

2006 Patriot Calendar

The American's Creed

I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the People, by the People, for the People; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; A democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many Sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Humanity for which American Patriots sacrificed their Lives and Fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to Love it; to Support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to Respect its Flag; and to defend it against all enemies.

by William Tyler Page (1918)

Col. Wesley Fox Young Marines

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Cover Photo: John Finn, at 96 our Nation's Oldest Living Medal of Honor recipient, joins Lieutenant Bill May (USN, Retired) and his wife Rose, both of whom were dressed in traditional American Colonial attire for the Rancho Bernardo (San Diego) Independence Day Celebration. Photo © by Frank Ereneta



Following the action that earned him the Medal of Honor, Hiroshi Hershey Miyamura was captured. In the long march that followed he carried fellow POW Joe Annello for ten miles (Hershey modestly denies it was that far but Joe stands by the story). The two men have remained lifelong friends and returned together to Korea this year with spouses Joan Annello and Terry Miyamura to visit the UN Cemetery at Pusan. Photo by Joe Annello



When the *John and Alice Finn Office Plaza* was dedicated at Liberty Station, Naval Training Center, San Diego it was a event our oldest living recipient said, "might be the biggest day of my life; this is something that is hard for me to express my feelings about." Joining him for the big day were MOH recipients John Baca (Army-Vietnam), Walt Ehlers (Army-WWII) and Bob Modrzejewski (USMC-Vietnam). 96-year-old Finn is the last surviving Pearl Harbor Day Recipient; Ehlers is the last living D-Day Recipient. Photo © by Frank Ereneta



In 1991 March 25 was proclaimed "National Medal of Honor Day, the day chosen because the first Medal of Honor were presented on March 25, 1863. Since that year many communities have continued to celebrate "National Medal of Honor Day" though the proclamation in 1991 was only for that year. In March 200t several Medal of Honor recipients were welcomed to New York for the opening of the New York Stock Exchange.

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WWII Medal of Honor recipient Bob Maxwell and Lieutenant Colonel Dick Tobiason (Army, Retired) presented awards to Central Oregon JROTC cadets at the annual awards ceremony. Maxwell also presented the "COMOAA ROBERT D. MAXWELL MEDAL OF HONOR SCHOLARSHIP" which was awarded to cadet Tyler Takemoto (center) who will study premed at University of California, Davis. Photo Courtesy Dick Tobiason



Vietnam War Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy Davis returned again this year to Cindy Lemar's 5th Grade Class at Nodaway-Holt Elementary Class in Maitland, MO, to visit with a new group of students. Last year's class became the cover photo for the calendar, and this year's class of students is no less patriotic or enthusiastic to welcome Davis.

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Lieutenant General Stephen Olmstead (USMC, Retired), is flanked by Korean War Medal of Honor recipients Hiroshi Miyamura and Joe Anello, and surrounded by other Korean War veterans who returned this year for ceremonies at the UN Cemetery at Pusan to pay respects to their fallen comrades. For Joe Rodriguez, who passed away in November, it was the last such reunion. Photo Courtesy of Joe Anello



29th Brigade Combat Team Soldiers who are currently training at Schofield Barracks while preparing for deployment to Iraq pose with Medal of Honor recipients Private Barney Hajiro and Private Shizuya Hayashi as Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker looks on. U.S. Army Photo



THE MEDAL OF HONOR



Wesley Fox served 43 years in the Marine Corps, fought in two wars, and worked his way through the ranks from Private to Colonel. His valor in Vietnam earned him the Medal of Honor. Here he joins the young patriots of the *Colonel Wesley Fox Chapter of Young Marines* in an inspiring visit to the Virginia Military Institute. The chapter is located in his hometown of Front Royal, Virginia.

Photo Courtesy of William Molitor

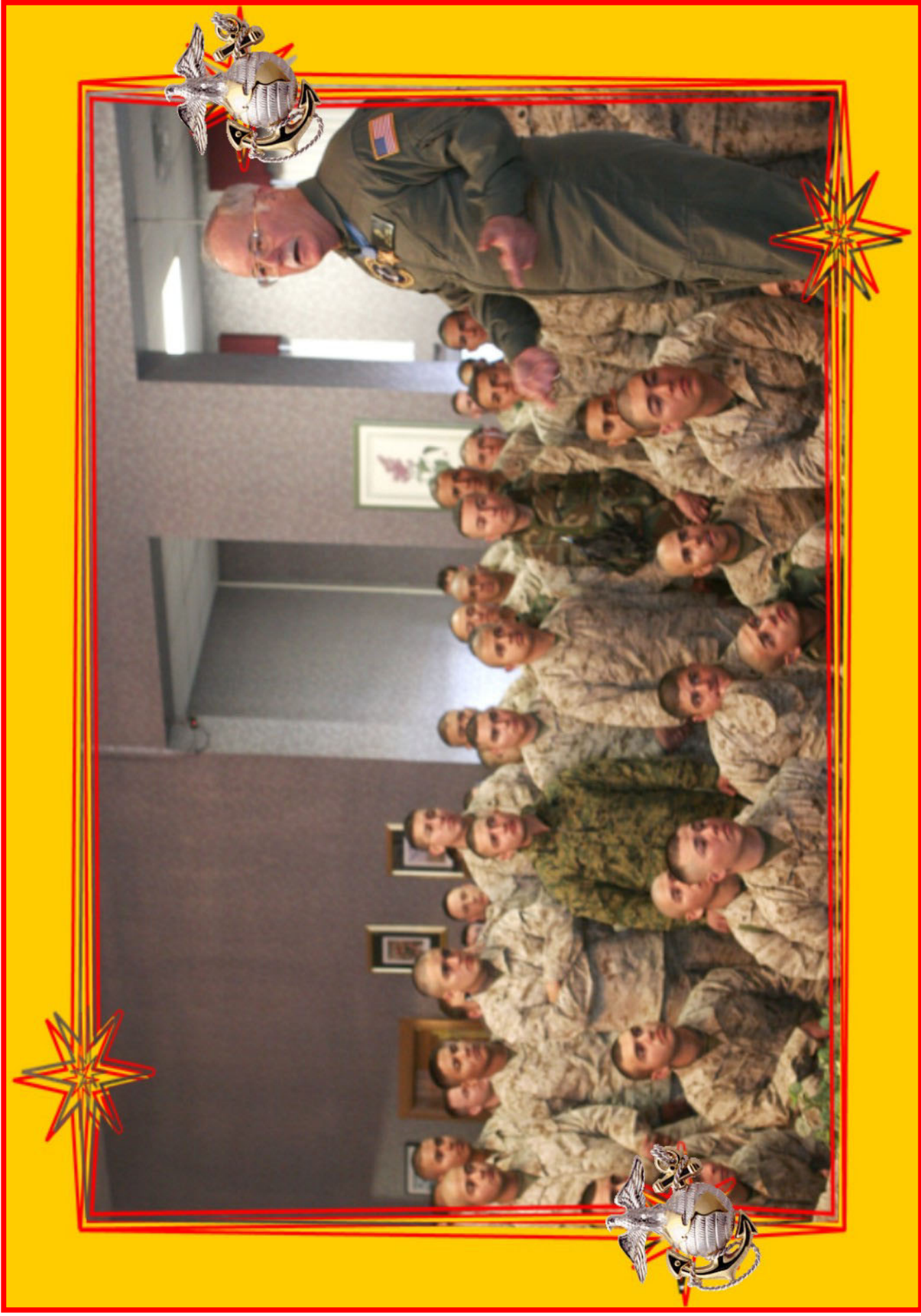


Jim Eyster stands next to the memorial dedicated to his great-uncle, Civil War MOH recipient Captain George Kelly. The memorial was one of six dedicated to the six MOH recipients from Massillon, Ohio. Korean War Medal of Honor recipient Ron Rosser (inset) braved the rain to address a crowd of 200 local citizens while noting: *"That small sacrifice pales in comparison to the sacrifices they made."* In many cases they gave their."

Photo by Steve Slagle/for the Independent * Inset Photo Courtesy of LTC Leslie Peine (USAF, Retired)



Medal of Honor recipient Peter Lemon took a moment to pose for a photo with John Salazar in the Freshman Colorado Congressman's office earlier this year. Congressman Salazar, a Vietnam era veteran, has since introduced two important measures in the House including a resolution to make March 25 of each year National Medal of Honor Day, and the Stolen Valor Act of 2005 to protect the integrity of military awards. Photo by Sal Pace



Vietnam Nam War Medal of Honor recipient Harvey C. Barney Barnum, who continues his service as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Reserve Affairs), visits with a group of young Marine Reservists who have been activated at Camp Lejeune for deployment in the War on Terror.

U.S. Marine Corps Photo by Cpl. Lana D. Waters



Pearl Harbor Survivors Chief Electricians Mate Stu Hedley (USN, Retired) and Allen Bodenlos (US Army) joined Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient John Baca (U.S. Army) for a memorial service for James Stockdale that was held aboard the U.S.S. Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) in July. Hedley is Chaplain of San Diego Carnation Chapter #3 of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Stockdale, who earned the Medal of Honor as a Prisoner of War in Vietnam, was one of twelve Medal of Honor recipients who passed away in 2005.

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In Memory of Those To Whom we Said "Goodbye" in 2005

No man is an Island, entire of itself;
Every man is a piece of the Continent, A part of the main;
If a Clod be washed away by the Sea, Europe is the less...

As well as if a Promontory were,
As well as if a Manor of thy friends or of thine own were;
Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in Mankind;
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;

It Tolls for Thee.

John Donne

"Time shall not dim the glory of their deeds."

General John J. Pershing

STEPHEN GREGG



ARMY - WWII

GEORGE O'BRIEN



USMC - KOREA

YEIKI KOBASHIGAWA



ARMY - WWII

ROBERT BUSH



NAVY - WWII

GEORGE LANG



ARMY - VIETNAM

JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ



ARMY - KOREA

ERNEST CHILDERS



ARMY - WWII

REGINALD MYERS



USMC - KOREA

JIM STOCKDALE



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