishly put the interests of his comrades before that of his own well-being and, eventually, his life. Giving more needy men his medicine and drug allowance while constantly nursing them, he risked infection from contagious diseases while in a rapidly deteriorating state of health. This unselfish and exemplary conduct, coupled with his refusal to stray even the slightest from the Code of Conduct, earned him the deepest respect from not only his fellow prisoners, but his captors as well. Rather than negotiate for his own release or better treatment, he steadfastly frustrated attempts by the Viet Cong to break his indomitable spirit, and passed this same resolve on to the men whose well-being he so closely associated himself. Knowing his refusals would prevent his release prior to the end of the war, and also knowing his chances for prolonged survival would be small in the event of continued refusal, he chose nevertheless to adhere to a Code of Conduct far above that which could be expected. His personal valor and exceptional spirit of loyalty in the face of almost certain death reflected the highest credit upon Colonel Cook, the Marine Corps, and the United States Naval Service.

*Jimmy Carter*

## National Commander's Welcome

My wife, Annette, and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, the Legion of Valor and the Women of the Legion of Valor, to the 90th National Reunion in San Diego, California. California Chapter #2 also welcomes you to California and wishes to offer you any assistance that you may need.



I would like to thank the members for their support to the Legion of Valor this past year and to express my appreciation to those members who are able to attend our 90th Reunion. My thanks to those members, who have supported our organization in the past but, who were unable to make the trip to California. Hopefully, you will all have an opportunity to attend a reunion in the future. My prayers are with all you members who are confined to hospitals throughout the United States.

The past year has been very enjoyable although I was not able to attend the many functions to which I was invited. My participation during Veterans Day 1979 at Arlington National Cemetery will always be a pleasant memory for me. Certainly the memory of seeing good friends, who now seem like family, at our Board of Directors meeting in Washington, D. C. will always remain with me.

Thank you once again for the honor, the opportunity and the privilege of allowing me to serve as your National Commander the past year. My sincere thanks to all officers, members of the Board of Directors, and to our adjutant for all the assistance given to me the past year. May you all enjoy the reunion and have a safe and pleasant trip home.



Sincerely

E. Joe Marquez, NC  
National Commander  
Legion of Valor,  
1979-1980

## Legion of Valor Reunion Program 90th National Reunion

Holiday Inn, 1355 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA

### Wednesday, June 25, 1980

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Registration	Hotel Lobby
8:00 PM	Memorial Service	East Coast Room
9:30 PM	Dugout	Room 418

### Thursday, June 26, 1980

9:00 AM	Sight seeing tour with stop for lunch	
1:00 PM	Return to hotel	
4:00 PM	Boat cruise	
9:30 PM	Dugout	Room 418

### Friday, June 27, 1980

9:00 AM	Business sessions: Legion of Valor Women of Legion of Valor	West Coast Room  East Coast Room
11:30 AM	Lunch	On your own
1:00 PM	Trip to Naval Training Center	
9:30 PM	Dugout	Room 418

### Saturday, June 28, 1980

9:00 AM	Business sessions: Legion of Valor Women of Legion of Valor	West Coast Room  East Coast Room
11:00 AM	Board of Directors Meeting	
6:00 PM	Reception	East Coast Room
7:00 PM	Grand Banquet — Lieutenant Colonel Patrick H. Brady, MOH, DSC, U.S. Army, Com- panion of the Legion of Valor, will address the body.	Pacific D Room
10:00 PM	Dugout	Room 418

Nominating & Resolutions Committees should meet Thursday and Friday evening.

Saturday afternoon is a free period. This will give the members the opportunity to visit Seaport Village which is a short distance from the hotel. More than 60 shops, three major restaurants and eight smaller theme restaurants are spread over 14 acres in three distinctive plazas designed to capture the look and feel of old Monterey, Victorian San Francisco and traditional Mexico.

## Reunion Speaker

The National Banquet Program for the 90th National Reunion will include an address by Lieutenant Colonel Patrick H. Brady, MOH, DSC, U. S. Army. His basic branch is the Medical Service Corps.

The Medal of Honor was presented to the then Major Brady by the President at an outdoor White House ceremony on 9 October 1969. The citation, read by Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor, stated that Major Brady distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the 54th Medical Detachment, 67th Medical Group, 44th Medical Brigade in the Republic of Vietnam. On 6 January 1968 Major Brady, commanding a UH-1H ambulance helicopter in the vicinity of Chu Lai, volunteered to rescue wounded from a site in enemy held territory which was reported to be heavily defended and to be blanketed by fog. To reach the site he descended through heavy fog and smoke and hovered slowly along a valley trail, turning his ship sideward to blow away the fog with the backwash from his rotor blades.

Despite the unchallenged close-range enemy fire, he found the dangerously small site, where he successfully landed and evacuated two badly wounded South Vietnamese soldiers. He was then called to another area completely covered by dense fog where American casualties lay only 50 meters from the enemy. Two aircraft had previously been shot down and others had made unsuccessful attempts to reach this site earlier in the day. With unmatched skill and extraordinary courage, Major Brady made four flights to this embattled landing zone and successfully rescued all the wounded. On his third mission of the day Major Brady once again landed at a site surrounded by the enemy. The friendly ground force, pinned down by enemy fire, had been unable to reach and secure the landing zone. Although his aircraft had been badly damaged and his controls partially shot away during his initial entry into this area, he returned minutes later and rescued the remaining injured. Shortly thereafter, obtaining a replacement aircraft, Major Brady was requested to land in an enemy minefield where a platoon of American soldiers was trapped. A mine



Lt. Col. Patrick H. Brady, MOH-DSC

detonated near his helicopter, wounding two crew members and damaging his ship. In spite of this, he managed to fly six severely injured patients to medical aid. Throughout that day Major Brady utilized three helicopters to evacuate a total of fifty-one seriously wounded men, many of whom would have perished without proper medical treatment. Major Brady's conspicuous gallantry was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

It was only three months earlier that he received the Distinguished Service Cross for his extraordinary heroism as pilot of an ambulance helicopter on a rescue mission near Tam Ky in Vietnam. A friendly force requested extraction of several seriously wounded soldiers from a mountainous jungle landing zone, and Major Brady volunteered to attempt the rescue although heavy storms had grounded numerous aircraft in the area. Flying by instruments and radar, he arrived in the area of engagement and began a vertical descent into the tight landing zone by the light of flares. Unable to

see more than a few feet outside his aircraft, he skillfully maneuvered to the friendly forces, loaded his ship to capacity and quickly flew to the hospital. The storm increased in intensity and made flying extremely hazardous, but he returned to the pickup site and once more attempted to land. As he approached the area, enemy forces directed devastating machine gun and automatic weapons fire at him. Completely disregarding his personal welfare, he flew low over the area for forty-five minutes before he located the friendly forces. Guiding himself by the flashes of enemy weapons, he flew into the landing zone through a curtain of fire and loaded eight patients. He quickly flew the patients to the hospital, and once more returned to pick up the remaining casualties and carry them to safety. His fearless actions were responsible for the rapid and successful evacuation of several wounded fellow soldiers.

Lt. Col. Brady was born in Philip, South Dakota, 1 October 1936. He graduated from

Seattle University with a BA Degree in Psychology in 1959; and from Notre Dame University with an MBA in 1972. His military service includes: Three years in Berlin Germany (during the building of the Wall); The Dominican Republic; and two tours in Vietnam. Lt. Col. Brady's primary contributions have been as a helicopter ambulance pilot (Dustoff) during which service he evacuated over 500 patients in Vietnam. He was one of the early innovators of single ship tactical helicopter missions and has published several articles in this field. He discovered and used pickup techniques in Vietnam which allowed evacuation in zero weather. Major Brady's other awards include: The Distinguished Flying Cross with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; the Air Medal for Valor and 52 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Silver Star. He is now serving as Medical Coordinator at headquarters of USA Readiness Region IX, Presidio of San Francisco, CA.



### National Officers — Women of the Legion of Valor, 1979-1980

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#### Color Bearers

Miss Marsha McDavid .....	4440 E. Sauna Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85301
Mrs. Belle Smith .....	4304 Monroe, Colmar Manor, MD 20722

#### Delegate to the American Coalition

Mrs. Peter deRosselli .....	6000 42nd Ave., #206, Hyattsville, MD 20781
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## NATIONAL COMMANDERS

Michael A. Dillon, MOH	-----	1890-91	Leon M. Hanna, DSC	-----	1939-40
Frank M. Whitman, MOH	-----	1891-92	Fred Kochli, DSC	-----	1940-41
Michael A. Dillon, MOH	-----	1892-93	Tom Eadie, MOH, NC (2)	-----	1941-42
James R. O'Bierne, MOH	-----	1893-94	David J. Brickley, DSC	-----	1942-43
Chas. H. T. Collins, MOH	-----	1894-95	A. Allen Johnson, DSC	-----	1943-44
Charles M. Betts, MOH	-----	1895-96	Earle D. Norton, DSC	-----	1944-45
Nelson A. Miles, MOH	-----	1896-97	Leon A. Dombrowski, DSC	-----	1945-46
Amos J. Cummings, MOH	-----	1897-98	Harry G. O'Connor, DSC	-----	1946-47
Theodore S. Peck, MOH	-----	1899-00	Joseph F. Mannion, DSC	-----	1947-48
George W. Brush, MOH	-----	1900-01	Chris L. Edell, DSC	-----	1948-49
Moses Veale, MOH	-----	1901-02	James G. Walsh, DSC	-----	1949-50
Daniel E. Sickles, MOH	-----	1902-03	Deming Bronson, MOH	-----	1950-51
Oliver O. Howard, MOH	-----	1903-04	Ray Eastman, NC	-----	1951-52
Llewellyn G. Estes, MOH	-----	1904-05	Harry J. Stone, DSC	-----	1952-53
J. C. Julius Langbein, MOH	-----	1905-06	Othel J. Gee, DSC	-----	1953-54
Patrick DeLacy, MOH	-----	1906-07	Wm. Oliver Smith, DSC	-----	1954-55
M. Emmett Urell, MOH	-----	1907-08	Peter Paul Martinek, NC	-----	1955-56
Horace Porter, MOH	-----	1908-09	H. Neil Jager, DSC	-----	1956-57
Walter Thorne, MOH	-----	1909-10	David L. Hardee, DSC	-----	1957-58
Samuel B. Horne, MOH	-----	1910-11	Glenn J. Doman, DSC	-----	1958-59
John H. Cook, MOH	-----	1912-13	Paul Hines, DSC	-----	1959-60
William D. Dickey, MOH	-----	1914-15	Walter F. Alt, DSC	-----	1960-61
William L. Hill, MOH	-----	1915-16	Thomas Stirling, DSC	-----	1961-62
Orville T. Chamberlain, MOH	-----	1916-18	Albert E. McPhee, DSC	-----	1962-63
George W. Brush, MOH	-----	1918-20	J. Whiting Friel, DSC	-----	1963-64
Patrick J. Kyle, MOH	-----	1920-22	Leonard G. Lomell, DSC	-----	1964-65
John McCloy, MOH (2) NC	-----	1922-23	Frank S. Sutherland, DSC	-----	1965-66
Edward S. Godfrey, MOH	-----	1923-25	W. Wallace Stover, DSC	-----	1966-67
James M. Schoonmaker, MOH	-----	1925-26	Alden S. Lance, DSC	-----	1967-68
Orlando H. Petty, MOH	-----	1926-27	Sidney Hantman, DSC	-----	1968-69
Robert G. Woodside, DSC	-----	1927-28	John T. O'Neill, DSC	-----	1969-70
Frank L. Anders, MOH	-----	1929-30	Kenneth L. Gaines, DSC	-----	1970-71
Frank J. Williams, DSC	-----	1930-31	Millard C. White, DSC	-----	1971-72
George E. Parker, Jr., DSC	-----	1931-32	Leon A. Rennebaum, DSC	-----	1972-73
Edwin H. Cooper, DSC	-----	1932-33	James D. Doughtie, DSC	-----	1973-74
George Bradley, MOH	-----	1933-34	Donald J. Arthur, DSC	-----	1974-75
Herman W. Steinkraus, DSC	-----	1934-35	Willis Jackson, DSC	-----	1975-76
Ralph W. Robart, DSC	-----	1935-36	Robert W. Smith, DSC	-----	1976-77
John Davis, MOH	-----	1936-37	Charles W. Rush, DSC	-----	1977-78
Ralph W. Robart, DSC	-----	1937-38	David A. Christian, DSC	-----	1978-79
George U. Harvey, DSC	-----	1938-39	E. Joe Marquez, NC	-----	1979-80

*"'Beyond the call of duty' is an accolade to be cherished as long as life and memory shall endure."*

—President Franklin D. Roosevelt

## NATIONAL REUNIONS

Washington, DC	.....	April, 1890	Cincinnati, OH	.....	September 1936
Boston, MA	.....	August 1890	Boston, MA	.....	August 1937
Detroit, MI	.....	August 1891	Pittsburgh, PA	.....	November 1938
Washington, DC	.....	September 1892	New York City	.....	July 1939
New York City	.....	October 1893	Washington, DC	.....	August 1940
New York City	.....	October 1894	Chicago, IL	.....	July 1941
Philadelphia, PA	.....	April 1895	Boston, MA	.....	August 1942
Boston, MA	.....	June 1896	New Haven, CT	.....	September 1943
Scranton, PA	.....	June 1897	New York City	.....	August 1944
Burlington, VT	.....	July 1899	Philadelphia, PA	.....	November 1945
Brooklyn, NY	.....	September 1900	Buffalo, NY	.....	July 1946
Buffalo, NY	.....	October 1901	Baltimore, MD	.....	July 1947
Philadelphia, PA	.....	November 1902	Cleveland, OH	.....	July 1948
Gettysburg, PA	.....	October 1903	Asbury Park, NJ	.....	September 1949
Atlantic City, NJ	.....	September 1904	Boston, MA	.....	August 1950
Asbury Park, NJ	.....	September 1905	Wrightsville Beach, NC	.....	Aug.-Sept. 1951
Winsted, CT	.....	September 1906	Oklahoma City, OK	.....	August 1952
Washington, DC	.....	October 1907	Lexington, KY	.....	June-July 1953
New York City	.....	October 1908	Los Angeles, CA	.....	July 1954
New York City	.....	September 1909	Boston, MA	.....	August 1955
Atlantic City, NJ	.....	September 1910	San Antonio, TX	.....	August 1956
Hartford, CT	.....	September 1911	Philadelphia, PA	.....	July 1957
Atlantic City, NJ	.....	September 1912	Buffalo, NY	.....	July 1958
Gettysburg, PA	.....	July 1913	Washington, DC	.....	August 1959
Atlantic City, NJ	.....	July 1914	Boston, London, Paris	.....	Aug.-Sept. 1960
Washington, DC	.....	September 1915	Miami, FL	.....	August 1961
Portsmouth, NH	.....	August 1916	Fort Monroe, VA	.....	August 1962
Boston, MA	.....	August 1917	West Point, NY	.....	August 1963
Atlantic City, NJ	.....	September 1918	Washington, DC	.....	July 1964
Columbus, OH	.....	September 1919	Asbury Park, NJ	.....	June 1965
Atlantic City, NJ	.....	September 1920	Hazleton, PA	.....	July 1966
Boston, MA	.....	September 1921	Columbus, OH	.....	July 1967
Washington, DC	.....	October 1922	Kansas City, MO	.....	July 1968
New York City	.....	October 1923	Bermuda - RMS Franconia	.....	August 1969
Washington, DC	.....	October 1924	Miami Beach, FL	.....	August 1970
Pittsburgh, PA	.....	November 1925	Atlanta, GA	.....	July 1971
Philadelphia, PA	.....	October 1926	Hampton, VA	.....	July 1972
Baltimore, MD	.....	October 1927	Atlantic City, NJ	.....	July 1973
Erie, PA	.....	September-October 1928	Washington, DC	.....	July 1974
Buffalo, NY	.....	August 1929	Orlando, FL	.....	July 1975
Harrisburg, PA	.....	July 1930	Valley Forge, PA	.....	June 1976
Boston, MA	.....	August 1931	Dayton, OH	.....	July 1977
Baltimore, MD	.....	September 1932	Houston, TX	.....	July 1978
New York City	.....	September 1933	New Hope, PA	.....	July 1979
Newport, RI	.....	August 1934	San Diego, CA	.....	June 1980
Bridgeport, CT	.....	August 1935			

# Legion of Valor

OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INC.

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Office of the National Adjutant  
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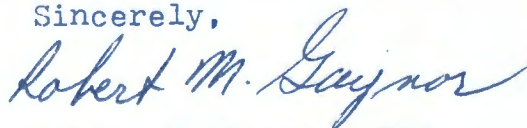
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## Companions of the Legion of Valor:

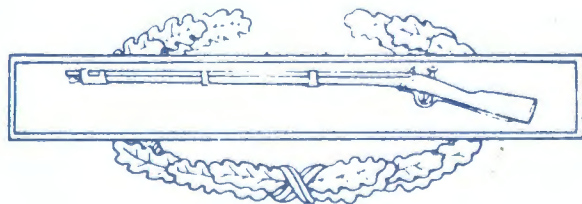
After nearly twenty years as National Adjutant of the Legion of Valor, conditions now require me to resign from that office.

Mrs. Gaynor and I sincerely appreciate the warmth and friendliness shown to us by so many members of the Legion of Valor and of the Women of the Legion of Valor during the years we've tried to fulfill the duties of the office. We wish the members of both organizations all success in their future endeavors.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Gaynor, DSC  
Brigadier General  
National Adjutant  
Life Member



ROGER E. FUREY  
Certified Public Accountant  
6543 Hitt Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101

May 31 1980

Legion of Valor of the  
United States of America Incorporated  
Washington D C

Att: National Adjutant

Gentlemen:

I have examined the balance sheet of the LEGION OF VALOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INCORPORATED, as of April 30, 1980, and the related statement of cash receipts and disbursements, schedule of other funds and investment portfolio for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, the financial position of the LEGION OF VALOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA INCORPORATED, at April 30, 1980, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, consistently applied.

### COMMENTS

Investments - The investments are carried on the books at cost, or if acquired by gift, at fair market value at date of gift. The current market value of investments is shown on the Investment Schedule.

Membership - The roster of membership is made up of the following

Regular	427
Life	376
Life Assoc	25
Associate	<u>38</u>
Total	<u>866</u>

Membership during the fiscal year reflected a net decrease of five members.

Life Membership Fund - This fund was established at the national reunion held August 15, 1962, to create a fund to receive payments from members who had chosen to become members for Life in lieu of paying annual dues. When a Life Member passes away, an amount of \$48.15, representing an average of the costs of Life Memberships over a lengthy period, is transferred to unrestricted surplus. Life Memberships are available to members upon payment of \$100.

Legion of Valor J Whiting Friel Fund - This fund was established in 1963 from gifts of Standard Pressed Steel Company stock (now known as SPS Technology). It is named for the donor, the late J Whiting Friel, DSC, National Commander of the Legion of Valor for the 1963 64 term. The income from these gifts is used to pay the costs of conducting the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement program, a national endeavor to recognize outstanding cadets of the Reserve Officers Training Corps of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. Income in excess of the needs of the Bronze Cross for Achievement program is available for other expenses of the Legion of Valor in accordance with the wishes of the donor.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger E. Furey

BALANCE SHEETAPRIL 30ASSETS

	<u>1 9 7 9</u>	<u>1 9 8 0</u>
Cash on hand and in bank— checking	\$ 5,557	\$ 5,394
Cash in Savings and Loan Associations	7,576	7,793
Investments - at cost - <u>Schedule "1"</u>	86,891	86,891
Dues receivable— current year	1,040	1,390
Less estimated uncollectible	( 229)	( 306)
Inventory insignia and supplies	895	1,981
Office equipment	861	861
Colors and seals	386	386
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$102,977</u>	<u>\$104,390</u>

LIABILITIES AND OTHER FUNDS

Payroll taxes payable	\$ 20	\$ 20
Life Membership Fund	6,803	6,705
Legion of Valor J Whiting Friel Fund	53,442	56,045
Unrestricted surplus	<u>42,712</u>	<u>41,620</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER FUNDS</b>	<u>\$102,977</u>	<u>\$104,390</u>

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTSYEAR ENDED APRIL 30

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<u>RECEIPTS FOR THE PERIOD</u>		
Dues	\$ 3,819	\$ 3,482
Interest and dividends	7,263	7,913
Ouchers Club - PNC Norton Memorial Fund	982	1,067
Christmas greetings in General Orders	471	435
Benefactors annual membership contributions	593	594
Sale of supplies	128	128
Admission fees	69	28
Sale of General Orders	140	140
Life membership fees	925	480
Contribution toward reunion expenses	100	
American Historical Foundation ad in General Orders		100
Redemption of First Virginia Bankshares		5,000
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>\$ 14,490</u>	<u>\$ 19,367</u>

EXHIBIT "A"DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

Payroll and payroll taxes - adjutant salary	\$ 4,243	\$ 4,245
Publication of General Orders	3,936	3,250
Office supplies, postage and stationery	269	816
Audit	350	365
ROTC Bronze Crosses for Achievement including engravings and mailings	369	365
Reunion advance	2,386	4,028
Veterans Day assessment	100	100
Engraving for Past National Commander Medals	5	
Insignia and supplies purchased	230	8
Purchase of Past National Commander bronze medals (10)		928
Purchase of Silver Crosses (12)		158
Interest reinvested	148	217
Flowers	52	
Engravings, embroidering and plaques	40	
Reception at Veterans Administration	24	
Directors meeting room	25	
Combined National Veterans Day Assessment		50
Purchase of Fund for Government Investors Inc		5,000
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>\$ 12,177</u>	<u>\$ 19,530</u>

Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		\$( 163)
Cash Balance Checking Beginning of Period		5,557
Cash Balance Checking End of Period		<u>\$ 5,394</u>

SCHEDULE OF OTHER FUNDSAPRIL 30, 1980LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Balance - April 30, 1979	\$ 6,803
Payments received during the year	480
Transferred to Unrestricted Surplus for Life Members who passed away this past fiscal year	( 578)
Balance - April 30, 1980 (EXHIBIT "A")	<u>\$ 6,705</u>

LEGION OF VALOR J WHITING FRIEL FUND

Balance - April 30, 1979	\$ 53,442
Add - Investment income	2,968
Less - Cost of ROTC Bronze Crosses for Achievement including engravings and mailings	( 365)
Balance - April 30, 1980 (EXHIBIT "A")	<u>\$ 56,045</u>

UNRESTRICTED SURPLUS

Balance - April 30, 1979		\$ 42,712
Add - Interest reinvested	\$ 217	
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	578	
Expenditures for ROTC Bronze Crosses for Achievement Program	365	
Increase in net dues receivable	273	
Increase in inventory	1,086	2,519
		<u>\$ 45,231</u>
Less - Excess of Disbursements over Receipts (EXHIBIT "B")	\$ 163	
Payments from Life Members	480	
Investment income for the credit of the J Whiting Friel Fund	2,968	3,611
Balance - April 30, 1980 (EXHIBIT "A")		<u>\$ 41,620</u>



INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO		SCHEDULE "1"			
APRIL 30, 1980					
COMMON STOCKS	Cost	Market Value	Interest and Dividend	Yield	
100 sh General Motors Corp	\$ 5,319	\$ 4,550	\$ 545	10.25%	
624 sh Exxon Corporation	19,038	37,908	2,621	13.77	
106 sh American Tel and Tel	7,332	5,578	530	7.23	
287 sh SPS Technology	2,475	8,036	174	7.03	
375 sh U S Steel Corp	10,330	7,125	600	5.81	
250 sh Public Service Elec & Gas New Jersey	6,023	5,000	350	5.81	
OTHER INVESTMENTS					
\$7,000 U S Treasury Bonds 4 1/4% due 5 15 85	5,399	5,408	298	5.52	
\$16,000 U S Treasury Bonds 7 1/2% due 8 15 93	16,318	12,202	1,200	7.35	
\$10,000 U S Treasury Bonds 7 1/4% due 8 15 92	9,657	7,706	725	7.51	
\$ 5,000 Fund for Government Investors Inc 10 29 79	5,000	5,000	258	10.32	
First Virginia Bankshares			188	7.50	
From Savings Account			424	5.60	
	<u>\$86,891</u>	<u>\$98,513</u>	<u>\$7,913</u>		

Adjutant's Comment: Page 17, the first page of the Annual Audit, shows a membership total of 866. That number includes 109 Life Members whose addresses are not known to the National Headquarters of the Legion of Valor. It is possible that many of these members have passed away and that the National Headquarters has not been informed of their decease. The Board of Directors of the Legion of Valor considered this matter at its meeting on 10 November 1979 but did not reach a decision. Hence, until the Board decides to the contrary, the membership total must be taken as 757.

Robert M. Gaynor, DSC  
Brigadier General  
National Adjutant

## SUPPLIES AND SUPPLIERS



DEPARTMENTS OF THE ARMY AND THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75222



25 FEB 1980

Brigadier General Robert M. Gaynor  
National Adjutant  
Legion of Valor of the  
United States of America, Inc.  
621 South Taylor Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22204

Dear General Gaynor:

Thank you for your letter dated 8 February 1980 concerning insignia for wear on civilian clothing.

Lapel pins and buttons are available from military insignia suppliers on a special order basis. Should there be any difficulty in obtaining the lapel buttons, the exchange manager is available to assist in placement of the order.

It would not be economically feasible for AAFES to stock all insignia items. The stock assortment at each facility is determined by the type and composition of the military strength including both active and retired personnel. As is the case with lapel buttons and numerous other insignia items, special orders can be placed and delivered to the store in seven days. Our stores will be advised of the availability of these pins and buttons in the next publication of the Military Clothing Newsletter.

Sincerely,

DUANE H. STUBBS  
Brigadier General, USA  
Commander

### Legion of Valor Caps

The officially approved pattern of the Legion of Valor cap is manufactured by the Howard Uniform Company, 313 West Baltimore St., Baltimore, MD 21201. Orders should be addressed to Mr. Robert Cammon at that address. The cost of \$18.00 should be sent with the order and includes the embroidering of the title of the organization and a handling and shipping cost of \$1.50. Mr. Cammon will do his utmost to provide caps on a rush basis for those who may need swift service. When ordering, make certain that you have specified your cap size.

### Miniature Medals, Lapel Buttons, Etc.

The letter above will give companions who have access to Army and Air Force Exchanges an idea as to the placing of orders for these items. For those who are not able to patronize official sources, we suggest a letter to Mr. David Sando, P. O. Box 6293, Washington, DC 20015, requesting a copy of his price list for miniature medals and appurtenances, ribbons, lapel bars, rosettes and the like. Mr. Sando conducts a mail order business furnishing material of this nature. His service has been found satisfactory and reliable.

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**The Official 90th Anniversary Memento — a reproduction of the  
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The above illustration shows the design of the Legion of Valor flag reproduced in three colors on a 6-inch square of porcelain. A tile will be given to each person who registers for the 90th National Reunion. Those not attending the Reunion may order tiles from Mr. E. Joe Marquez, NC, 4040 Mira Costa St., Oceanside, CA 92054. The post-paid cost is \$6.00 each.



## MEDAL OF HONOR

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*"A nation reveals itself not only by  
the men it produces but also by the  
men it honors, the men it remembers."**John F. Kennedy  
October 26, 1963*

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**National Adjutant**—Brig. Gen. Robert M. Gaynor, DSC \_\_\_\_\_ 621 S. Taylor St., Arlington, Va. 22204

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Constitution of the Legion of Valor prescribes that the Board of Directors shall consist of the elective officers, all Past National Commanders, the National Adjutant and nine members elected from the membership-at-large. The following members-at-large now hold Board Membership.

**Term Ends 1974**

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**LTC W. Wallace Stover, DSC, 1966-1967** \_\_\_\_\_ 2140 Lane Rd., Columbus, O. 43221  
**Maj. Alden S. Lance, DSC, 1967-1968** \_\_\_\_\_ 415 W. Main St., Savannah, Mo. 64485  
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**INCORPORATORS**

Herewith are the names of the incorporators of the Legion of Valor (then the Army and Navy Legion of Valor) as they appeared in the preamble to Public Law 224, 84th Congress, approved by President Eisenhower on 4 August 1955. Public Law 87-56, 87th Congress, approved by President Kennedy on 21 June 1961 changed the name to Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated, and permitted holders of the Air Force Cross to become members.

Public Law 224 — 84th Congress

Chapter 546 — 1st Session

H. R. 3786

AN ACT

**To incorporate the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States of America.**

**Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,** That the following persons, to wit: James G. Walsh, Distinguished Service Cross, 50 Patten Street, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts; Robert G. Woodside, Distinguished Service Cross, 3858 First Avenue, South, Saint Petersburg, Florida; Deming Bronson, Congressional Medal of Honor, route 2, box 322, Roseburg, Oregon; George E. Parker, Junior, Distinguished Service Cross, Lutherville, Maryland; Leo L. Zingale, Distinguished Service Cross, 3612 East One Hundred and Seventeenth Street, Cleveland, Ohio; John Davis, Congressional Medal of Honor, 800 North Shore Drive, Saint Petersburg, Florida; Glen O. McEwen, Distinguished Service Cross, box 737, Spokane 3, Washington; Ben. Prager, Distinguished Service Cross, 316 Court House, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Earle D. Norton, Distinguished Service Cross, 29 Broadway, New York, New York; Ray Eastman, Navy Cross, 396 LaSalle Avenue, Buffalo 15, New York; Ben Neff, Distinguished Service Cross, 208 Evanston Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Warren L. Granger, Navy Cross, 703 Sixteenth Street, Alexandria, Virginia; William Oliver Smith, Distinguished Service Cross, 917 Holt Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina; Robert M. Gaynor, Distinguished Service Cross, 621 South Taylor Street, Arlington, Virginia; Leon M. Hanna, Distinguished Service Cross, box 217, McHenry, Illinois; Bruno O. Forsterer, Congressional Medal of Honor, Walker Street, Oakland, California; Elmer R. Hangartner, Distinguished Service Cross, 2103 Lynn Avenue, Altona, Wisconsin; Thomas Eadie, Congressional Medal of Honor, 120 Gibbs Avenue, Newport, Rhode Island; John D. Hawk, Congressional Medal of Honor, 3243 Solie, Bremerton, Washington; Leon A. Dombrowski, Distinguished Service Cross, 137 Highland Drive, Williamsville, New York; William C. Hardie, Distinguished Service Cross, post-office box 1396, Billings, Montana; E. Lee Henderson, Navy Cross, 10948 Fruitland Drive, North Hollywood, California; Othel J. Gee, Distinguished Service Cross, 416 Medical Arts Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Leslie Hardy, Distinguished Service Cross, 1021 East Sierra Vista, Phoenix, Arizona; A. Allen Johnson, Distinguished Service Cross, 953 Dixwell Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut; Dennis C. Turner, Distinguished Service Cross, 1008 Missouri Avenue, Houston, Texas; Columbus Whipple, Distinguished Service Cross, 2704 Brinker Avenue, Ogden, Utah; John D. Licklider, Distinguished Service Cross, 229 Woodrow Avenue, Martinsburg, West Virginia; Murry Wolfe, Navy Cross, 240 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, New Jersey; Willard H. Marshall, Distinguished Service Cross, 31 West Whitney Street, Sheridan, Wyoming; Peter Paul Martinek, Navy Cross, 1731 South Brand Boulevard, Glendale, California; Lucian Adams, Congressional Medal of Honor, 213 Santa Clara Street, San Antonio, Texas; and Edgar H. Bain, post-office box 2, Goldsboro, North Carolina, and their successors, are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as the "corporation", and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 6, 1974

The officers and members of the Legion of Valor have, by their unselfish service and sacrifice in defense of our cherished freedom, earned the gratitude of all their fellow citizens.

As you hold your Eighty-Fourth National Reunion, I salute you on behalf of all Americans; and I applaud the courage, determination and leadership you continue to display in undiminished measure as private citizens and active members of your communities.

In wartime you added to our national strength by your unquestioned bravery. In peacetime you continue to strengthen the ideals and institutions of freedom by your sustained adherence to the principles that inspired you to risk your personal well-being for that of your country.

May you have a most productive and happy reunion.

*Richard Nixon*



THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004

WALTER E. WASHINGTON  
Mayor-Commissioner

GREETINGS TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF THE  
LEGION OF VALOR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED  
84TH NATIONAL REUNION  
JULY 14 - 17, 1974

As Mayor of the District of Columbia, I am pleased to extend greetings and a warm welcome to the members and guests of the Legion of Valor on the occasion of your 84th National Reunion being held in Washington, D. C. July 14 - 17, 1974.

We commend you for the work your fine organization is performing in our community and throughout our nation. By your demonstrated allegiance to the United States, its Constitution and laws, and by involving yourself with the security of our civil liberty and the permanence of our free institutions, you are contributing to civic betterment and to the progress of our city and country. I salute you in these endeavors, and know that the knowledge shared during your meetings will help all of us meet the changes and challenges we face in our attempts to create a high quality life for all our citizens.

It is an honor for our Nation's Capital to host your 84th National Reunion. While your guests are here, I hope they will have the opportunity to visit the many famous historical monuments and attractions that are a part of our city.

I know the residents of our community join with me in extending a warm welcome to all of you, and in wishing you a productive and enjoyable reunion.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter E. Washington*  
Walter E. Washington  
Mayor





## *National Commander's*

### *Welcome*

Greetings and welcome, members, ladies and friends of the Legion of Valor. I am indeed honored to welcome all of you to the nation's Capital for our 84th Annual Reunion, and I hope your stay here will be a happy and memorable one.

The nation's Capital is an ideal convention area possessing the physical assets, scenic and historic attractions, and friendly attitudes that convention-goers expect. The District of Columbia occupies 62 square miles excluding approximately eight square miles of water area. Its site was chosen by George Washington and was established solely as the seat of the National Government. You are welcome to just "look around," relax, tour the city and see its shrines and buildings. Washington weather is generally as cooperative for your visit as are the other facets of the city. The average summer temperature is 77 degrees. It is your privilege & your heritage to make at least one pilgrimage to the Federal City. It is a visit you will long remember and want to repeat.

I sincerely hope that everyone attending the reunion takes this opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves, and also make it a point to rededicate themselves to serve and preserve our great country.

As your National Commander it has been an interesting and rewarding year for me. I have had the honor to represent the Legion of Valor in interesting events such as the determination of Freedoms Foundation Awards at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, Honorary Vice Chairman, Vietnam Veterans Day Committee, and many other meetings with our National Adujutant concerning Legion of Valor and other veterans business and activities.

It is my sincere hope that the decisions of our business sessions and the projects pursued at the 84th Reunion will continue to perpetuate the purpose and traditions of the Legion of Valor. We must rekindle our spirits and rededicate ourselves to the love of our country in recognition of the principles which made it great.

It has been a great honor and source of pride to have served as your National Commander for the past year.

Major James D. Doughtie, DSC



**CPT Donald J. Arthur, DSC**  
Senior Vice Commander

May the Legion of Valor and the Nation enjoy a fruitful and progressive year of peaceful prosperity.



**CPT George T. Fleet, DSC**  
Junior Vice Commander

All the Fleets — 10 male, 8 female — are members of The Legion and Auxiliary — we wish you a happy reunion.



**Brig. Gen. Robert M. Gaynor, DSC**  
National Adjutant



*Welcome to the  
Women of  
The Legion of Valor*

We are here again in the nation's Capital to enjoy, enjoy, enjoy — old friendships, new friends and the excitement of being in the center of the world where things happen, Washington, D. C.

We want to extend our appreciative thank you to Commander Doughtie and the reunion committee for making our 84th reunion arrangements and for our accommodations in the beautiful Washington Hilton.

Please have a great time. Go, go, go, but take time out to relax, too. Join the group in meetings and the ever famous dugout; have a vacation you will always remember with the greatest of pleasure.

Mrs. W. Wallace Stover

## *Family Reunion Day*

On Sunday, August 11, families in the United States and Canada will again celebrate Family Reunion Day. The observance was first held 7 years ago following a Family Reunion Day proclamation by President Johnson. Kiwanis International and Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge sponsor the observance. Legion of Valor member, General Harold K. Johnson, DSC, has said, "Strong families are our best weapon against lawlessness, corruption and moral laxity."

We strongly encourage you to join in the celebration. It is not a day for parades or mass gatherings. It is a time to call your own family together around the dinner table or the picnic table. It is a time to worship as a family. It is an occasion to telephone family members in other areas of the country. It is an opportunity to renew family ties and to review family history.

Families, historically, have been the basic unit of society. It is the family which sets standards for youngsters — ideas such as honesty, integrity, self-reliance and religious faith are first learned in the family circle.

