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TIBOR RUBIN

A TRUE AMERICAN HERO

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA is attempting to secure a waiver of the United States Statute of Limitations so that a true American hero, Tibor Rubin, can receive The Congressional Medal of Honor for his acts of supreme bravery during the Korean conflict. We need your help!

Born in Hungary in 1929, Tibor and his entire family were imprisoned by the Nazis during World War II. By 1945 only Tibor and his sister had survived. After fourteen months of internment they were liberated and Tibor found himself in New York City. He joined the U.S. Army and in July of 1950, at the age of 21, was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. After being wounded for the second time, on November 2nd 1950, he and his company were taken prisoners by the Chinese, who turned them over to the North Koreans in Unsan, Korea.

While a prisoner, although suffering from his own wounds, Tibor continually risked his own life by leaving his hut under cover of darkness to steal food and medical supplies so he could care for his fellow comrades. Survivors of the Korean POW camp report that he was personally responsible for saving the lives of some thirty-five to forty prisoners in Korea.

In April of 1953, while recuperating from his second leg operation in North Korea, Tibor was part of the exchange of sick and critically wounded POWs. For many years, his fellow prisoners never knew what had happened to Tibor; most thought he had been executed for his undercover activities while in camp. This might actually have come to pass during the exchange of prisoners, had the North Koreans found the list of hundreds of names and addresses of fellow POWs he secreted in his leg cast

when released to the American authorities. Although he subsequently became an American citizen, the acts of bravery performed by Tibor Rubin were for a country not yet his, but one whose freedom he felt a deep obligation to serve.

Today Tibor lives in California, crippled from the wounds of war but proud to be an American and grateful for the freedom that the United States of America preserves. That these events happened thirty-five years ago does not diminish his acts of bravery.

We urge you to lend your support to the efforts of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA to help Tibor Rubin receive our nation's highest military award. Please indicate your support by completing the form below and returning it to the Jewish War Veterans of the USA in the envelope provided.

"I endorse the goal of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America to lobby for the issuance of a Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin, and I urge the United States Government to expedite this award."

Signature

Date

Street

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Washington, D.C. 20009**

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Goldwasser Urges Action On Rubin Medal

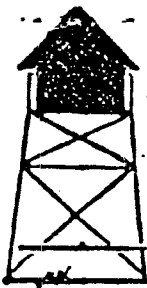
Edwin Goldwasser, National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the USA, today urged members of Congress to support a bill which would award a Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin. Mr. Rubin is a veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Jewish War Veterans.

Tibor Rubin entered this country as a refugee only a few short years after being liberated from a Nazi concentration camp. He enlisted in the United States Army in February 1950, a mere 18 months after arriving in this country and before he had even attained his U.S. citizenship. His unit was captured in Unsan, North Korea by the Chinese Army in November of 1950. The Chinese turned him over to the North Koreans and he spent the next two and a half years in a prisoner of war camp. During his captivity, he saved the lives of nearly forty of his fellow prisoners. He continually risked his life by stealing food and medical supplies for the other wounded soldiers. He cleaned their wounds and lifted their spirits, despite the fact that he himself was suffering from debilitating injuries.

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Commander Goldwasser has asked that Congress waive the standard time limitations placed on receiving the medal, so that this brave man may receive his rightful honor. "I am asking that our members and everyone within the Jewish and Veterans communities lend their support to this cause," said Goldwasser. "We must urge Congressmen to vote favorably on the bill which Representative Bob Dornan (R-CA) hopes to reintroduce in this session."

The Jewish War Veterans of the USA, the nation's oldest active veterans organization, adopted a resolution concerning Tibor Rubin at their National Convention in Hawaii last year.



AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA



14 Clara Avenue

South San Francisco, CA 94080

TIBOR RUBIN - RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

WHEREAS, Tibor Rubin as a young man suffered through the Holocaust during World War II as a prisoner of the Nazis, and

WHEREAS, After his release from the death camps, he emigrated to the United States, where upon he enlisted in the U. S. Army, and

WHEREAS, As a member of "I" Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, he was captured in Unsan, North Korea by the Chinese Army in November, 1950, and remained a prisoner of war for two and a half years, and

WHEREAS, During that captivity he saved the lives of 35 to 40 American G.I.'s by cleaning their wounds, keeping them warm, and stealing food to feed them at the risk of his own life, even though he, himself, had suffered grievous wounds: and while helping to save the lives of his fellow American soldiers, he suffered indignities far beyond human comprehension at the hands of the North Koreans and Chinese, and

WHEREAS, Tibor Rubin is now 56 years old and unable to work and is 100 percent disabled from wounds (head, chest, hand, and leg) and his years as a POW, and

WHEREAS, This recommendation has been delayed because the men who are alive today, thanks to Tibor Rubin, and who could attest to these feats of valor, never knew if Tibor Rubin left Korea alive and were not aware that he was exchanged in April 1953, when the Chinese took the very sick, weak, and near dead G.I.'s and traded them for their own Chinese troops, and

WHEREAS, A bill, H.R. 3221, has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Congressman Robert K. Dornan (R Calif) to waive the time limitations relating to the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin for "distinguishing himself by acts of valor during the Korean War",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Department of California, American Ex-Prisoners of War (Chartered by the Congress of the USA), in Executive Session on Saturday, the 15th day of March, 1986, goes on record to:

1. Recommend, with great pride, Tibor Rubin for the highest military honor our country can give - The Congressional Medal of Honor, and
2. Urge passage of H.R. 3221, waiving the time limitations relating to this award, and

3. Memorialize the National Directors and National Commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War to convey this resolution to the Congress and to the President of the United States of America and petition for its adoption.

George R. Christoff

GEORGE R. CHRISTOFF
Commander, Department of California
13552 Loretta Dr
Tustin, CA 92680

C. A. "Bud" Collette

507 E. Timber Dr.
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85541

Dear Korean War Veteran

We, the forgotten Veterans of the Korean War, (The Forgotten War) must unite. Our numbers are few compared to the Veterans of WW-2 and Vietnam. We don't even have a National Monument in honor of our sacrifice.

Some 5.7 million Americans served in the Korean War. 54,246 died there, 103,284 of us were wounded there, 8,177 were missing in action and over 7,000 were Prisoners of War. Of the P.O.W's, 51 percent of them died in a P.O.W. camp and 389 P.O.W's are still unaccounted for.

The intent of this letter and the enclosed membership application is to ask you to join the Korean War Veterans Assoc. Please fill out the application and enclose your check for \$10.00 and mail to:

Korean War Veterans Assoc. Inc.

Mr. William F. Bradley, Membership Chairman

12 Sunset Avenue

Troy, New York 12180

There are about 1300 members now and our Assoc. was Chartered on June 28, 1985. We held a Memorial - Reunion on or about the 26, 27, and 28th. of July. At Arlington, Virginia. Please try to attend.

If you're already a member, make copies of this letter and send them to your Korean War buddies.

I served with the 5th. R.C.T., 24th. Inf. Div. from June 1951 to May 1952.

Yours in Comradeship & Patriotism;

Bud

C.A. Bud Collette

Charter Member K.W.V.A.

Former M/Sgt. Infantry, U.S. Army.

National Aide de Camp of Arizona

for the Military Order of the Purple Heart.



 **THE FORGOTTEN WAR 1950**
KOREA 1953
Died: 54,246 Wounded: 103,284 M.I.A: 8,177





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May 7, 1982

Mr. Tibor Rubin
5442 Marietta Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92645

Dear Mr. Rubin:

Thank you for your letter and the
enclosures. I appreciate your taking
the time to write to me.

I am forwarding the materials to my
close friend, Congressman Patterson,
who will follow up on your request.

Best personal regards,

Cordially,

Tom

Tom Lantos
Member of Congress

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

JERRY M. PATTERSON
36TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

July 26, 1982

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Commander: MILPERCEN
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200 Stovall Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22332

Dear Sir:

I am writing to inquire about the possibility of awarding the Congressional Medal of Honor, or other high decoration, to Mr. Tiber Rubin, who served as a corporal during the Korean War. Mr. Rubin distinguished himself while a Prisoner of War, by unselfishly caring for his fellow prisoners and saving many of their lives.

Mr. Rubin, a Hungarian refugee, was in a Nazi prison camp for 14 months during World War II. After his release he came to the United States and 15 months after his arrival enlisted in the Army for the Korean War. After being wounded November 2, 1950, he was captured and spent the next 30 months in prison camps.

While imprisoned in Korea, Rubin obtained the names and addresses of nearly 500 other prisoners. He hid the list under the cast of his injured leg. When he returned to this country he wrote letters to all the families of these men, giving many of them their first information of the whereabouts and physical condition of the captured Americans.

I am enclosing notarized statements from some of the men who were imprisoned along with Mr. Rubin in North Korea. These statements validate the claim that Mr. Rubin was solely responsible for the safeguard of his fellow prisoners.

I hope that the United States can find a way to formally thank Mr. Rubin for his devotion to his comrades. Please let me know the procedure for nominating an individual for the Congressional Medal of Honor. If this decoration is not appropriate in your estimation, I would appreciate your recommendation as to how we can honor this man. Thank you in advance,

Sincerely,


JERRY M. PATTERSON
U.S. Congressman

✓ CC: JOE LICHTENFELD

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American Ex-Prisoners of War



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER NO. 1
P. O. BOX 1482 ORANGE, CA. 92668

February 4, 1983

The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President,

Mr. Tibor Rubin, a member of our organization, is highly recommended for award of the Congressional Medal of Honor. He has clearly distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and uncommon valor at the personal, extraordinary risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty while a prisoner of war of the Chinese and North Koreans during the Korean conflict. He placed his life on the line, not on one occasion, but continuously to come to the aid and assistance of his fellow prisoners of war. His daily medical assistance, encouragement to live and forays among the enemy to find life saving food was done in full knowledge that his own life could be terminated abruptly by the enemy.

Mr. Tibor Rubin followed the Code of Conduct for Members of the United States Armed Forces in an exemplary manner especially Article III, "If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means possible..." and Article IV, "If I become a prisoner of war, I will keep faith with my fellow prisoners..." He carried out the motto of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc., "Not By Arms Alone," in helping his fellow prisoners of war to survive.

We are proud of Mr. Rubin's wartime achievements, but we also recognize his current activities of today in the community where his unselfish giving of himself to help others continues as a way of life. He has come a long way from his birth in Hungary to his status today as a naturalized American citizen.

It is our honor to recommend Mr. Tibor Rubin for the highest decoration conferred by the United States -- the Congressional Medal of Honor. It would recognize his heroism against an enemy and a grateful country's thank you.

Respectfully,

Roy E. Guy
Colonel USAF (ret)
Commander



AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR, INC. DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

February 23, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing on behalf of the American Ex-Prisoner of War Southern California Chapter No. 1 and their member, Mr. Tibor Rubin.

I do not know Mr. Rubin, however, I have studied all the data available and it has been reviewed by Lt. Col. Ret. Charles L. Peckham, a member of our Board of Directors and the Korean P.O.W. Coordinator. Col. Peckham was a P.O.W. in North Korea for thirty three months.

The greatest tribute a military man can receive is to be respected by his fellow fighting men. No one knows better than those with the individual just how brave he was and if he has earned the decoration for which he is being recommended.

In combat, a man can do one act of bravery which will gain him the Congressional Medal of Honor, it may only last a few seconds. According to the evidence and material available, Mr. Tibor Rubin committed many acts of bravery during the entire period he was a prisoner, acts which kept many of his fellow prisoners alive. As you know Mr. President, the death rate in the Korean P.O.W. Camps was the highest in the history of the United States Army per capita, even exceeding that of the Civil War.

The treatment of Korean P.O.W.s by the Department of Army when they returned to this country was disgraceful. It is a disgrace that many in the Department of Army would like to forget, yet there has never in the history of warfare have there been a braver group of men than those who survived three years of mal-nutrition and mal-treatment by the communists.

There is no question that Mr. Tibor Rubin earned the honor for which he is being recommended. We ask your support to insure that this brave soldier and American is recognized for the gallant manner in which he served his country under the most difficult conditions.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Sparks
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American Ex- Prisoners of War

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June 24, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear President Reagan:

As national Commander, American Ex-Prisoners of War, a Congressionally chartered service organization, I request, Sir, that you look favorably upon Mr. Tibor Rubin as a candidate for our nation's highest award for military service, the Congressional Medal of Honor. It is a request I do not make lightly.

Our organization takes great pride and is honored by having Tibor's name on its membership roster. He is a person who accepts his responsibilities as a citizen of our country -- yes -- and goes far beyond expectations never failing either his country or fellow man.

It is heartwarming to know a person like Tibor has become one of our country's citizens by choice and not in name only but by enlisting in our military, ready to make the supreme sacrifice for a country he loves so much he chose it for his own.

During the Korean conflict and while held captive by the enemy he again "put his life on the line" by giving aid and comfort to his fellow combatants even while suffering great mental and physical hardships himself. These unselfish acts were witnessed by many and some of their eyewitness accounts of his acts of bravery are part of this request for your consideration.

Though I personally did not serve with Tibor, there is no doubt in my mind that the accounts of his actions by those who bore witness to them or were recipients of his caring are accurate and, my endorsement of him as a candidate for the Medal of Honor is made without reservation but rather with a great measure of pride.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Miller
National Commander

WE EXIST TO HELP THE MAN WHO CANNOT HELP HIMSELF.

June 26, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

This letter is for the purpose of recommending Tibor Rubin, a disabled Purple Heart veteran for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

From my knowledge of Mr. Rubin and from the information I have studied, Mr. Rubin has demonstrated a zealous dedication to duty, honor and country and has distinguished himself in many ways.

His military record indicates that this Hungarian refugee, an American Army Corporal, spent forty-four months as a prisoner of war in Korea. While suffering indignities beyond human comprehension, he nevertheless at the risk of his own life continuously assisted his fellow prisoners. He daily attended wounded G.I.'s by cleansing their wounds thus arresting infections. In addition, he fed his comrades who were physically incapacitated.

He jeopardized his own life with his help. When food for the prisoners was scarce, Mr. Rubin reportedly stole food from the North Koreans, a death sentence if caught.

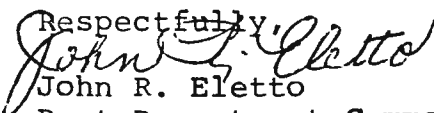
As a prisoner, he collected the names and addresses of nearly five hundred other prisoners and smuggled the list out in a leg cast when he was released. Had this list been discovered, his own release and his life would have been imperiled.

This and other documentation attached adds up to a conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty.

It is commendable that on his return from prisoner of war camp Mr. Tibor Rubin made the United States his homeland by becoming an American citizen.

As a veteran myself twice wounded and left disabled since World War II, I can appreciate what Mr. Rubin, now disabled himself, sacrificed for his adopted country.

Mr. President, I know you are compassionate and a loyal friend of veterans. I pray, sir, that you will recognize Mr. Rubin and honor him for his devotion to his comrades by recommending him for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Respectfully,

John R. Eletto
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Past National Commander, Military
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Stanley N. Zwaik
NATIONAL COMMANDER

July 25, 1983

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Mr. President:

As National Commander of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. it gives me pleasure to recommend, along with his comrades and other veterans organizations, Mr. Tibor Rubin for the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Mr. Rubin distinguished himself above and beyond the call of duty, as a prisoner of war of the enemy in the Korean conflict. His heroism and selflessness, as portrayed in affidavits from his fellow prisoners, attests to this man's courage in the face of the enemy.

The awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest decoration that is conferred by our nation, would belatedly recognize that we honor those who come to the aid of their comrades and country, not only on the battlefield but also in prison camps. We believe that this award to Mr. Tibor Rubin is long overdue.

Respectfully,

Stanley N. Zwaik
National Commander

bcc: Mr. Tibor Rubin



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August 22, 1983

The President
The White House
Washington, DC

Sir:

As you know, Mr. President, the greatest tribute a military man can receive is to be respected by his fellow fighting men. In combat, a man can do one act of bravery which may last but seconds and thereby gain for himself the Congressional Medal of Honor. Corporal Tibor Rubin selflessly made countless acts of bravery during combat and all through his subsistence as a prisoner of war in Korea. Statistics have shown the death rate in Korean POW camps was the highest in the history of the United States Army per capita, exceeding even that of the Civil War. Treatment of Korean ex-POWs who consisted mainly of Army ground troops has been totally inequitable in comparison with other similar groups. Never in the history of warfare has there been a braver group of men than those who survived three years of malnutrition and maltreatment by the Communists.

It is therefore on the particular behalf of Cpl. Tibor Rubin that I write. I was a Sergeant in "I" Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment in Korea when first I met Cpl. Rubin, who had come as a replacement after his release from a hospital in Japan.

Although his leg was not completely healed, Tibor went about his everyday chores, always helping others who needed a boost, never concerned for his own health or safety. Many times the First Sergeant and I warned him to be more cautious since the enemy was out front of us, but when a cry for help was heard, Tibor managed to be among those first on the scene. I learned he is of Hungarian Jewish descent and was confined, as scarcely more than a child, in a concentration camp by the Hitler regime during WW II. After his release he migrated to the US and a few months later joined the US Army and was shipped to South Korea. He later became a United States citizen.

A few days prior to capture and again on the second day after capture, I again met Rubin on the march up to Camp 5, comparable to if not worse than the infamous Bataan Death March, from my own experience and written accounts and information furnished by Bataan participants. During the march, Tibor and Father Emil Kapaun, Catholic Chaplain, 3d Bn., 8th Cav (who died in Prison Camp), although both had been wounded, carried stretchers and assisted others who could barely walk. At rest breaks, and at the risk of being shot, both Father Kapaun and Tibor went up and down the column, giving consolation and hope, and pleaded with the men to continue the march. Our experience had already shown that when the column resumed its march, any among us who lagged too far back did so at great risk. Shots were heard and laggards were never seen again.

