

The Legion d'Honneur for US Veterans



Upon presentation of their military file as detailed hereunder, US veterans who risked their life during World War II to fight on French territory, may be awarded this distinction. Those selected are appointed to the rank of Knight of the Legion of Honor. The Legion of Honor medal is not awarded posthumously.

Created to honor extraordinary contributions to the country, the Legion of Honor is France's highest distinction.

To be eligible to this outstanding award, the veteran has to fit strict criteria:

- Interested veterans of all the different armed forces must have fought in at least one of the 3 main campaigns of the Liberation of France: Normandy, Provence/Southern France or Northern France. Actions having taken place in Belgium, Germany, Italy, or any other neighboring European country are not taken into consideration.
- The file presented must contain a copy of the military separation record (honorable discharge), the Proposal Memory application (below) and a copy of a current identity document with a picture.

If possible, it should also contain copies of citations for all the decorations already received in France or in the United States indicating meritorious action during wartime operations. This is particularly important for decorations that were not shown in the discharge document at the time of separation. To be considered, these citations must have been issued during WWII or the close aftermath, and must relate to events (outstanding actions, wounds, having been made prisoner, evasions, having taken action with the resistance, etc.) that took place on the French territory only which includes ground, airspace, and coastal waters.

Since only a small number of Legion of Honor medals are awarded each year in the United States, care is taken to nominate only those with the most distinguished records. It is important to have such decorations as the Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart, and Silver Star and higher, earned in French territory in order to have a competitive record.

If the file meets the criteria, it is sent to The Legion of Honor committee in Paris, through the French Embassy in Washington and the French Foreign Affairs ministry. The Legion of Honor committee approves or rejects the candidate presented after appropriate review of his file. Please note that other than receiving an acknowledgement of your records submittal, you will not receive further word unless you are ultimately selected for the honor. This process can take several months.

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PROPOSAL MEMORY

For the rank of Knight of the Legion of Honor

LAST NAME :				
First name(s) :			Middle name/initial:.	
Date of birth :			City/State/Zip:	
Country of birth :			Nationality :	
Social Security N°:				
Current Address :				
City :		State/Zip:		Country:
Tel. :			Cell. :	
Fax:			Email :	
Current professional status :				
Professional occupation (before retirement, when applying):				
Military Career during the Second World War:				
Incorporation date :		Separation date	To the:	
(1) During peace time	From the:		To the:	
(2) During war time	From the:		To the:	
(3) Services in the resistance:	From the:		To the:	
(4) Civil services in the Army : Attributions:.....				
	From the:		To the:	
Total duration of Services (1+2+3+4)	 yearsmonths	
Military Services Bonus	 yearsmonths	

French official decorations already bestowed (when applying) :
American and Foreign official decorations / citations bestowed (when applying) :

Chronological progress of your professional career :

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Education/University/College degrees :

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Elective functions, missions in France and abroad :

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Services to the community, activities in the social field, community services ,

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Works and publications :

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Military facts and details related to the Second World War

Last rank obtained :

Military unit assigned to:

Military occupational specialty:

Wound(s) received in action ?: Yes (details)..... No...

Duration and place of captivity as Prisoner of War (when applying)?

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Name and address/tel. of 2 (two) character references:

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PLEASE NOTE:

The application should only be sent to the Consulate General of France in Boston if the veteran applying resides in MASSACHUSETTS, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MAINE or RHODE ISLAND.

If there veteran resides elsewhere, please refer to the map below to determine the appropriate consulate:

