

# THE CALL OF DUTY

SINCE the birth of our Nation in 1776, no generation of Americans has been spared the responsibility of defending freedom by force of arms. To each generation has fallen the task of accepting the call of duty so valiantly borne by its fathers and grandfathers. Over the last 226 years, more than forty million American men and women have risen to the call of duty.

More than one million of them have paid the ultimate price that is demanded by liberty.

TODAY, duty calls a new generation of Americans in a war to preserve our right to live in a world without fear of terror. To these brave young men and women we offer our thanks and our prayers.

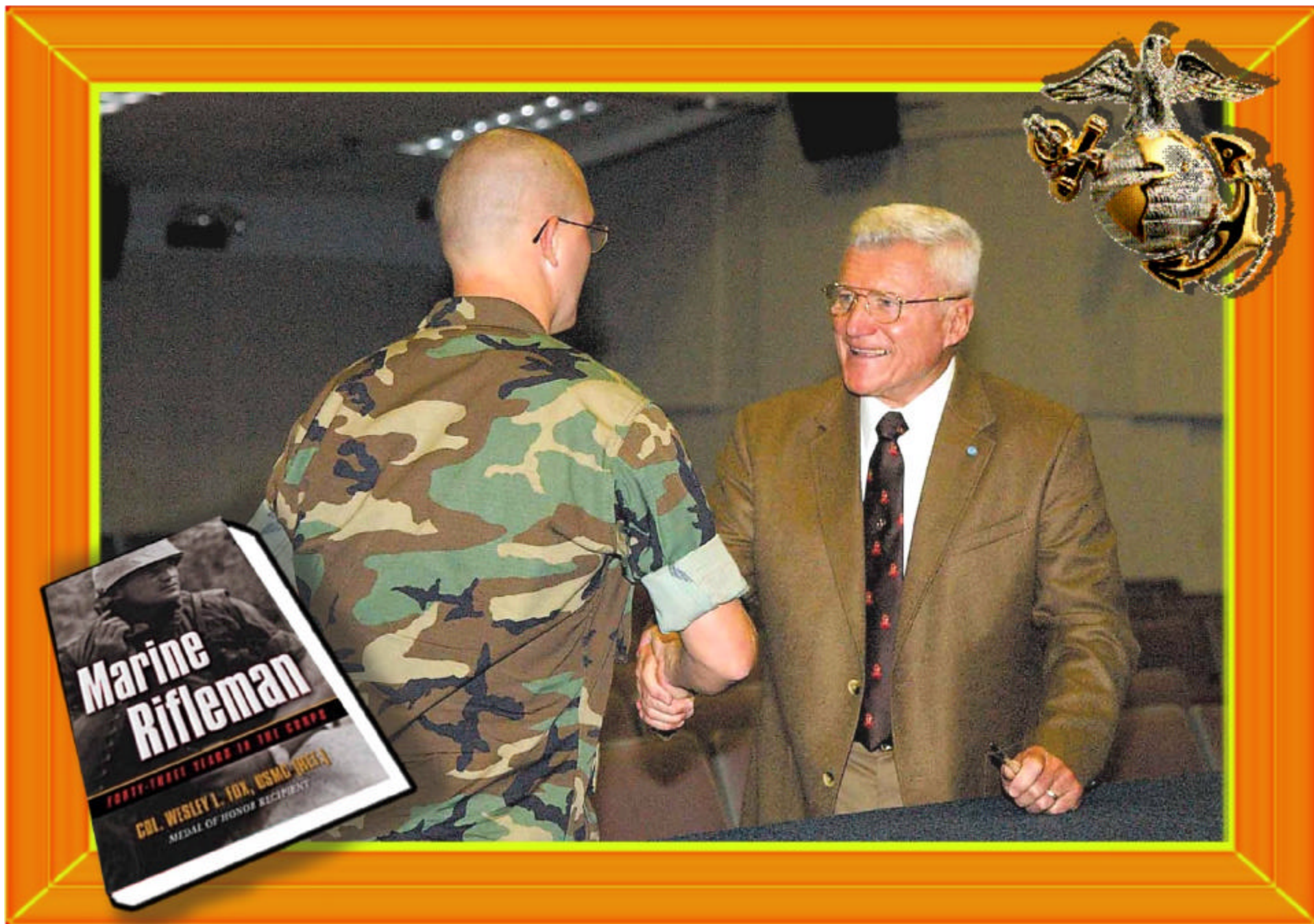
**The Price of Freedom**

War	Served	Died
Revolutionary War	217,000	4,435
War of 1812	286,730	2,260
Mexican War	78,718	13,283
Civil War	3,268,363	529,332
Indian Wars	106,000	1,000
Korea 1871	600	4
Spanish American	306,760	2,446
Philippines/Samoa	120,000	4,277
Boxer Rebellion	5,000	53
Vera Cruz	10,000	19
Haiti/Nicaragua	15,000	287
Dominican Republic	10,000	145
World War I	4,734,991	116,536
World War II	16,112,566	405,399
Korean War	5,720,000	36,516
Vietnam War	9,200,000	58,198
Persian Gulf	2,322,332	383
Op. Endure Freedom	900,000	46
	<b>43,414,060</b>	<b>1,174,619</b>

Statistic from the Department of Veterans Affairs

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Colonel Wesley Fox, USMC (Ret) spent 43 years in the United States Marine Corps, working his way rank-by-rank from private to colonel, serving in two wars, and earning the Medal of Honor in Vietnam. In 2002 he published his memoirs and now spends his time visiting with Marines of a new generation to share his patriotism and dedication to duty.

USMC Photo by Cpl. Joshua Bozeman





While we pray there will be no more Medal of Honor recipients (as that would mean there would be no more wars), those few who remain are a vanishing breed. As Americans we should carefully guard their legacy and remember them daily.





John Baker (USA-Vietnam) can always find time to share with a new generation of Americans. During the 2001 Medal of Honor Convention in Boston he paused during a busy schedule to visit with a group of local Boy Scouts.

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Vietnam War hero Sammy Davis joins Andrew Bowman in remembering Civil War hero Andrew Jackson Smith during a visit to the Medal of Honor memorial in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Bowman accepted his grandfather's belated Medal of Honor last year.

**Photo Contributed by Jerry Cunningham**





Colonel Lew Millett (USA-Korea) and Retired Army Major Drew Dix (USA, Special Forces-Vietnam) share a moment of camaraderie and mutual respect during the annual Medal of Honor convention. Colonel Millett continues a busy schedule of visits to military posts and veteran's organizations around the world. Drew Dix now serves as Directory of Homeland Defense in his home state of Alaska.

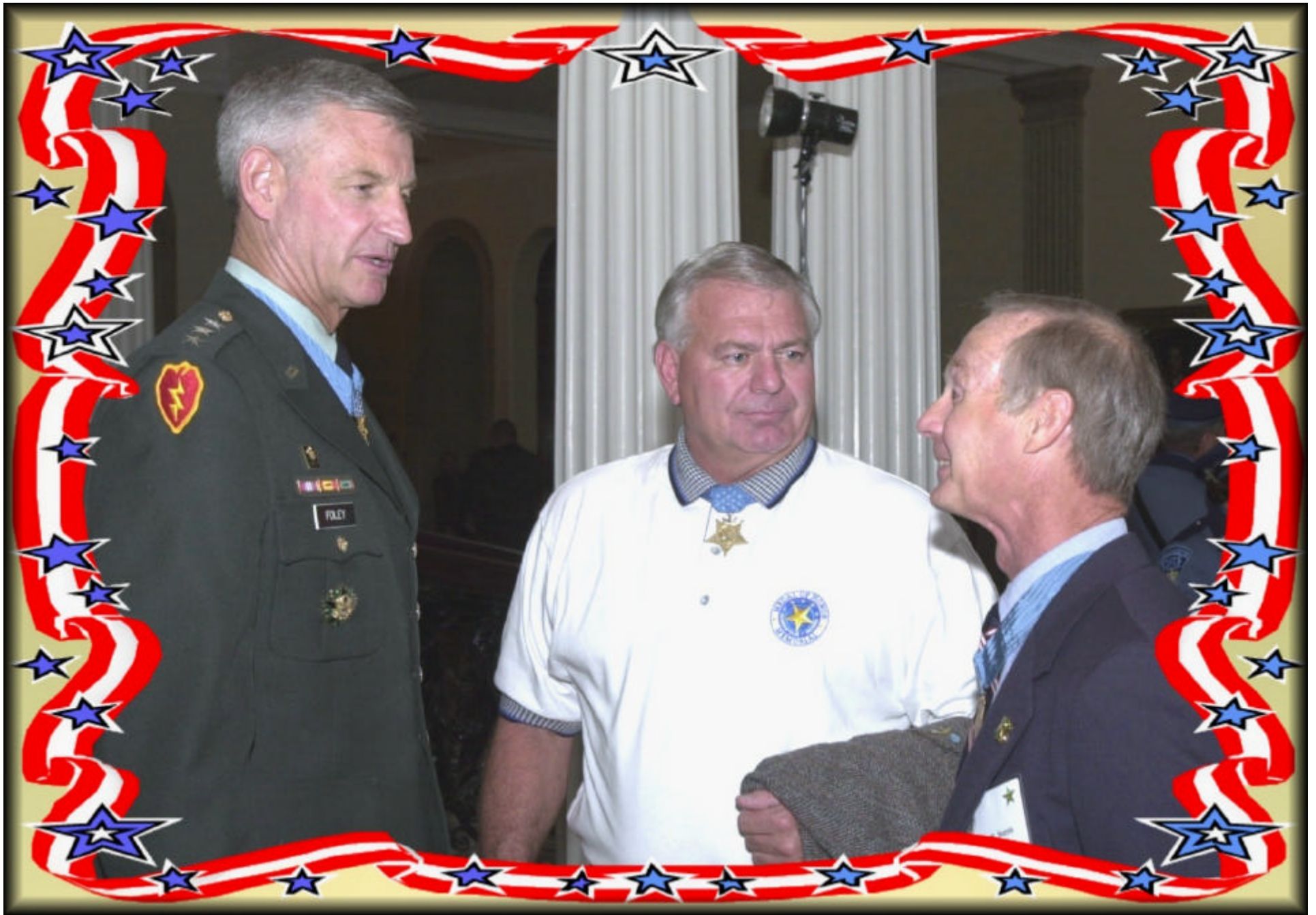
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At age 93 John Finn is the oldest living recipient of the Medal of Honor and the last surviving Pearl Harbor Day recipient. Still young at heart, John is a frequent guest at military reunions, veterans' activities, parades, and other patriotic celebrations. Here he poses with Ms. Semper Fi during a California pageant for the wives of American sailors and marines..

**Photo courtesy of the Ms. Semper Fi Pageant**



Heroes come in all shapes and sizes. Lt. General Robert Foley (left) is the tallest living recipient while former Navy SEAL Tom Norris (right) is one of the shortest. Former SEAL Mike Thornton (center) was the last American to earn the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War—when he saved the life of team-mate Tom Norris, who had earned the Medal of Honor only six months earlier for his own heroic rescue of two pilots shot down in enemy held territory.

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Don "Doc" Ballard is the only living Medal of Honor recipient from Missouri. Recently he joined The Missouri Sons of the Revolution Honor Guard for dedication of a memorial to all the heroes of his home state.

**Photo Courtesy of Dave Means**





A veteran of three wars, Mike Novosel flew in World War II, served during the Korean War, and then joined the US Army to fly Dust Off (rescue) helicopters in Vietnam, where he earned the Medal of Honor. Mike shared his inspiring story during a radio interview during the Medal of Honor convention in Boston. **Photo © 2001 by Robert Mick Bush, CMOHS Photographer**





Colonel Roger H.C. Donlon USA (Ret.) was the first soldier to earn them Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War. The Special Forces Captain always stressed teamwork among the members of his A-Team, and credits that teamwork with the effectiveness of his soldiers in Vietnam. Today Roger and his wife Norma work together as a team, traveling frequently to visit the soldiers that carry on the tradition of service to America.

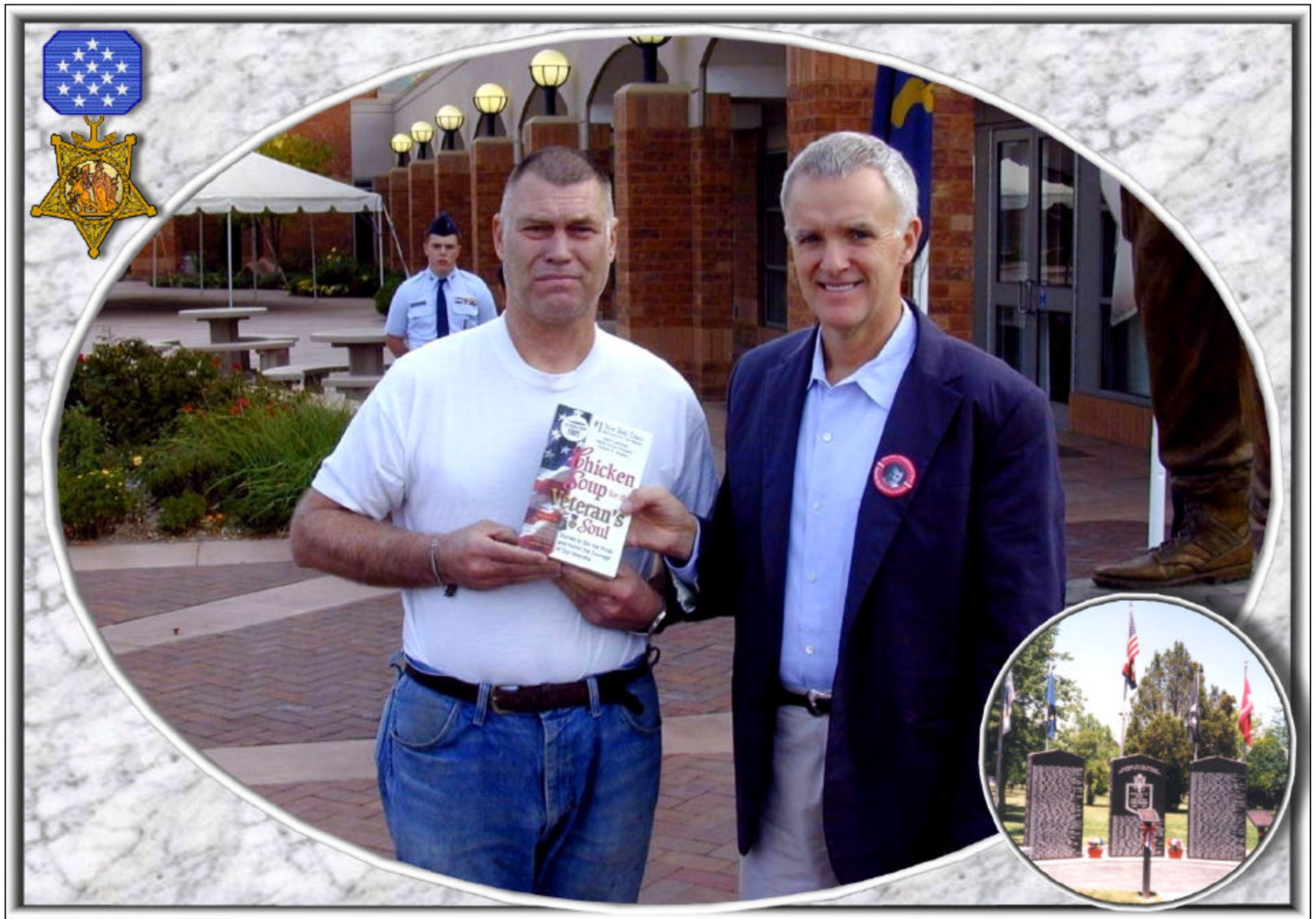
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Resident New Mexico Medal of Honor recipients Raymond *Jerry* Murphy (USMC-Korea) and Hiroshi *Hershey* Miyamura (USA-Korea) visit with veterans and citizens of the small northwest New Mexico town of Gobernador. Both men were in town for the 2002 dedication of a memorial to World War II PFC Jose Valdez, a native of Gobernador who gave his life in defense of freedom, and that small community's only Medal of Honor recipient. **Photo Courtesy of the Homelake (CO) Veterans' Nursing Home**





Vietnam War veteran Delbert Schmeling presents an autographed copy of the best selling book [Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul](#) to Medal of Honor recipient Robert Kerrey (USN-Vietnam) at Heroes Plaza in Pueblo, Colorado. The story of how Delbert single-handedly created the Colorado Vietnam Veterans Memorial (inset) is shared in the book.



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Congressional Medal of Honor Society President Nick Bacon (USA-Vietnam) congratulates General H. Norman Schwartzkopf, U.S. Army (Ret.) after presentation of the Society's **National Patriot Award** at the CMOHS convention 2002 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

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