After we arrived at our destination, Cpl. Rubin was noted running from room to room, helping feed fellow POWs too weak to help themselves. He consoled them, urged them--really made them--fight to live that they could return home. Many fellow POWs who returned to Military Control can be very thankful Tibor was there. He helped so many, making them eat and getting them to walk around. The temperature during the first winter

The President, The White House

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August 22, 1983

(1950-1951) fell down to 35-40 degrees below zero, and we were still in summer uniform when captured. Tibor, also at risk of being shot, stole food from the Koreans for the fast physically-deteriorating men, often not eating his own meager ration to help those whom he felt needed it more.

I was then sent to a sergeants reactionary camp and lost track of Cpl. Rubin until we were reunited at a convention in Las Vegas in July 1980. To my knowledge, Cpl. Rubin and I are the only two members of "I" Company, 8th Cav of the group that were captured that are alive today.

Tibor Rubin was and still is a great inspiration to all who come in contact with him. He is a great credit to the Armed Forces, and I feel, would have made a great career man. There is no question that Cpl. Rubin earned the honor for which he is being recommended. I ask your support to ensure that this brave soldier and American is recognized for the gallant manner in which he served his country and his fellowmen under the most difficult and dangerous conditions.

I have the honor to remain,

Most respectfully yours,



Randall J. J. Briere

President

Korean Prisoner of War Association, Inc.

(M/Sgt, US Army, Retired)



August 22 1983

HELEN FIERMAN

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires 9-30-84



Association of EX-P.O.W. of the Korean War, Inc.
4801 Goldfield # 163
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June 3, 1985

The Honorable Bob Dornan
United States House of Representatives
301 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sir:

I am Randall J. J. Briere, President of the Association of Ex-P.O.W. of the Korean War, Inc., a non-profit organization chartered in the State of Iowa. I am also a member of the committee to assist in the purpose of attaining for Mr. Tibor Rubin the Congressional Medal of Honor award for his unselfish and heroic acts above and beyond the call of duty prior to and during his thirty months as a prisoner of war.

I was PFC Rubin's Sergeant in Co. I, 8th Regt., 1st Cavalry Division in Korea. He arrived there in August 1950, was wounded, went to the hospital in Japan and returned to the unit when released from the hospital.

With careless regard for his own safety, Tibor Rubin selflessly tended wounded persons during the heat of battle when ~~no~~ medical personnel were around, most often alongside Father Emil Kapaun. Tibor also gave moral support to young fellow soldiers, many of whom without Tibor's help most likely would not have survived.

Father Kapaun, chaplain of our unit, known as the Chaplain of Korea, had two jeeps shot from under him but still was right there to help the sick and wounded. He died in prison camp in 1951 as a result of untreated gangrene in his leg, the same type wound suffered by Tibor Rubin. To this day Mr. Rubin has had continuing problems with his leg which has never completely healed.

As a combat pilot on numerous missions in Vietnam, you would certainly recognize extraordinary bravery when you see it and it is for this reason we ask your help.

It is my sincere belief that Mr. Rubin should receive the belated tribute due him, as evidenced by the other letters you have received from Mr. Elitto, chairman of our committee, to attain this long overdue award of honor.

This country has long helped and praised many persons of foreign countries. I feel there are many persons here also that deserve that same respect and honorable recognition, and Mr. Rubin is one that deserves such. Even after capture he gave unstintingly of himself to bolster morale of young hopeless POWs on the verge of giving up and shared his meager ration, that some lived and returned home. Many have written testimonials they would not be alive today were it not that Tibor Rubin showed that he cared.

The understanding in the Military was that an individual had to have been recommended by an officer for a medal. As in the case of prisoners of other wars, we came home, in 1953 anxious to forget what had happened, retreated into our own shells, and lost track of one another. Although I have worked on my own for ten years with no help from the Federal Government to locate all former POWs of Korea and now have 1,800 names with confirmed addresses, I thought Tibor Rubin was dead and only found him in 1980 through the American Ex-Prisoner of War organization files.

We have long and persistently attempted to have Mr. Rubin awarded this honor but were told the matter would have to have been tendered within a specific time period and that the time limit for this award was expired. This is not a valid reason as evidenced by the following.

President Carter in 1980 awarded the medal to two former WW II POWs:

Lt. Col. Matt Urban	--	36 years after the fact;
and to Anthony Casamento	--	37 years after the fact.

Thirty-two years ago prisoners of war were released in Korea--five years less than time elapsed when the two cited awards were made.

Knowing Mr. Rubin as I do, I am firmly convinced that were the situation reversed and you needed his help, in his totally unselfish way he would go the last mile and strive to his utmost to have justice done for you.

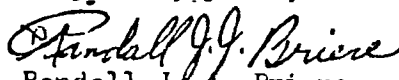
In that spirit, Mr. Dornan, and with your knowledge of the Military which has shown justice is not always meted out equally, we solicit your help/support/sponsorship in a Congressional vote to award the justly deserved Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin. It would be a very sad state of affairs should this matter continue to drag on and perhaps result one day in a posthumous award of the Medal.

We would most sincerely welcome your early reply, hopefully with the good news you will help us either to deliver the papers to the President or have a bill introduced to honor Mr. Rubin with this award.

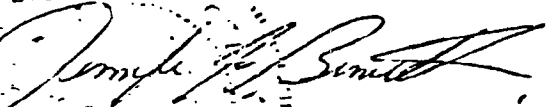
Thank you for your time. We would very deeply appreciate the direction of your energies to see this action through.

May God bless and preserve you and your family and favor your efforts in Congress.

Very truly yours,


Randall J. O. Briere
President
M/Sgt, US Army Ret.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of June, 1985.


Jennifer Jo Bennett
Notary Public for State of Texas, County of Bexar
My Commission Expires 1/22/86

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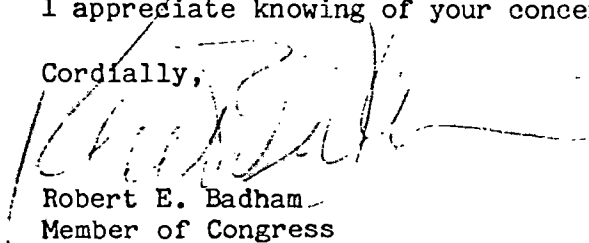
Dear Mr. Collette:

Thank you for your correspondence in regard to the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Mr. Tibor Rubin.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee and a veteran myself, I, too, appreciate the sacrifices made by Mr. Rubin in the service of our country. I believe that his courage must be recognized. Thus, I am a cosponsor of H. R. 3221 which would, if enacted, waive the time limitations relating to the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Mr. Rubin. H. R. 3221 is currently pending action in the Subcommittee on Military Personnel and Compensation of the House Armed Services Committee. You may be sure that I will work to ensure the passage of this legislation.

I appreciate knowing of your concern about this matter.

Cordially,


Robert E. Badham
Member of Congress

REB:bc

Orange County drive continues for Medal of Honor for Rubin

By SI Nathenson

Members of a senior class in European History at Los Alamitos High School in Orange County have sent a petition to Washington urging passage of HR-3221, a bill introduced last August by Cong. Robert K. Dornan (R., Calif.) that would waive time limitations and allow the Congressional Medal of Honor to be given to Tibor Rubin of Garden Grove for acts of heroism during the Korean War.

More than 30 students took this action following a guest speaker appearance by Rubin on May 30 in which he told of his early life in Europe, the loss of his family in the Holocaust and his experience as a prisoner of war during the Korean conflict.

"During his 2½ years as a P.O.W., Tibor met an impossible situation with determination, valor and humor. He is an inspiring person. The undersigned respectfully ask you to support HR-3221 so that Tibor Rubin may receive the honor he so deserves," the students wrote in their petition, which was sent to Cong. Les Aspin, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

The petition was only one of several recent actions taken locally in support of a drive to win for Rubin the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest military honor awarded by the U.S. government.

A Joint California State Resolution recognizing Rubin's "... heroism, while a prisoner in Korea" and applauding his "... unparalleled display of humanity in providing the basic necessities of life to his fellow American GI's ..." was presented to Rubin on June 6 during the 65th annual State of California Disabled American Veterans convention in Ontario, Calif.

Rubin is 100 percent disabled and is unable to work, because of war wounds in the head, chest, hand and leg and injuries received during his time as a P.O.W.

Presentation of the resolution was made by Bill Mack, aide to California Assemblyman

Richard Robinson of the 72nd District. Co-author of the resolution was State Senator Paul B. Carpenter of the 33rd senatorial district.

After the resolution was read, the 285 delegates to the DAV convention gave Rubin a standing ovation.

The fact that official Washington is well aware of Tibor Rubin came recently when Vice President George H. Bush invited Rubin to be an honorary guest at a reception for Cong. Dornan on May 4 at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim.

Rubin later received a personal note from Mr. and Mrs. Dornan thanking him for his attendance.

Earlier this year, another major veterans organization went on record in support of the medal for Rubin.

The American Ex-Prisoners of War, Department of California, unanimously passed a resolution on March 15 recommending "... with great pride Tibor Rubin for the highest military honor our country can give, the Congressional Medal of Honor ..." and urging passage of HR-3221. The recommendation was signed by George R. Christoff of Tustin, commander of the Department of California.

The resolution memorialized the national directors and national commander of the American Ex-Prisoners of War to convey the document to the Congress and to the President of the United States and petition for its adoption.

The resolution noted that while a prisoner of the Chinese Army in Korea in 1950, Rubin "... saved the lives of 35 to 40 American GI's by cleaning their wounds, keeping them warm and stealing food to feed them at the risk of his own life even though he himself had suffered grievous wounds; and while helping to save the lives of his fellow American soldiers, he suffered indignities far beyond human comprehension at the hands of the north Koreans and Chinese ..."

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A leader in the campaign to get the Medal of Honor for Rubin is William T. Smith of Huntington Beach, Commander of DAV Post 65 of Garden Grove. Smith has called for an all-out effort by Orange County residents to aid the cause.

He told HERITAGE this week: "It only costs 22 cents to write a letter to Honorable Les Aspin, Chairman, House Armed Services Committee, Washington, DC 20515 and ask him and his committee to pass and support HR 3221, so that Tibor Rubin can receive his Congressional Medal of Honor.

"Even better," Smith said, "write to President Ronald Reagan, The White House, Washington DC 20006, and ask him to issue an Executive Order awarding the medal to Tibor Rubin."

The 56-year-old Hungarian-born Rubin is not saying much on his own behalf, but he makes it clear that winning the Congressional Medal of Honor is a great deal more than a personal matter.

"I would be the first Jewish person in the Korean war who received it," he told HERITAGE. "It would be a tremendous thing for my people and my family."



Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America

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Resolution Passed at 91st Annual Convention
Honolulu, Hawaii - September 7, 1986

TIBOR RUBIN - The Congressional Medal of Honor

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. supports legislation which would award Tibor Rubin the highest military honor our country can give, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

We believe that Tibor Rubin's unique situation and courageous actions during the Korean War are reasons enough to waive the time limitation and other restrictions which would prevent him from being granted this honor.

Mr. Rubin enlisted in the U.S. Army only a few years after leaving the Nazi Death camps where he had been imprisoned as a young man. A Hungarian Jew, Rubin entered in the U.S. Army in February, 1950 after only 18 months in the country and before he was even a citizen.

As a member of "I" Company, 8th Calvary Regiment, 1st Calvary Division, he was captured in Unsan, North Korea by the Chinese Army in November, 1950, and remained a prisoner of war for 2 1/2 years. During his captivity he saved the lives of 35 to 40 American G.I's by cleaning their wounds, caring for them, and stealing food for them at the risk of his own life, and even though he suffered from his own injuries.



The men who are alive today and who could attest to Tibor Rubin's acts of bravery, never knew if he left Korea alive and were unaware that he was released from captivity in April, 1953. Recently some of these men have written letters on Mr. Rubin's behalf.

Tibor Rubin is now 57 years old and has a 100% disability rating making him unable to work, but he proudly wears the Purple Heart with Cluster along with many of the other combat service medals he received. He is a man, who, from experiences in a Nazi concentration camp learned lessons of compassion and bravery towards his fellow man, which kept his comrades alive in a Korean Prisoner of War camp. The JWV of the USA is honored to recommend Tibor Rubin, for receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Edwin Goldwasser
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans of the USA

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January 7, 1986

The Honorable Les Aspin
Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee
Rayburn House Office Bldg., Room 2120
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sir:

This letter, its attached documents describing in vivid detail why PFC Tibor Rubin truly deserves the Congressional Medal of Honor, is forwarded for your review with the fervent hope for your favorable consideration of this award. PFC Rubin was in my company and we were captured at the same time in October 1950.

The US Army have stated that according to Army Regulations, the Statute of Limitations precludes the award of this highest honor to PFC Rubin. Yet, as evidenced in the attached accounts, this award was rendered to several persons as much as thirty-seven years later. You will note in the attached package this quest for a just award was begun in 1980, twenty-seven years after the fact.

While the Army does operate according to Regulations, in the final analysis, Regulations are simply guidelines to logical and just decisions--in this case, a well-deserved and long overdue award to Tibor Rubin while he is still alive.

"Alive" is the key word to the lapse of time in applying for this award. None of us knew he was still alive until he showed up at a 1980 Ex-POW Reunion.

As his former Sergeant, I am firmly convinced that PFC Rubin earned this award for his actions before and after capture and gave unstintingly of himself with no regard for his own safety to help his fellow soldiers.

In the Pusan Perimeter (Korea) PFC Rubin was cited for an award. However, within a period of a week or so, we had four different company commanders and the award matter was not followed through. After we crossed the 38th Parallel in Pyongyang, paperwork for the award was begun but we were then ordered to advance and before we could do anything, we were captured.

As a Hungarian Jewish child in Germany during WWII, Tibor Rubin was put in a concentration camp along with his entire family. There, he learned and lived daily survival, a valuable asset at his capture in Korea.

More times than I can recall he endangered his own life to help and encourage his fellow POWs to survive. Without exaggeration, I feel he was responsible for at least twenty-five fellow POWs getting out of there alive.

Tibor Rubin, with a serious leg injury, was released with other sick and wounded POWs in April 1953. I was released in early September 1953 and so lost touch with him.

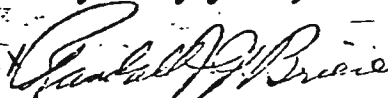
January 7, 1986

Since waivers were accomplished for those deserving WWII survivors well over thirty years after the fact, surely a waiver should be granted that this most deserving PFC Rubin can be favorably recommended for this long overdue reward.

I feel sure that many of our former POWs who had knowledge of Tibor Rubin's selfless devotion to his fellow soldiers would also have endorsed this request. Unfortunately, many of them (approximately 350 known) have passed away since our return.

My plea is that you examine the attached documents which truly show this matter deserves your endorsement.

Very truly yours,



Randall J. J. Briere, M/Sgt, US Army, Ret.
Past President

Encl. - Tibor Rubin File

Before me, a Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Randall J.J. Briere, to be the person whose mark is made on the foregoing instrument, and acknowledge to me ~~that~~ he executed the same for the purposes and considerations therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 8th day of January 1986.



Mary E. Blakley
Bexar County, State of Texas

My Commission expires 8-28-89.

Over



C. A. "Bud" Collette

507 E. Timber Dr.
Payson, Arizona
85541

Jan. 6, 1987

Mr. Edwin Goldwasser
National Commander, J.W.V.
1811 - R St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Commander Goldwasser:

On behalf of the Veterans Committee working to get the Congressional Medal of Honor, (C.M.H.) awarded to Mr. Tibor Rubin, of Garden Grove, Calif., I'm writing to ask for your help.

I believe by now, or very soon you will have a full set of papers, letters of recommendation, Resolutions etc., all asking the same thing, that the C.M.H. be awarded to Tibor Rubin. Tibor is a Hero of the Korean War, he saved the lives of 35 to 40 fellow P.O.W's that first cold winter of 1950 in Camp # 5, North Korea. He has never received any recognition or decoration for his Valor.

Tibor Rubin, was recommended for the C.M.H. by the Ex-G.I's, all former P.O.W's who are alive today thanks to Tibor Rubin.

After you have read over his papers, it is the request of the Veterans Committee that you meet with President Reagan, and give him the papers and request the President to issue an Executive Order to award the Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin.

Congressman Robert K. Dornan, of Tibor's 38th. District, introduced H.R.-3221, (see enclosed) on Aug. 1, 1985. It was turned down by the Department of Defense (Army) because the time had run out. The time is of no factor if the President will issue an Executive Order. There is a two year time limitation on the C.M.H. Tibor Rubin, was put in for it in Korea during the Battle of the Pusan Perimeter, in that time he had four Company Commanders in one week. So the recommendations were lost. This was in 1950.

He was recommended again in 1981 for his Valor as a P.O.W. by his American Ex-P.O.W's who only learned in 1980 that Tibor Rubin, the P.O.W. in Camp # 5 who could hardly speak english, was still alive.

Commander Goldwasser, we have confidence in you and know you can
over---



 **THE FORGOTTEN WAR 1950**
KOREA 1953
Died: 54,246 Wounded: 103,284 M.I.A: 8,177



meet with President Reagan, if you will. We also know that you too are a Korean War Veteran.

Will you help Tibor Rubin, get his long over-due Medal of Honor ?.

What is your opinion on this ?.

Please let me know so I can tell our Veterans Committee.

Yours in Patriotism;

Bud Collette

C.A. Bud Collette

Secretary/Advisor Veterans Committee.

National Aide de Camp of Arizona
Military Order of the Purple Heart.
Former M/Sgt. U.S. Army, Infantry.
5th. R.C.T., 24th. Inf. Div.
Korea 1951-52.

P.S. Commander Goldwasser, the Veterans Committee also wishes to thank you and the J.W.V. for the National Resolution you gave to Tibor Rubin. It is assuring to know that this fine time honored Veterans organization is behind Tibor Rubin. Are thanks to you again.

2 February 1987

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

As stated in my previous letters, Tibor Rubin was a member of "I" Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in Korea and I was one of the NCOs in the Company.

I cannot give names of any officers because many Company Commanders and Platoon Leaders were killed in action, on one occasion three in one day. In this disheartening and confusing situation, it was very difficult to know who was in charge day to day, sometimes hour to hour.

Of my own knowledge, PFC Rubin was written up for a decoration for valor above and beyond the call of duty which could have been for the Medal of Honor. This was initiated by either the 1st Sgt. or one of the Company officers. Cpl. Rubin was twice seriously wounded, the first time was sent to the hospital then returned to combat, and again just prior to capture. On the march he struggled, pushing himself to help carry other wounded and sick.

I also know that when we were overrun by the enemy, everything was in the Company Field Desk, so that when we were captured, all records of the company were lost or destroyed.

Randall J. Briere

Randall J. J. Briere

M/Sgt US Army Ret

"I" Co., 8th Cav Regt

State of Texas
County of Bexar

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2nd day of February 1987.

Thelma J. Gomez
Notary Public Thelma J. Gomez
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Edwin Goldwasser
National Commander

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February 9, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. I am writing to ask your aid in helping a heroic veteran receive the recognition he deserves.

Tibor Rubin is a member of our organization from Garden Grove, California. In 1985, his Congressman Robert Dornan introduced legislation H.R. 3221 to waive the statute of limitations in regard to awarding the Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin. Mr. Rubin distinguished himself by acts of valor during the Korean War. We expect this legislation to be introduced this year and will certainly offer our endorsement. If you, Mr. President, were to direct some of your attention to Mr. Rubin's case, I am sure you would find his wartime deeds worthy of this nation's highest military honor.

I have recently met Mr. Rubin and I am very proud to know him as an American, as a Korean War Veteran myself and as his National Commander. Tibor Rubin entered this country as a refugee only a few short years after being liberated from a Nazi concentration camp where he had been imprisoned as a teenager. A Hungarian Jew, Rubin enlisted in the U.S. Army in February, 1950, after only 18 months in this country and before attaining his citizenship.

As a member of "I" Company, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, he was captured in Unsan, North Korea by the Chinese Army in November 1950. During his two and one-half years of captivity he saved the lives of some thirty-five to forty GI's. Everyday he risked his life stealing food and medical supplies for his fellow prisoners, caring for them by cleaning their wounds and keeping up their morale. He did this, while suffering from his own injuries, which left him with 100% disability rating.

The men who are alive today, and have attested to Tibor Rubin's numerous acts of bravery, never knew if he left Korea alive, they were unaware that he was part of an exchange of the most severely wounded prisoners of war in April, 1953. Mr. Rubin, who primarily learned English while in the P.O.W. camp, never knew of medals awarded for such bravery, and returned home amidst little fanfare or glory.



President Reagan

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Tibor Rubin, is now 57 years old, disabled and unable to work, but he proudly wears the Purple Heart with Cluster, along with the several other combat service medals he received. He is a man, who, from the inhumanity and indignity of a Nazi concentration camp learned the lessons of survival; his life's experiences imbued him with a compassion towards his fellow man, an innate will to live and great courage in times of stress. I am honored on behalf of the J.W.V. of the U.S.A. to add my name to the many others recommending Tibor Rubin, for the awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor.

We look for your support in this worthy endeavor.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edwin Goldwasser".

Edwin Goldwasser
National Commander

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March 4, 1987

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20000

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you with the hope that you might assist me in gaining the much deserved recognition for a distinguished veteran and a former Prisoner of War, Mr. Tibor Rubin. Mr. Rubin proved his patriotism to the United States through many valorous acts during the Korean War, and deserves to be rewarded with the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Mr. Rubin, a Hungarian refugee, enlisted in the United States Army, as a Corporal in February 1950, after only 18 months in this country, and before he was granted his citizenship. He spent 44 months as a P.O.W. in Korea, and was subject to indignities beyond human comprehension. Throughout his imprisonment he continually assisted his fellow soldiers, even at the risk of his own life. He attended to wounded G.I.'s on a daily basis by cleaning their wounds, arresting their infections and ultimately saving their lives.

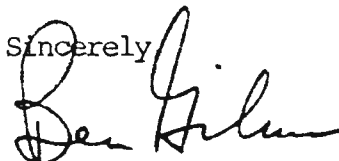
Mr. Rubin also risked his own life by collecting names and locations of nearly 500 other prisoners, and smuggling them out of the country in a leg cast when he was released. Had this list been discovered, Mr. Rubin's life would have surely been imperiled.

In the 99th Congress, I was proud to be an original co-sponsor of legislation which would waive the time limitations relating to the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin for distinguishing himself by acts of valor during the Korean War (H.R. 3221). I will continue to support this legislation and endeavor to assist in gaining this award for Mr. Rubin.

I am confident that the you will not hesitate to recognize Mr. Rubin's gallantry and courage, along with his patriotism to the United States, by awarding him with the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Thank you for your kind attention on this matter.

Sincerely,



BENJAMIN A. GILMAN
Member of Congress

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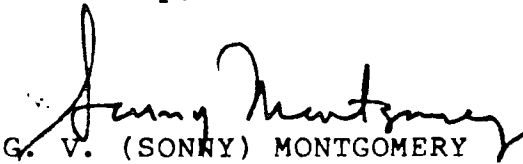
Mr. Edwin Goldwasser
National Commander
Jewish War Veterans of America
1811 R Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

Dear Commander Goldwasser:

I appreciate your sending me a copy of your recent communication to the President concerning the efforts of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America in behalf of Mr. Tibor Rubin. You had previously indicated to me that you intended to pursue this matter and I appreciate your keeping me advised of your efforts.

Based on what you have told me about this case, it would appear to be one that is most deserving and I hope you will let me know the outcome. I'm sure the President will give your request his very serious consideration.

Sincerely,


G. V. (SONNY) MONTGOMERY
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100TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1576

To waive the time limitations relating to the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin for distinguishing himself by acts of valor during the Korean war.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 1987

Mr. DORNAN of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To waive the time limitations relating to the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin for distinguishing himself by acts of valor during the Korean war.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the time limitations in section 3744(b) of chapter 357 of
4 title 10, United States Code (relating to awarding military
5 decorations to members or former members of the Army),
6 shall not apply with respect to awarding the Congressional
7 Medal of Honor to Tibor Rubin (Social Security Account
8 Number 110-24-4935) of Garden Grove, California, for dis-
9 tinguishing himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity

- 1 at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty
- 2 while serving in the Army during the Korean war.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 23, 1987

Dear Congressman Gilman:

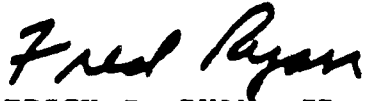
On behalf of President Reagan, thank you for recommending Tibor Rubin for the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Please be assured that this suggestion will be given every consideration.

As you point out, Mr. Rubin is an extraordinary individual whose contributions have earned the gratitude of the American people. I should point out, however, that the Presidential Medal of Freedom is the highest civilian award bestowed by the President on behalf of the Nation and competition is extremely heavy.

Again, thank you for writing to let the President know of your support for Tibor Rubin.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fred Ryan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR.
Director of Presidential Appointments
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Director of Private Sector Initiatives

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515



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March 30, 1987

OFFICE, CHIEF OF
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Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gilman:

This replies to your inquiry in behalf of Mr. Tibor Rubin, concerning his Medal of Honor award.

Over the past six years, Mr. Rubin's case has been reviewed on many occasions. While there is no doubt that he distinguished himself by his courageous and humanitarian efforts while in captivity, it would not be appropriate for the Army to support legislation which would permit Mr. Rubin to be considered for the Medal of Honor for two reasons.

First, Title 10 of the U.S. Code requires that recommendations for the Medal of Honor based upon Korean War actions be formally entered into military channels by August 1956 to be considered. The Army believes that this is a wise and fair provision of the law because it requires recommendations for our Nation's highest military honor to be evaluated when the facts and circumstances surrounding a soldier's heroic performance can be conclusively verified.

Army records show that Mr. Rubin was repatriated in 1953 and that he was reunited with his division commander that same year. Army records also show that at least one of his comrades in captivity maintained contact with Mr. Rubin over the years. Either the division command or any of Mr. Rubin's comrades had ample opportunity to recommend him for the Medal of Honor between 1953 and 1956 if they believed the award should be approved. While it is unfortunate that not one followed through when this opportunity was available, this lack of action should not form the basis to now consider him for the award more than 30 years after the fact.

Fairness is also a consideration. Over two million Americans served in the Army during the Korean War, and over 6,600 were prisoners of war. Many of these soldiers distinguished themselves by their sustained courageous actions in combat and, like Mr. Rubin, were not awarded the Medal of Honor. In fact, over 600 soldiers were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest decoration for combat valor, in recognition of their

extraordinary heroism. A large number of these soldiers made the supreme sacrifice of their own lives in the actions for which they were cited. It would not be fair to these soldiers or to the many thousands of others who received lesser awards (or no recognition at all) if the requirements of law were selectively waived for Mr. Rubin and not for them. Such favored treatment is contrary to one of our Nation's founding principles--equal treatment for all under the law.

I regret that the Army is unable to support your proposal, but trust you understand the reasons for our position in this matter.

Sincerely,

Fred C. Parker IV

Fred C. Parker, IV
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Congressional Coordinator



GEORGE DEUKMEJIAN
GOVERNOR

State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 95814

April 21, 1987

The Honorable Ronald Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, CA 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you in support of the efforts by several Californian's seeking the Congressional Medal of Honor for Tibor Rubin, a former U.S. Army Corporal, who was taken prisoner by the Chinese in 1950 and held as a prisoner of war for the next 2½ years.

Mr. Rubin is credited with saving the lives of 35 to 40 prisoners while at the POW camp in Unsan, North Korea, continually disregarding his own safety and health. He is now 100 percent disabled from wounds received and his treatment while a POW. His unselfish acts have been described and sworn to by men who where at Unsan with Corporal Rubin.

There is apparently no question in view of the attached testimony that Mr. Tibor Rubin's actions should be recognized. I recommend favorable consideration be given to providing such recognition.

Most cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Deukmejian".
George Deukmejian

1 May 1987

Re: Tibor Rubin
5442 Marietta Ave
Garden Grove, CA 92645

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gilman:

During the late part of 1985, I received a letter from M/Sgt Randall J. J. Briere from San Antonio, Texas, who was with me in the North Korean Prisoner of War Camp for 36 months. He found out that I live in California, and he was very happy to inform me that Tibor Rubin is alive. When I heard that, I could not believe it. We all believed that Tibor Rubin was killed by the Chinese, but thank God we were wrong. When I heard the good news, my heart started beating fast. I felt like I will faint. I started to cry from happiness, and made a thank you prayer to our Lord to let the man stay alive. The man who saved my life and the lives of so many other GI's. M/Sgt Briere told me that Tibor Rubin is recommended for the " Medal of Honor " by some of the Ex-Pow's who found out that he is alive, and who's lives he also saved. I figured that I have to do something myself too, but how?

I have to tell you that ever since I came home, I can't talk about my life as far as the War concerned, but especially my Prisoner of War days. I can't talk to my family or friends. I still have nightmares about the Prisoner of War Camp. I have severe panic spells. Periods of nervousness and the feeling that I must get out of a room or place. Shortness of breath, and I can't be with people. I get so nervous many times that I fear that I will go crazy. I have severe headaches, chest pains and I became like a hermit. I had a stroke in 1978, then in January 1987 I had a 5 by pass operation and because I got sick, I checked in the Long Beach Veterans Hospital the end of March 1987. I am now under group therapy as an outpatient and because I am sick physically and mentally, and my time is running out I asked the Lord to help me open up somehow to talk about the man who saved my life and the lives of many other GI's.

It took me 2½ weeks to write this letter. It was one of the hardest and most painful things I had to do in the last 35 years, but I had to do it. I had to open up even though it hurts so much. I do relive the horrors in the 36 months I spent in the Prisoner of War Camp in North Korea.

My name is Carl Mc Clendon, and I was born in Flora, Louisiana on January 7, 1931. I joined the US Army on May 28, 1948. My serial number is RA 18276659 and I stayed in the Army until February 12, 1956. Almost 8 years. I got out as a Sgt First Class. I went to Japan and was stationed in Camp Otsu and I was in the 25th Infantry Division. Then I went to Korea July 12, 1950 and I was in the B Company 1st Battalion 35th Regiment, 25th Division. The war was very bad, but I did not know that the worse was yet to come.

I was taken a Prisoner of War on Nov. 27, 1950 around Ipsop, North Korea. My life and many other GI's lives all of a sudden became a nightmare. We were not trained or prepared for such a life. We were captured in our summer uniforms and the weather was real cold. Later it became so cold that we started getting sick in no time. Our wounded did not have medical care. We hardly had any food, only a little corn twice a day. We started getting dysentery, pneumonia, later Beri-Beri and our nerves started getting bad and the real starvation started. We started to die. When we got to Camp # 5, we were weak and disoriented. We never faced death like that before. Our lives became hopeless. In no time, everybody was for himself. Nobody cared, and many of our fellows started praying to ask our good Lord to let us die. Our GI's started dying at a rate of 30 fellows per day.

I am 6'1 and I weighed before capture 195 to 200 lbs. My weight started getting down. I went down to 95 to 100 lbs in a few months. Every where was death. Smell filth, lice and all kinds of sicknesses. I had dysentery, worms, Beri-Beri, night blindness, chills, fever. My nerves started to crumble. Our most important thing was FOOD. We thought, dreamed and that's all we talked about FOOD AND FOOD.

One night, a few weeks later in Camp # 5, someone was crawling toward me and told me in very bad English to keep quiet. Then he came closer and reached in his fatigue pants and his pockets, and he started giving me some food and a few others as well. It was Rubin like we called him later, that young man, who I did not really understand his English. He first started coming every evening a few hours when it got dark. He used to bring corn, millet, barley, turnips and vegetables. He used to take care of the wounded people. He was like Santa Claus to us. When he came over, it was like Christmas to us. I asked him quite a few times, how will I ever repay you Rubin? He told us: " You can repay me, please don't tell my name to anyone" Later on we found out that his name was Tibor Rubin (PFC) Ser#RA19-363581 from I Company 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. Even though we liked to have the food and the medical care, we knew he could not carry out those actions every day.

Unfortunately in our camp also in his squad, there were a lot of turncoats and informers and squealers. They would sell their country or fellow GI's for some extra food. Rubin had to be very careful, keep low profile, because if he ever got turned in to the Chinese or the North Koreans and got caught, this would be his end. He would get shot on the spot.

Everyday we had to go to Communist lectures. They tried to brain-wash us. They talked about war mongers and Capitalism. Rubin used to tell the GI's. Please, don't believe all that Horse Shit. They don't have anything to offer you. In the USA we were eating bacon,

eggs and pancakes. These communists do not have anything to offer. In no time the Chinese found out that Rubin was talking against their teachings, so every day he was put on cleaning the toilets detail, carrying the buckets of waste, or he was put on 5 to 6 times a day burial detail, but nothing broke his moral. The more the enemy pushed him, the braver he became. He told us that his war was not over. We have to hit the enemy under the belly where it hurts. But we asked: "How can we do that?" or How will you do it Rubin?. Well, he told us: The Chinese and the North Koreans do not have too much food for themselves. So stealing their ration more and more, will hurt them more than to kill them. So every day, when it got dark, and we went to sleep, Rubin was on his way, crawling on his stomach, jumping over fences, breaking in supply houses, while the guns were looking down on him. He tied the bottom of his fatigue pants and filled up anything he could get a hold of. He crawled back and distributed the food what he had stolen and risked his life. Between the wounded, the very sick and the dying, he washed us. Took care of our wounds, force fed us. Talked to us about not giving up. We will go home he used to tell us. Our troops will liberate us. Your family is waiting for you. Please, don't give up. In day time, he carried the very sick to the toilet. Cleaned their rear from the disentry. Washed up the dying ones.

The Chinese asked him a few times to go back to Hungary. They promised him good jobs. They told him: You are a Hungarian citizen. Why do you fight the rich man's war? Rubin asked us what would some of us do. We told him: Rubin go back, get out of here, we all will end up in Siberia and die like animals. They wanted to let him go back to Hungary, when 30 to 35 guys died every day and no one knew who will be next. Rubin told us: No way will he ever go back, and leave his comrades. They needed him here. And no way would he bring shame to his family back in the good old USA.

Rubin had guts. The Chinese planted a nice victory garden in springtime 1951. Cucumbers, radishes, onions, soy beans and tomatoes. Nobody was allowed to go close to the garden. Our mouths were watering as we saw it grow. One tomato was worth a million bucks if we could have it. Well, one day Rubin told us: Carl if the good Lord helps us, tomorrow there will be harvest day. I really did not know what he was talking about. But the next day around midnight we found out. Rubin had tomatoes, onions, radishes, cucumbers and turnips. We asked Rubin: Where did you get it? He told us, the Chinese donated it to us. Well the next morning, when the Chinese woke up, they saw the damage. They probably first blamed each other, but later on the Commander Lam, a skinny fellow ran around screaming, that they knew who had done it and the people better come forward voluntarily. Rubin told us "If the fools know who did it, they would get him already."

Well, in no time we lost 1600 young American GI's. In no war did we lose so many young people as in the Korean War.

Many of us died the very dirty way that first winter. No man should die the way they did. Rubin was very proud of his accomplishment to save and try to save our lives, and when he helped some one and tried everything and lost some one, he was heart broken for weeks. When he lost Charles H. Lord, 304 W. 70th St, Jacksonville, Florida, who was from I Company, 1st Cav, one of the first ones from his Company, it was hard on him. Then he lost Frank Smolinsky, 1007 Hess Ave, Errie, PA, I Company, 1st Cavalry, he really took it hard. Then around April 1951, he lost Sgt La Rose. I don't know his address, I Company, 1st Cavalry, he really was down for awhile. To get rid of his hurt and angryness, he stole more food. That is the only way he knew to get even. One time he stole a whole bag of potatoes. Boy o Boy, did we have a Thanksgiving. I never forget how sad he was for weeks, when William K. Bonner died in June 1951, with Beri Beri. He was from I believe FFD # 1, Sault St, Marie, Michigan. Rubin saved his life twice. He was doing O.K. and all of a sudden he got Beri Beri. He was so swollen up Rubin told us that he had to carry his testicles in his hands so he could walk. Rubin took it real hard, because he was working so hard to try to save Bonner's life, but this went on like that all the time. Later on we were separated from Rubin and I was transfered to Camp 4 in Aug 1951.

Rubin's Sgt, Sgt Randall J. J. Briere from I. Company 1st Cavalry a real anti-Communist was transfered to the reactionary Camp, where we met later on. I believe M/Sgt Briere and Rubin are the only ones who are alive today from the I Company, who spent 30 months or more as a Prisoner of War.

Now I told my story. While I was writing it I was in tears and nearly a breakdown. There is no way I can tell you what it meant to be a Prisoner of War in North Korea for 36 months. We lost 51% of our Comrades. It was a plain nightmare, which none of us will ever forget.

As far as Mr. Tibor Rubin, well M/Sgt Randall J. J. Briere wrote in his letter to Congressman Les Aspin on Jan. 7, 1986, that in the front lines Rubin was cited for an award. M/Sgt Briere later updated a letter on Feb 2, 1987 that Rubin was written up for a decoration for Valor above and beyond the call of duty. So Rubin was already then an outstanding soldier.

I know most of Rubin's family was killed by the Germans in WW 2 and he also was a prisoner of the Nazis. Maybe that is where he learned to be so cunning and brave. He had more courage, guts and fellowship that I ever know any one had. I went thru the war and Prisoner of War Camp and I have to say, that I never met any one to be a better soldier than Tibor Rubin. He is the most outstanding man I ever met with a heart of gold. Tibor Rubin committed every day Bravery that bugled my mind. How he ever came home alive is a mystery to me. I wish I knew sooner that he is alive and I wish I could open up before to tell about this brave man. I thank God that the good Lord was good to me, so I can tell a little about this fine human being Mr. Tibor Rubin.

Tibor Rubin in my opinion really deserves 10 or 15 Congressional Medal of Honors for what he did for his fellow GI's under the most difficult conditions. But I know he only can receive one. I am very proud and happy to recommend Mr. Tibor Rubin: 1"The Congressional Medal of Honor" for saving my life and at least 40 other Prisoner of War for his conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty. 2 I recommend Tibor Rubin for the "Distinguished Service Cross" for his acts of Bravery during many months of captivity. He placed his life on the line. Not 1 occasion, but many times, to come to the aid and assistance of his fellow Prisoner of Wars. He clearly distinguished himself by gallantry and uncommon Valor above and beyond the call of duty, risking his own life. 3 I recommend Mr. Tibor Rubin for the Silver Star because of the code of conduct he performed while he was a member of the United States of America in an exemplary manner Article III " If I am captured I will continue to resist by all means as possible." Well, while the enemy guns were looking down on him, he took the most precious things from the enemy, their food supply, every day, and hit them in their stomachs every day, where it really hurt them. While he did all those things, he was not born in the USA and he was not an United States Citizen.

We as a nation have to honor an Ex-Soldier like Tibor Rubin, and I pray to God that I can stay alive, so I can stand next to Mr. Tibor Rubin proudly when he receives the "Congressional Medal of Honor" and the DSC and the Silver Star from our President.

Thank you for helping us EX-Prisoner of Wars and EX-Korean Veterans.

Respectfully Yours,

Carl Mc Clendon

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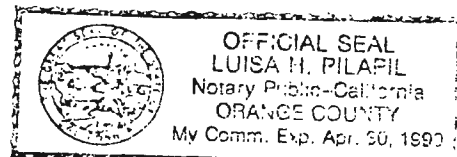
On May 1, 1987 before me, the undersigned,
Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared
*****Carl Mc Clendon****

~~XXXXXX~~ (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person --- whose name is
subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he
executed the same.

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May 8, 1987

Dear Congressman Gilman:

Many veterans and myself read the beautiful letters you wrote on behalf of Mr. Tibor Rubin to President Reagan and Secretary Weinberger. Your letters are going all over the U. S. A. and everyone is grateful for your help. Thank you so much for being an original Co-Sponsor for last years (HR-3221) bill.

Mr. Tibor Rubin was the bravest and most outstanding soldier I ever met. It should be an honor to our country to give the Medal of Honor and other Medals for such a brave man. Our country helps every Tom, Dick and Harry and if we close our eyes on Mr. Rubin, we are in pretty bad shape morally. Our congress could help and so could the Department of Defense. We will not give up until justice will be done.

Congressman Gilman, no one cares anymore. That is why we wrote to Senator Cranston to introduce a strong senate bill, which has co-sponsors. Right now quite a few letters are going to Senator Cranston's office on Mr. Tibor Rubin's behalf.

We Veterans and Ex-POW's like to ask you to please introduce a powerful bill with co-sponsors "To waive the time limitation to award the MEDAL OF HONOR and other Medals to the most deserving veteran Mr. Tibor Rubin. Please do all you can so that our country recognizes this great man Mr. Tibor Rubin.

We realize that you are from the State of New York and not from California, but we need your help, and I have to tell you, when the dying GI's needed help, Mr. Tibor Rubin helped. He did not care if anyone was from New York, Texas or like myself from Louisiana. Mr. Tibor Rubin helped everybody. Mr. Rubin has the most beautiful recommendations, and if you like to have a full set of his papers, let us know and we make sure you get them.

The most important people who could help Mr. Rubin are:

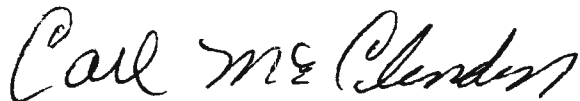
- 1 Secretary Weinberger DOD. He is above the Army and he has the power to issue or award any decoration to Mr. Rubin any time.
- 2 The Congress of the USA. If Secretary of Defense Weinberger would help, then the Congress would waive the time limitation after seeing Mr. Rubin's papers.
- 3 Senator Cranston's Senate Bill and help would be outstanding.
- 4 A bill from you Congressman Gilman would be a real winner.
- 5 Mr. Rubin is also a very lucky man, because he has a JWV Commander Edwin Goldwasser, who is an outstanding man with a big heart, and who is working very hard on Mr. Rubin's behalf for which the veterans are very grateful.

I sent out to 8 places my recommendations with small letters. My recommendations are the same, but I will enclose copies of 7 other letters, so you know who I sent the papers to.

Dear Congressman Gilman, we need your help, and in no way can we express our gratitude to you for helping us veterans gain recognition, to a man who gave to his comrades all he had and who risked his life daily for us.

Best wishes,

Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carl Mc Clendon". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Carl Mc Clendon
7821 Madison
Paramount, CA 90723

507 E. Timber Dr.
Payson, Arizona
85541

The Honorable Benjamin A. Gilman
U.S. Congressman
2160 Rayburn Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

May 30, 1987

Dear Congressman Gilman:

On behalf of the Veterans Committee working to get the Congressional Medal of Honor, (C.M.H.) awarded to Mr. Tibor Rubin, of Garden Grove, Calif., we wish to thank you for your excellent letter of March 4, 1987 to President Reagan, requesting his support on awarding the C.M.H. to Tibor Rubin.

Did you get a answer back from the President ?, if so could a copy of his letter be sent to me please ?.

Congressman Gilman, we know that you are a very busy man, but you have taken the time to help Mr. Rubin. We the Veterans Committee now request that you introduce a Bill in Congress similar to Congressman Robert K. Dornan's new Bill, H.R-1576, (enclosed). Congressman Dornan seems to have lost his drive for helping Mr. Rubin. If you would introduce a House Bill and get a lot of Co-Sponsors, maybe then Congressman Les Aspin, and his House Armed Services Committee would pass your Bill.

Congressman Gilman, the heroic deeds of Valor preformed by Tibor Rubin, while he was a P.O.W. in North Korea can not and will not go un-rewarded, our great Nation must step forward and recognize Tibor Rubin, as a true Hero of the Korean War. I don't know of any other Soldier of the Korean War who is more deserving the award of the Medal of Honor then Tibor Rubin. Just the fact that he saved the lives of 35 to 40 of his fellow P.O.W's and all at the risk of his own life over and over again should more then qualify him for the C.M.H.

I have enclosed copies of letters from Mr. Carl Mc Clendon, and Mr. Randall J.J. Briere, both Ex-P.O.W's of the Korean War. These letters speak for them-selves, Tibor Rubin, deserves more then just the C.M.H.

What is your opinion on this ?, will you continue to help Mr. Rubin, get his long over-due decoration ?.

Yours in Patriotism;

C.A. Bud Collette

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Secretary/Advisor Veterans Committee.

National Aide de Camp of Arizona

Military Order of the Purple Heart.

A combat wounded Veteran of the
Korean War.

507 E. Timber Dr.
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May 30, 1987

The Honorable Les Aspin
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
Rm. 2120 Rayburn House Ofc. Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Aspin:

Reference to H.R-1576.

We the Veterans Committee working to get the Congressional Medal of Honor, (C.M.H.) awarded to Mr. Tibor Rubin, of Garden Grove, Calif., ask for your full support of H.R-1576. This Bill, (enclosed) is asking for the time limilations to be waived so that the Congressional Medal of Honor can be awarded to Mr. Tibor Rubin, for his many heroic deeds of Valor all at the risk of his own life to save the lives of 35 to 40 of his fellow P.O.W's at Camp No. 5, North Korea.

The Ex-P.O.W's like the letters enclosed from Mr. Carl Mc Clendon and Mr. Randall J.J. Briere, never knew that Tibor Rubin, was still alive until they all came face to face at a National Convention of American Ex-P.O.W.'s in 1980. It was after that Convention that they, the Ex-P.O.W's who are alive today thanks to Tibor Rubin, got together each with their own letter of recommendation for the C.M.H. to be awarded to Tibor Rubin.

Congressman Aspin, you will note that in Mr. Briere's, Jan. 7, 1986 letter to you and his third page attachment dated Feb. 2, 1987, he states that Tibor Rubin, was cited for an award, a decoration for Valor, for his action at the Pusan Perimeter. He also states that they had four Company Commanders in one week due to the fighting there, so many men were being killed or wounded they hardly knew who was in command. It is easy to see how the recommendation for Tibor Rubin's decoration for Valor could have been lost, or when they were over-ran and captured by the Chinese troops.

Congressman Aspin, please take-in all the above and the two enclosed letters when you make your recommendation to your House Armed Services Committee and ask that they pass H.R-1576 so we, our great Nation, can honor a true Hero of the Korean War, Tibor Rubin, and award him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

What is your opinion on this, will you help Tibor Rubin, get his long over-due decoration ?. Please pass H.R-1576.

Yours in Patriotism;

C.A. Bud Collette

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The Honorable Casper W. Weinberger
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

June 8, 1987

Dear Secretary Weinberger:

We the Veterans Committee working to get the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Mr. Tibor Rubin, of Garden Grove, Calif., ask for your help to pass H.R-1576, introduced by Congressman Robert K. Dornan, on March 11, 1987. See enclosed.

Enclosed are copies of two letters, from Mr. Carl Mc Clendon and Mr. Randall J.J. Briere. Two former P.O.W's who are alive today thanks to the Heroic Valor of Tibor Rubin, while they were all P.O.W's in North Korea during the Korean War.

Please read these letters carefully, you will note in Mr. Briere's third page that Tibor Rubin, was written up for a decoration for Valor above and beyond the call of duty at the Pusan Perimeter (Korea) in 1950, and the letter also states, so many Company Officers were killed or wounded, things were very hectic there.

Tibor Rubin, never received any decoration for his Valor at the Pusan Perimeter. After returning from his first wound, he was wounded again when his Rifle Company was over-ran by Chinese troops and they who survived were captured.

Mr. Mc Clendon's letter tells of the Valor preformed by Tibor Rubin, and that he saved the lives of 35 to 40 American P.O.W's all at the risk of his own life.

We the Veterans Committee ask that you support and help pass H.R-1576, a Bill to waive the time limilations so that the Medal of Honor can be awarded to Tibor Rubin. We feel that our Great Nation owes something to Tibor Rubin, for his Heroic Valor both at the Pusan Perimeter and while a P.O.W. at Camp # 5 in North Korea. We feel that the Medal of Honor is the only way our Greatfull Nation can truly honor Tibor Rubin, for what he did before and after he was a P.O.W., during the Korean War.

Secretary Weinberger, will you help Tibor Rubin, get his long overdue Korean War Decoration ?. What is your opinion on this ?.

Yours in Patriotism;

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The Honorable Alan Cranston
U.S. Senator
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

June 8, 1987

Dear Senator Cranston:

We the Veterans Committee working to get the Congressional Medal of Honor awarded to Mr. Tibor Rubin, of Garden Grove, Calif., ask for your help.

Enclosed are copies of two letters, one sent to you by Mr. Carl Mc Clendon, of Paramount, Calif., the other to Congressman Les Aspin, from Mr. Randall J.J. Briere, of San Antonio, Texas. These are only two of the many American Ex-P.O.W's who are alive today thanks to the Heroic Valor of Tibor Rubin, while they were P.O.W's in North Korea during the Korean War.

Please read these letters carefully, you will note in Mr. Briere's third page that Tibor Rubin, was written up for a decoration for Valor above and beyond the call of duty at the Pusan Perimeter (Korea) in 1950, and as the letter also states, so many Company Officers were killed or wounded, things were very hectic.

Tibor Rubin, never received any decoration for his Valor at the Pusan Perimeter. After returning from his first wound, he was wounded again when his Rifle Company was over-ran by Chinese troops and they who survived were captured.

Mr. Mc Clendon's letter tells of the Valor preformed by Tibor Rubin, and that he saved the lives of 35 to 40 American P.O.W's all at the risk of his own life.

We the Veterans Committee ask that you introduce a Senate Bill to waive the time limilations of three years so that the Medal of Honor can be awarded to Tibor Rubin. We feel that our great Nation owes something to Tibor Rubin, for his Heroic Valor both at the Pusan Perimeter and while a P.O.W. at Camp # 5, in North Korea. We feel that the Medal of Honor is the only way our Greatfull Nation can truly honor Tibor Rubin, for what he did before and after he was a P.O.W. during the Korean War.

Senator Cranston, will you help Tibor Rubin, get his long over-due Korean War Decoration ?.

Yours in Patriotism;

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Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
Mr. Edwin Goldwasser, National Commander
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June 17, 1987

Dear Commander Goldwasser:

On behalf of the Veterans Committee working to get the Congressional Medal of Honor (C.M.H.), awarded to Mr. Tibor Rubin, of Garden Grove Calif., we wish to thank you and the entire National J.W.V. for what you have done and what you are doing to help get the C.M.H. awarded to Tibor Rubin.

We have had a few letters in support of the C.M.H. for Tibor Rubin, from the American Ex-P.O.W's Assoc., but no other Veterans Organizations will help. We the Veterans Committee are very grateful to you and the National Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

Commander Goldwasser, we, the Veterans Committee, are men and women of different religions, bound together with only one cause, to help a Comrade, a fellow Veteran, a friend, Tibor Rubin, get his long overdue decoration, the C.M.H. from his greatful Nation, the U.S.A.

I have enclosed copies of different letters, even four that I wrote, but there are two very important letters, one from Mr. Carl Mc Clendon, the other from Mr. Randall J.J. Briere. Mr. Mc Clendon's letter is from his heart, he is one of the many Ex-P.O.W's who are alive today thanks to the heroic deeds of Tibor Rubin. Please read his letter carefully. Mr. Briere, is a retired Army M/Sgt. he tells it like a Soldier. He states that Tibor Rubin, was put-up for a decoration for Valor, during the battle of the Pusan Perimeter, but because of reasons also stated, the award was never presented to Tibor Rubin.

Commander Goldwasser, the Veterans Committee also wants to thank Judith S. Siegel, for her support and letters, in behalf of Tibor Rubin.

In closing, we the Veterans Committee also thank the National J.W.V. for your direct mail appeal to your membership in support of Tibor Rubin, and hope by your Lobbying in Washington, D.C. that the C.M.H. is awarded this year to our Hero of the Korean War, Tibor Rubin.

Yours in Patriotism;

Bud Collette

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