It follows that strong families are the keystone of a healthy nation. They determine the moral level for the conduct of life for both private and public action. Strong families hold the key for reduced crime, lower divorce rates, control of drug abuse and violence and many of our other serious social ills.

Reaffirm your faith in the strength of the family on this unique holiday. Make Sunday, August 11, your Family Reunion Day.

## REUNION PROGRAM

84th National Reunion — July 14 - 17, 1974  
Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

### SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1974

1:00 P. M. — 5:00 P. M.	REGISTRATION	CONCOURSE LOBBY
8:00 P. M. —	MEMORIAL SERVICE	GEORGETOWN ROOM — EAST
9:30 P. M. —	DUGOUT OPENS	SOLAR SUITE

### Monday, July 15, 1974

9:00 A.M. — 11:30 A.M.	BUSINESS SESSIONS: Legion of Valor Women of the Legion of Valor	GEORGETOWN ROOM — WEST GEORGETOWN ROOM — EAST
9:30 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.	REGISTRATION	CONCOURSE LOBBY
12:00 NOON —	LUNCH	ON YOUR OWN
1:00 P. M. —	TOUR	MOUNT VERNON
5:30 P. M. —	DINNER	FLAGSHIP RESTAURANT On the Potomac River
9:00 P. M. —	DUGOUT	SOLAR SUITE

### TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1974

9:00 A.M. — 11:30 A.M.	BUSINESS SESSIONS: Legion of Valor Women of the Legion of Valor	GEORGETOWN ROOM — WEST GEORGETOWN ROOM — EAST
12:00 NOON —	LUNCH	ON YOUR OWN
AFTERNOON —	FREE TIME	
7:00 P. M. —	LEAVE BY BUS FOR IWO JIMA MEMORIAL MONUMENT	MARINE CORPS CEREMONY
9:00 P. M. —	DUGOUT	SOLAR SUITE

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1974

9:00 A.M. — 11:30 A.M.	BUSINESS SESSIONS: Legion of Valor Women of the Legion of Valor	GEORGETOWN ROOM — WEST GEORGETOWN ROOM — EAST
12:00 NOON —	LUNCH	ON YOUR OWN
AFTERNOON —	FREE TIME	
6:00 P. M. — 7:00 P. M.	RECEPTION	JEFFERSON ROOM
7:00 P. M. —	GRAND BANQUET	JEFFERSON ROOM

PROGRAM CONCLUDES WITH DUGOUT IN SOLAR SUITE AFTER THE GRAND BANQUET



## Reunion Speakers

The National Banquet Program for the 84th National Reunion will include an address by **Major Patrick H. Brady, MOH, DSC, U. S. Army**, currently assigned to the Department of the Army General Staff. His basic branch is Medical Service Corps.

The Medal of Honor was presented to Major Brady by the President at an outdoor White House ceremony on 9 October 1969. The citation, read by Secretary of the Army Stanley Resor, stated that Major Brady distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity while serving with the 54th Medical Detachment, 67th Medical Group, 44th Medical Brigade in the Republic of Vietnam. On 6 January 1968 Major Brady, commanding a UH-1H ambulance helicopter in the vicinity of Chu Lai, volunteered to rescue wounded men from a site in enemy held territory which was reported to be heavily defended and to be blanketed by fog. To reach the site he descended through heavy fog and smoke and hovered slowly along a valley trail, turning his ship sideward to blow away the fog with the backwash from his rotor blades. Despite the unchallenged close-range enemy fire, he found the dangerously small site, where he successfully



Major Patrick H. Brady, MH-DSC

landed and evacuated two badly wounded South Vietnamese soldiers. He was then called to another area completely covered by dense fog where American casualties lay only 50 meters from the enemy. Two aircraft had previously been shot down and others had made unsuccessful attempts to reach this site earlier in the day. With unmatched skill and extraordinary courage, Major Brady made four flights to this embattled landing zone and successfully rescued all the wounded. On his third mission of the day Major Brady once again landed at a site surrounded by the enemy. The friendly ground force, pinned down by enemy fire, had been unable to reach and secure the landing zone. Although his aircraft had been badly damaged and his controls partially shot away during his initial entry into this area, he returned minutes later and rescued the remaining injured. Shortly thereafter, obtaining a replacement aircraft, Major Brady was requested to land in an enemy minefield where a platoon of American soldiers was trapped. A mine detonated near his helicopter, wounding two crew members and damaging his ship. In spite of this, he managed to fly six severely injured patients to medical aid. Throughout that day Major Brady utilized three helicopters to evacuate a total of fifty-one seriously wounded men, many of whom would have perished without proper medical treatment. Major Brady's conspicuous gallantry was in the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself and the United States Army.

It was only three months earlier that Major Brady received the Distinguished Service Cross for his extraordinary

heroism as pilot of an ambulance helicopter on a rescue mission near Tam Ky in Vietnam. A friendly force requested extraction of several seriously wounded soldiers from a mountainous jungle landing zone, and Major Brady volunteered to attempt the rescue although heavy storms had grounded numerous aircraft in the area. Flying by instruments and radar, he arrived in the area of engagement and began a vertical descent into the tight landing zone by the light of flares. Unable to see more than a few feet outside his aircraft, he skillfully maneuvered to the friendly forces, loaded his ship to capacity and quickly flew to the hospital. The storm increased in intensity and made flying extremely hazardous, but he returned to the pickup site and once more attempted to land. As he approached the area, enemy forces directed devastating machine gun and automatic weapons fire at him. Completely disregarding his personal welfare, he flew low over the area for forty-five minutes before he located the friendly forces. Guiding himself by the flashes of enemy weapons, he flew into the landing zone through a curtain of fire and loaded eight patients. He quickly flew the patients to the hospital, and once more returned to pick up the remaining casualties and carry them to safety. His fearless actions were responsible for the rapid and successful

evacuation of several wounded fellow soldiers.

Major Brady was born in Philip, South Dakota, 1 October 1936. He graduated from Seattle University with a BA Degree in Psychology in 1959; and from Notre Dame University with an MBA in 1972. His military service includes: Three years in Berlin Germany (during the building of the Wall); The Dominican Republic; and two tours in Vietnam. Major Brady's primary contributions have been as a helicopter ambulance pilot (Dustoff) during which service he evacuated over 500 patients in RVN. He was one of the early innovators of single ship tactical helicopter missions and has published several articles in this field. He discovered and used pickup techniques in Vietnam which allowed evacuation in zero zero weather. Major Brady's other awards include: The Distinguished Flying Cross with 5 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; the Air Medal for Valor and 52 Oak Leaf Clusters; the Purple Heart; and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm and Silver Star. He was the 1969 Aviator of the Year and is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma. He is married to the former Nancy Lee Parsek and they have four children: Shaun, 17; Casey, 15; Kelly, 14; and Shannon, 8.

Also scheduled to speak to the 84th National Reunion is **General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., DSC, USA (Ret.)**. Assistant to the President of the United States.

General Haig received the Distinguished Service Cross for his extraordinary heroism in Vietnam on 31 March and 1 April 1967. Then a lieutenant colonel commanding 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, Colonel Haig distinguished himself during an attack by a numerically superior Viet Cong force near Ap Gu.

When two of his companies were en-

gaged by a large hostile force, Colonel Haig landed amid a hail of fire, personally took charge of the units, called for artillery and air fire support, and succeeded in soundly defeating the insurgent force. Before dawn the next day, when a single mortar round fell near the battalion perimeter, Colonel Haig recognized it as the registering round prior to a massive attack and

immediately alerted his entire unit. Within five minutes a barrage of 400 rounds was fired by the Viet Cong, but it was ineffective because of the warning and preparations by Colonel Haig. As the barrage subsided, a force three times larger than his began a series of human wave assaults on the camp. Heedless of the danger to himself, Colonel Haig repeatedly braved intense hostile fire to survey the battlefield. His personal courage and determination, and his skilful employment of every defense and support tactic possible, inspired his men to fight with previously unimagined power. Although his force was outnumbered three to one, Colonel Haig succeeded in inflicting 592 casualties on the Viet Cong. His extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

General Haig holds degrees from the U. S. Military Academy and Georgetown University. He is a graduate of the Army War College, the Naval War College and has had extensive experience in staff and command assignments at home, in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam.



General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., DSC

In addition to the DSC, General Haig wears two awards of the Silver Star, three of the Legion of Merit, three of the Distinguished Flying Cross, two of the Bronze Star, twenty four of the Air Medal, the Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

“The stories of past courage can define that ingredient — they can teach, they can offer hope, they can provide inspiration. But they cannot supply courage itself. For this each man must look into his own soul.”

*John F. Kennedy, 35th President of the United States*

## MOH Holder Named White House Fellow

WASHINGTON — A Medal of Honor winner currently serving in Europe is among 15 White House Fellows selected for 1974-75.

Maj. Ronald E. Ray, Legion of Valor board member, will begin his year as a White House Fellow in September.

Created in 1964, the program offers young Americans firsthand experience in the governmental processes by letting them work for one year at the highest levels of the federal government. Those selected are assigned to either the presidential staff or to members of his Cabinet. The 1974-75 fellows were selected from a field of 1380 applicants. Among the 15 selectees are an active duty officer each from the Army, Navy and Air Force.

Maj. Ray entered the Army as a 17-year-old enlisted man and was graduated from OCS in 1964. He was severely wounded as a platoon leader in Vietnam in 1966, and later awarded the Medal of Honor for the action in which he was wounded. He also holds the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart.



