



Twenty-six WWII Veterans recognized by France
on June 30th, 2015 in Ormond Beach
and
Merritt Island , Fl.



This Consulate has the great pleasure of announcing that the Consul General, **Mr. Philippe Létrilliart**, will award, the insignias of “**Chevalier dans l’Ordre National de la Légion d’Honneur**” (Knight in the National Order of the Legion of Honor”*) to **26 U.S. Veterans who fought alongside France during World War II.**

Two Award ceremonies will be held on June 30, 2015.

- **In Ormond Beach:** Twenty-five Veterans will be recognized.

Venue: Oceanside Country Club, 75 N Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach FL 32176

Date: **Tuesday, June 30th 2015 at 10:00 AM**

- **In Merritt Island:** One Veteran is going to be recognized.

Venue: Brevard Veterans Memorial Center and Council in 400 S Sykes Creek Pkwy,
Merritt Island, FL 32952

Date: **Tuesday, June 30th 2015, 2:30 PM**



Press is welcome.

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Origin Founded in 1802 by Napoléon Bonaparte, First Consul (a position he occupied from 1799 to 1804), the Legion of Honour is one of his most important creations with the Napoleonic Code.

Grades and Ranks This distinction is divided into five degrees: three ranks (Knight, Officer, and Commander) and two dignities (Grand Officer, and Grand Cross)

Description of the insignia Since its inception, the medal consists of a five double-cornered star enamelled in white, joined with branches of laurel and oak. At the centre of the star, there is a medallion representing

- in the front side, the symbol of the Republic with the inscription "République Française"
- on the other side, a flag and a banner intertwining one another with the circular inscription "Honneur et Patrie – 29 Floréal an X". The ribbon has always been in red moire silk.

Some famous historical personalities awarded

Berthollet (chemist), Balzac, Stendhal, Victor Hugo, Chateaubriand, Theophile Gautier, Alfred De Musset, Alexandre Dumas (novelists and poets), Laplace (mathematician), Montgolfier (physician), Berlioz (musician), Cuvier, Lamarck (naturalists), David, Ingres, Delacroix painters).

American personalities awarded

Thomas A. Edison (Inventor and Engineer, commander in 1889), Alexander Graham Bell (officer in 1881), General Douglas MacArthur, the astronomer Simon Newcomb (officer in 1896), the sculptor Augustus Saint Gaudens (officer in 1901), the painter John Singer Sargent (knight in 1889, later promoted officer), Dwight D. Eisenhower (34th President of the United States), and former Secretary of State Colin Powell

Organization of the order The Order is managed by a Chancery and a Council of the Order; they are situated

- **In Paris:**

Chancellerie de la Légion d'Honneur
1, rue de Solférino
Paris 75007

- **In the United States of America:**

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