Another feature of the National Reunion Banquet Program will be the presentation of The Legion of Valor Silver Cross for Valor to Mr. John Miller. This decoration may be awarded to anyone who has risked his life in an attempt to save the life of another person. Mr. Miller has been chosen to receive the Cross in recognition of his gallant actions when the automobile of Mr. Leon Cherner was immersed in a Florida canal. Mr. Miller is shown here with CPT George W. Poshner, DSC, USA RET, long time Legion of Valor Member and originator of the recommendation that Mr. Miller receive the Silver Cross.

## New Members

Our three new members for the 1974 Reunion Issue of “General Orders” include a World War I member of the Ohio National Guard, a Navy diver who worked during the USS “Squalus” disaster, and an Associate Life Member.

The first, **Mr. H. Clay Eversole, DSC**, R. R. #1, Box 31, Sugar Grove, Ohio 43155 was a private in the Medical Detachment of the 148th Infantry, 37th Division, when his extraordinary heroism on 27 September 1918 brought him the Distinguished Service Cross. He frequently exposed himself to great danger by carrying a number of wounded men through heavy machine gun fire from an open field to a place of safety. In addition to the DSC, Mr. Eversole holds two awards of the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

**Lieutenant (jg) Walter E. Harman, NC**, 18 Amity Street, New London, Connecticut 06320 received the Navy Cross for his extraordinary heroism during the rescue and salvage opera-

tions following the sinking of the United States submarine, “Squalus” on 23 May 1939. His courage and devotion to duty in making repeated dangerous dives during the most difficult diving conditions characterized conduct far and beyond the call of duty. His citation was signed by Charles Edison, Secretary of the Navy, on 4 January 1940. Mr. Harman's application bears the endorsement of CPT George T. Fleet.

**Captain Roger W. Bicknell**, 1904 Kanawha Avenue, Dunbar, West Virginia, a member of the Air Force Reserve commissioned from the Lowell Technological Institute (MA) ROTC, was sponsored for Life Associate Membership by his father Leroy E. Bicknell, DSC. The elder Mr. Bicknell received the Distinguished Service Cross for his extraordinary heroism in the Meuse Argonne during World War I. The younger Mr. Bicknell is now with Union Carbide in S. Charleston, West Virginia.

## NATIONAL

BOSTON, MASS.	4 August 1890
DETROIT, MICH.	6 August 1891
WASHINGTON, D. C.	21 September 1892
NEW YORK CITY	16 October 1893
NEW YORK CITY	22 October 1894
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.	9 April 1895
BOSTON, MASS.	17 June 1896
SCRANTON, PENNA.	9 June 1897
BURLINGTON, VT.	19 July 1899
BROOKLYN, N.Y.	12 September 1900
BUFFALO, N.Y.	9, 10 October 1901
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.	6, 7 November 1902
GETTYSBURG, PENNA.	2 July 1913
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.	21, 22 September 1904
ASBURY PARK, N. J.	20, 21 September 1905
WINSTED, CONN.	24, 25 September 1906
WASHINGTON, D. C.	9, 10 October 1907
NEW YORK CITY	17, 18 October 1908
NEW YORK CITY	29 September 1909
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HARTFORD, CONN.	20, 21 September 1911
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.	September 1912
GETTYSBURG, PENNA.	1, 2, 3 July 1913
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.	14, 15 July 1914
WASHINGTON, D. C.	28, 29 September 1915
PORTSMOUTH, N. H.	22, 23 August 1916
BOSTON, MASS.	22, 23 August 1917
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COLUMBUS, OHIO	9 Septmeber 1919
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.	28, 29 September 1920
BOSTON, MASS.	27, 28 September 1921
WASHINGTON, D. C.	2, 3, 4 October 1922
NEW YORK CITY	1, 2, 3 October 1923
WASHINGTON, D. C.	2, 3, 4 October 1924
PITTSBURGH, PENNA.	10, 11, 12 November 1925
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.	4, 5, 6 October 1926
BALTIMORE, MD.	2, 3, 4 October 1927
ERIE, PENNA.	30 September, 1, 2 October 1928
BUFFALO, N.Y.	11, 12, 13, 14 August 1929
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BOSTON, MASS.	9, 10, 11, 12 August 1931
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NEW YORK CITY	11, 12, 13, 14 September 1933
NEWPORT, R. I.	5, 6, 7, 8 August 1934
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CINCINNATI, OHIO	31 August; 1, 2 September 1936
BOSTON, MASS.	8, 9, 10, 11 August 1937
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NEW YORK CITY	6, 7, 8, 9 July 1939
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CLEVELAND, OHIO	1, 2, 3, 4 July 1948
ASBURY PARK, N. J.	11, 12, 13, 14 September 1949
BOSTON, MASS.	6, 7, 8, 9 August 1950
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH, N. C.	29, 30, 31 August; 1 September 1951
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	17, 18, 19, 20 August 1952
LEXINGTON, KY.	28, 29, 30 June; 1 July 1953
LOS ANGELES, CAL.	11, 12, 13, 14 July 1954
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FORT MONROE, VA.	12, 13, 14, 15 August 1962
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BERMUDA - RMS FRANCONIA	23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 August 1969
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ATLANTA, GA.	5, 6, 7, 8, 9 July 1971
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**ADJUTANT'S CALL**

In the span of Creation and Eternity, seventy five years is an inconsequential period. In the life of a human, it is extraordinarily important — many of us are not given this much time to solve our destinies or fulfill our works. In the history of this organization of war veterans, three quarters of a century becomes a most significant span since it creates a position of seniority held by no other. This fact, while interesting, should not mislead us into thinking that age removes the obligation to serve — to uphold the tradition of extra effort to our Nation so long the hallmark of the member of the Legion of Valor. In this, the Diamond Jubilee issue of "General Orders", you'll find that the Vice President of the United

States, the Honorable Hubert H. Humphrey, has expressed to us his warm and cordial greetings on the place our organization holds in the esteem of our country. A few lines are devoted to a thumbnail sketch of the history of the Legion of Valor; other space is devoted to the creation of yet another Medal of Honor; our losses and gains in membership for the month are also presented. The achievements of those who are now gaining distinction for extraordinary heroism in far-off "cold war engagements" are brought to your attention. In succeeding issues during our Diamond Jubilee year, other matters of interest, both bygone and present will be published. Please don't hesitate to send your favorite account. It may be published, too!

**NEW MEMBERS**

It is with considerable satisfaction that the Adjutant notes a trend toward greater participation in the effort to interest other qualified individuals to become Companions of the Legion of Valor. Each member is again reminded that the existence of an organization as small as ours must necessarily rest on the ability of each of us to ask another to share our interest in continuing the tradition of extra service to our Nation.

**NAVY CROSS****Life Member**

A veteran of both World War II (when he served in the U. S. Navy) and the Korean war, **Mr. John H. C. Hamby, NC, 2005 Wetmore, Everett, Washington**, was granted the Navy Cross for his extraordinary heroism while serving as a Squad Leader in Company G, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced) in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Yudam-ni, Korea, on 27 November, 1950. Undeterred by intense hand grenade, machine-gun, and small arms fire from a numerically superior enemy force estimated at battalion strength, Sergeant Hamby voluntarily left a covered position and proceeded unaccompanied beyond friendly front lines toward an enemy machine-gun which had been impeding the progress of his unit. Placing his grenade and rifle fire with deadly accuracy, he advanced alone on the hostile gun emplacement, reached and overran the enemy position, knocked out the machine-gun and captured two prisoners in the process. Although painfully wounded in the shoulder, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated and continued the attack while the objective was being secured and reorganization completed, remaining with his unit until intense pain and loss of blood forced his evacuation from the lines. By his superb courage, indomitable fighting spirit, and staunch devotion to duty in the face of grave personal risk, Sergeant Hamby contributed materially to the success of the assault, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the



United States Naval Service.

In addition to the Navy Cross, Mr. Hamby was awarded the Purple Heart twice, and wears campaign medals signifying his service in World War II and Korea. Mr. Hamby's membership as a Life Companion is sponsored by Colonel W. Wallace Stover, DSC, National Vice Commander, 2140 Lane Road, Columbus, Ohio.

**Associate Member**

A hearty welcome is extended to Cadet **Richard W. Hayward, VI**, of **LaSalle Military Academy, Oakdale, Long Island, New York**, who became an Associate Companion on 27 March 1965. Cadet Hayward is the son of **Brig. Gen. Richard W. Hayward, DSC, USMC (Ret)** who gained his DSC during the Korean Conflict. The Hayward family residence is at 3645 North 38th St., Arlington, Va. 22207.

## OLD MEDALS — NEW FACES

Under unusual peacetime authority, a new generation of American heroes has been earning the nation's highest military decorations for valor against Communist guerrillas in the undeclared war for control of South Viet Nam.

The late President Kennedy played a key role in making the entire list of military awards, from the Purple Heart to the Medal of Honor, available to United States fighting men who serve as cold war "advisers."

### First Medal of Honor

President Johnson recently awarded the Medal of Honor to Army Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon at the White House in the first presentation of the esteemed decoration since the Korean conflict. Officials said the 30-year-old Special Forces officer is the first American fighting man to win the nation's highest citation for heroism in what is described officially as a counter-insurgency effort.

### First DSC Presentation

In the Army Chief of Staff's office at the Pentagon some months ago, a four-star general stepped forward and pinned the Distinguished Service Cross, second ranking military award, on the chest of a lean Army helicopter pilot.

The ceremony for Chief Warrant Officer Keith R. Borck, 34, of Columbus, Ga., marked the first presentation of the coveted DSC to a combat hero from the Viet Nam

conflict. Borck's feat was staving off an attack by Viet Cong guerrillas on the crews of three downed helicopters January 2, 1963, at Ap Bac, 60 miles west of Saigon. Mr. Borck is now a Companion of the Legion of Valor.

In the Pentagon, the defense hierarchy feels it is no surprise Americans sent to South Viet Nam have acquitted themselves so well. Military personnel selected for the dangerous duty are considered "elite" to begin with, an officer here pointed out. It also is noted that many of the Americans earned their bravery citations, sometimes at the cost of their lives, in efforts to defend Vietnamese comrades.

Perhaps President Johnson paid the most fitting tribute to the new American heroes last summer when he presented the widow of Army Sgt. Harry A. Walling with a posthumous Silver Star in a touching White House ceremony. Noting the fallen hero had given "no thought to safety or self," Johnson said: **"No medal, no words, no eulogy of ours can honor him so highly as he has honored our country and our cause."**

### Freedom

Freedom — no word was ever spoken that has held out greater hope, demanded greater sacrifice, needed more to be nurtured, blessed more the giver, damned more its destroyer; or come closer to being God's will on earth. May Americans ever be its protector.

Omar Bradley  
General, United States Army.

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New York City ....	1893	Boston, Mass. ....	1931
New York City ....	1894	Baltimore, Md. ....	1932
Philadelphia, Penna. ....	1895	New York City ....	1933
Boston, Mass. ....	1896	Newport, R. I. ....	1934
Scranton, Penna. ....	1897	Bridgeport, Conn. ....	1935
Burlington, Vt. ....	1899	Cincinnati, Conn. ....	1936
Brooklyn, N. Y. ....	1900	Boston, Mass. ....	1937
Buffalo, N. Y. ....	1901	Pittsburgh, Penna. ....	1938
Philadelphia, Penna. ....	1902	New York City ....	1939
Gettysburg, Penna. ....	1903	Washington, D. C. ....	1940
Atlantic City, N. J. ....	1904	Chicago, Ill. ....	1941
Asbury Park, N. J. ....	1905	Boston, Mass. ....	1942
Winsted, Conn. ....	1906	New Haven, Conn. ....	1943
Washington, D. C. ....	1907	New York City ....	1944
New York City ....	1908	Philadelphia, Penna. ....	1945
New York City ....	1909	Buffalo, N. Y. ....	1946
Atlantic City, N. J. ....	1910	Baltimore, Md. ....	1947
Hartford, Conn. ....	1911	Cleveland, Ohio ....	1948
Atlantic City, N. J. ....	1912	Asbury Park, N. J. ....	1949
Gettysburg, Penna. ....	1913	Boston, Mass. ....	1950
Atlantic City, N. J. ....	1914	Wrightsville Beach, N. C. ...	1951
Washington, D. C. ....	1915	Oklahoma City, Okla. ....	1952
Portsmouth, N. H. ....	1916	Lexington, Ky. ....	1953
Boston, Mass. ....	1917	Los Angeles, Cal. ....	1954
Atlantic City, N. J. ....	1918	Boston, Mass. ....	1955
Columbus, Ohio ....	1919	San Antonio, Texas ....	1956
Atlantic City, N. J. ....	1920	Philadelphia, Penna. ....	1957
Boston, Mass. ....	1921	Buffalo, N. Y. ....	1958
Washington, D. C. ....	1922	Washington, D. C. ....	1959
New York City ....	1923	Boston, London, Paris ....	1960
Washington, D. C. ....	1924	Miami, Florida ....	1961
Pittsburgh, Penna. ....	1925	Fort Monroe, Va. ....	1962
Philadelphia, Penna. ....	1926	West Point, N. Y. ....	1963
Baltimore, Md. ....	1927	Washington, D. C. ....	1964

## A NEW MEDAL OF HONOR IS BORN



U. S. Air Force Photo

Since September, 1947, when it became a separate entity the United States Air Force has been taking various steps to authenticate itself as the newest member of the armed forces of our country. One of the most significant measures has been the creation of decorations for award to Air Force personnel. Hitherto, as a component of the Army, those who qualified for decorations were granted those of the same pattern as awarded to members of the ground forces. Since 1947, the Air Force has created several decorations distinctive to its status as a separate element of the armed power of the United States. Members of the Legion of Valor will recall that the Air Force Cross, equivalent to the DSC and NC, was described in the August, 1963 issue of "General

Orders". We now show the recently approved design for the Air Force Medal of Honor. These photographs show the design of the pendant and the suspension device struck in lead to permit minute examination of the die work. The finished decoration will closely resemble the test piece shown suspended from the ribbon which will be the same ribbon as presently used for the Army and Navy Medals of Honor. Plans for the adoption of this decoration do not include a retroactive exchange provision. Members of the Air Force will receive the new Medal of Honor as they are judged eligible for it. Past and present members of the Air Force who now hold the Medal of Honor will not exchange their present medals for the new one.



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THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

April 1, 1965

Dear Colonel Gaynor:

I was very pleased to hear from George Carroll that the Legion of Valor will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary.

Enclosed is a message of greeting which I would appreciate your conveying to your honored membership.

With it I send a photo as a token of my warm regard.

My personal congratulations and appreciation to you for your great contribution to this inspiring organization of America's most decorated heroes.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Hubert H. Humphrey

Lt. Col. Robert M. Gaynor, DSC  
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TO ALL COMPANIONS OF THE LEGION OF VALOR:

The 75th Anniversary of the founding of your organization gives me the welcome opportunity to extend my warmest greetings and best wishes for your continued success.

America is proud of your membership and the magnificent ideals of patriotism which you represent. Since 1890, your ranks of honor have grown as heroes, in each hour of national peril, have risked all for the Stars and Stripes. In winning the nation's highest awards of heroism, your membership has won the undying admiration of a grateful people. Our countrymen can never forget your gallant deeds nor those of your buddies who did not come back.

In war and in peace, the Legion of Valor has held steadfastly to the furtherance of justice and the success of our country's undertakings at home and abroad. Today, as ever, you who have won America's most coveted decorations are an inspiration to all those who man the ramparts of freedom.

The 75 candles in the birthday cake of the Legion of Valor add a warm glow throughout the land of the free and the home of the brave.

May your organization continue to thrive and with it, the noble tradition of service, of sacrifice and of devotion.

Hubert H. Humphrey

# *A Brief History of - - - The Legion of Valor*

*By Donald C. Pence, D.S.C. with acknowledgements to Companions Robert M. Gaynor, D.S.C., H. C. deLoiselle, D.S.C., and Frank L. Anders, M.H.*

The Army and Navy Legion of Valor was organized as a local body named the Medal of Honor Legion in Washington, D. C., on April 23, 1890. The organizing group comprised Medal of Honor holders from the Civil War and Indian Campaigns. In August of the same year the Medal of Honor Legion was expanded into a national organization at the Grand Army of the Republic Encampment in Boston. Pvt. Michael A. Dillon, Medal of Honor winner in the Civil War, was selected as first National Commander. Army records identify F. S. Frisbie as historian of the Medal of Honor Legion and quote him as stating that one of its principal objectives was "to obtain such legislation from Congress as will tend to give the Medal of Honor the same position among military orders of the world which similar medals (of other countries) occupy." Other purposes of the new Medal of Honor Legion are stated in the Constitution and By-Laws adopted in 1904 at the 14th Annual Reunion: To promote "patriotic allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and laws, security of civil liberties, and permanence of free institutions." In the 1904 Constitution the organization resolved "to cherish the memories of the valiant deeds in arms for which the Medal of Honor is the insignia, to promote true fellowship among its companions, to advance the best interests of the soldiers and sailors . . . , to extend all possible relief to its needy companions . . . , and to stimulate patriotism in the minds of our youth . . ."

The Medal of Honor Legion owed its origin to Congress' establishment of the Navy and Army Medals of Honor in December 1861 and July 1862, respectively.

In the United States there was no precedent to this, for up until then the Nation had no official medal for heroism. To be sure, Congress had awarded special medallions for military merit, the first going to General Washington for his success at Boston in 1776. Also General Washington had established a Purple Heart badge during the Revolutionary War for any "singularly meritorious action performed by a soldier." Three men were awarded it in 1783. No other awards of this Purple Heart are recorded. The award was never abolished, but merely fell into disuse.

In the first 12 years of its existence the Medal of Honor Legion grew into an organization comprising 480 full members and 68 associate members. Included on its rolls were such illustrious Civil War names as Howard, Sickles, and Miles. The Indian Campaigns produced a number of members including Godfrey from Custer's Little Big Horn command. And, in 1902, Captain John Davis whose Navy Medal of Honor recognized his bravery at Cienfuegos, Cuba, in 1898, became a member. Captain Davis is presently our National Chaplain.

The organization quickly established itself as a respected and responsible group whose opinion was sought in matters of national policy. For example, in 1902 Brig. Gen. Horace Porter, then Ambassador to France and a companion of the Medal of Honor Legion, recommended to Secretary of War Elihu Root a change in design of the Army's Medal of Honor. This recommendation was received favorably, and subsequently General Porter had several designs for a new Medal of Honor prepared by French artists. One of these was selected by the Adjutant General and submitted to the Medal of Honor Legion for approval. Having obtained the Medal of Honor Legion's approval, the Secretary of War on January 28, 1904, signed the order establishing the present day design of the Army's Medal of Honor.

With the passage of time the organization's ranks were rapidly depleted, and by 1910 the roll listed only 363 members. These represented the surviving holders of the 1721 Army (not including 911 revoked in 1917) and 565 Navy Medals of Honor awarded up to then.

During World War I only 95 Army and 28 Navy Medals of Honor were awarded, and prospects of a reviving infusion of new members from this war seemed poor. However, in July 1918 an executive order was confirmed by Congress which established the Distinguished Service Cross to be awarded for extraordinary heroism. On November 25, 1918, the Medal of Honor Legion was renamed the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States of America and its Constitution changed to make DSC holders eligible for membership. Some 7700 DSC's had been awarded up to the Nation's entry into World War II.

The importance of this action to the organization's continued existence may be seen from 1927 statistics on Legion of Valor membership. There were 294 full members, including 112 Medal of Honor holders and 182 DSC holders. Of the Medal of Honor holders only 17 had been decorated for acts performed during World War I. Admitted into the organization during the years immediately following World War I were Lt. Col. William (Wild Bill) Donovan, MH and DSC, and Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, DSC and OLC.

The downward trend of Legion of Valor strength was reversed about

this time. Due largely to the energetic work of National Adjutant Ben Prager, 105 new members were admitted and 20 old members reinstated during the twelve months preceding August 1927.

At the 1933 reunion in New York, the constitution was amended again to permit acceptance into membership of Navy Cross winners. This decoration had been established in 1919 and became the second ranking Navy award. Some 1800 Navy Crosses were awarded prior to World War II.

World War II brought a large expansion of the organization's potential membership. A total of 429 Medals of Honor were awarded — 292 Army and 137 Navy. Also approximately 4400 DSC's and 3600 Navy Crosses were earned during this war. Under this new impetus Legion of Valor membership continued to grow and reached a post-World War II peak strength estimated to have exceeded 1600 members. But passage of time was continually taking its toll. In 1953 the total had dropped to 1478. The number of new eligibles resulting from the Korean Conflict could not have been more than a thousand — including posthumous awards. Less than one hundred Medals of Honor were granted, and DSC's and Navy Crosses totaled a little over 900.

Lt. Col. Frank Sargent, who succeeded Ben Prager as National Adjutant in 1958 following the latter's death, initiated a recruiting drive which brought the membership up to about 1300 including 125 associate members. However, Colonel Sargent's transfer from Washington and his subsequent retirement from the Army because of physical disability brought about the appointment of Lt. Col. Robert M. Gaynor, DSC, Army (Retired) as National Adjutant and Quartermaster early in 1961. Since that time, partly through the cooperation of the military services and with the assistance from our members, the strength of the Legion of Valor has remained about constant, with new members taking the place of those who discontinue membership or pass away. The strength now is about 1150.

Two pieces of national legislation have been of noteworthy benefit to the Legion of Valor. The first of these, the national charter, was passed by Congress and approved by the President as Public Law 224, 84th Congress on 4 August 1955. This act gave the Army and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States of America a Federally incorporated status for the first time in its lengthy history. Previously, it had operated under articles of incorporation issued by the State of New York. In 1961, it was deemed advisable to drop the words "Army and Navy" from the title and also to amend the Charter so that holders of the Air Force Cross could be admitted to membership. Both of these steps were accomplished by Public Law 87-56 approved on 21 June 1961.

Since 1957, the Legion of Valor has taken an active part in conducting

the ceremonies held at Arlington National Cemetery each year on November 11th, the day set aside to honor the veterans of all wars in which this country has taken part, and in particular, to honor those who gave their lives that this nation might live. Each year, a nationally-chartered veterans organization serves as sponsor of the Arlington ceremonies; in 1961 this honor was bestowed on the Legion of Valor. For the first time in many years, the President of the United States attended the ceremonies and delivered the principal address. The Legion of Valor thus was granted the unique distinction of serving as host to President John F. Kennedy, who but a short year later lay dead from the bullet of an assassin.

This brief chronicle cannot be brought to a conclusion without reference to the program for award of the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement to outstanding cadets of the Army and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. This program, recognizing as it does young men in high school, military school, and college is the combined result of the efforts of a great number of Companions of the Legion of Valor. Basically, it stems from a local award program instituted by the District of Columbia Chapter in behalf of cadets of the Washington High School Cadet Corps. By decision of the National Reunion in 1957 it became an Army-wide activity. However, it was the good work of Companions such as General Bruce Clark, Colonel John T. O'Neill, the Honorable Ben Fridge, and Frank Sargent, plus the interest of the District of Columbia Chapter that has brought the program to its present level of successful operation in both the Air Force and Army. Plans for Navy participation are now being formulated.

As the Legion of Valor stands on the threshold of its next quarter of a century of service to our Nation, we look with gratitude on those who have taken our places in the present line of battle. The tradition of American courage in the face of great dangers will not disappear while men like Captain Donlon, Chief Warrant Officer Borck, and Major Delevan are willing to travel thousands of miles to meet a foe as deadly as any ever encountered by the United States. The Legion of Valor is convinced that the might of our Nation is being entrusted to worthy men; the continuance of the Nation's senior organization of war veterans — the Legion of Valor of the United States — is also in their hands.



### Companions in the News

Washington's Birthday, Boston, Mass., 1965



With its traditional hospitality, the Massachusetts Chapter observed the solemnity of 22 February with attendance at the Governor's Reception followed by dinner and a social hour afterward. Shown at the State House with the Honorable John A. Volpe, Governor of Massachusetts are from left to right: the National President of the Women of the Legion of Valor Mrs. Frank Sutherland; Governor Volpe; Vice Commander Frank Sutherland; Past National Commander Jim Walsh; General Vincent Breen; and Charles Lyons.

### THE BRONZE CROSS FOR ACHIEVEMENT



Canton, N. Y. — Michael Wolfe, (second from left), cadet battalion commander of the St. Lawrence University R.O.T.C. unit, receives Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement as the outstanding college R.O.T.C. cadet in the Second Reserve Corps area, comprising New York and New Jersey. Making presentation is George W. Bailey, DSC, of Ogdensburg, a Legion of Valor member, as Lt. Col. Parker E. Connor, Jr., USA, (left), commander of the R.O.T.C. unit at St. Lawrence, and Dr. Foster S. Brown, (right), president of the University, look on. Mr. Wolfe was selected for the Bronze Cross by the Legion of Valor over nominees from 21 other colleges and universities having R.O.T.C. units in the two states. The purpose of the Bronze Cross is to encourage R.O.T.C. cadets to achieve scholastic excellence in both military and academic subjects and to stimulate development of leadership. Mr. Wolfe, of Middle Village, Queens, majors in history and carries a 3.6 academic average on the 4-point scale. Mr. Bailey won the Distinguished Service Cross as a Marine in World War I.

### 75th ANNUAL REUNION PROGRAM

Major George W. Powell, D.S.C., Crosswick, N. J., Reunion Chairman

Berkeley Carteret Hotel, Ocean Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey

(On the Ocean front)

June 20th through June 23rd, 1965

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1965:

10 am - 6 pm — Lobby, registration  
5 pm - 6 pm — Dugout — Social hour  
8 pm — Memorial services  
9 pm — Dugout — Hospitality Room

#### MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1965

9 am - 6 pm — Lobby, registration  
10 am - 12 Noon — Conference Room, Business meeting, Legion of Valor membership  
10 am - 12 Noon — Conference Room, meeting of women of Legion of Valor  
1 pm — Bus to Fort Monmouth to attend briefings and demonstration on communications and tactical support of combat soldier.  
5 pm — Dugout — Hospitality Room

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 1965:

9 am - 6 pm — Lobby, registration  
10 am - 12 Noon — Conference Room — meeting, election of officers, general membership, Legion of Valor  
10 am - 12 Noon — Conference Room — meeting, women of Legion of Valor  
1:30 pm — Dugout — Hospitality Room

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1965:

10 am - 12 Noon — Conference Room — Business meeting, Legion of Valor  
10 am - 12 Noon — Conference Room — meeting, women of Legion of Valor  
1 pm — Free time — Beach — Swimming — Fishing  
3 pm — City Band concert in honor of Legion of Valor at City Beach front band shell  
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm — Cocktails, guests of the City of Asbury Park  
7:30 pm — Presentation of Colors  
7:40 pm — National Anthem  
7:50 pm — Retirement of Colors  
8 pm — Banquet — Toastmaster (Surprise!)

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1965:

10 am — Move by chartered bus from Asbury Park to World's Fair, spend entire day, return after dinner. Those not wishing to make trip are free to enjoy the New Jersey seashore, bathing and deep sea fishing and other attributes of the famous Jersey Coast.

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## The Last Retreat

In their hour of sorrow, the Legion of Valor extends sincere condolences to the family and friends of those who have left our ranks. May they Rest in Peace.

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22 February 1965

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

—*St. Matthew 11:28*

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## LEGION OF VALOR

### Principles

The principles underlying the Legion of Valor are patriotic allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to its Constitution and laws, the security of civil liberty and the permanence of free institutions.

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