

# THE FORGOTTEN HEROES CAMPAIGN



HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED



We always remember the wars and battlefields throughout our Nation's history.



It's a tragedy that many of those who fought them have been forgotten.

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## OUR MISSION

Forgotten Heroes Campaign directs searches for veterans who have honorably served their country, and present them, or their family member(s), medals, awards, ribbons and badges earned but never received. A public ceremony will be held to present the awards to the deserving veteran.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are seeking out those men and women who served our country but did not receive the medals and recognition they have earned. If you know of a Veteran or family of a Veteran, please contact:

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 5400 Yale Ave  
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YES . . . I WANT TO HELP WITH THE FORGOTTEN HEROES CAMPAIGN

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Enclosed is my check payable to The Forgotten Heroes Campaign in the amount of :

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## ARE THERE REALLY THAT MANY FORGOTTEN HEROES?

While we do not fully know how many men and women never received their medals, we do know that there are many from every conflict since World War I. Many come forward at presentation ceremonies.

This happens for many reasons including rapid demobilization, poor record keeping and plain forgetfulness of the military.



Still others were evacuated out of war zones due to injuries and their records never caught up with them while they were convalescing or had already returned home.



## HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?



Through a variety of media, Veteran's groups and Congressional offices, we are contacted by men and women who were awarded or should have received various medals issued by the United States or by foreign countries to US Forces but never presented.

1. The Campaign provides the Veteran with the correct forms and conducts research to support the case for having the medals issued.
2. The Campaign uses its extensive contacts within Congress to expedite processing of these applications with the Veterans Administration and Department of Defense
3. Upon issuance the Campaign will coordinate presenting the medals to the Veteran or their family in an fitting and appropriate ceremony.



## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Founded in 1998, The Forgotten Heroes Campaign helps men and women who served in the armed forces receive the medals they earned but never received. To date, the Campaign has helped over 500 men and women and their families get the recognition so long overdue them. We especially seek out men and women who served in combat zones and were authorized medals, ribbons or other special honors. These are presented in a special ceremony.



### SOME OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WE HAVE ALREADY HELPED INCLUDE:

- ♦ **WWII Veteran SGT George Aaron, US Army** Three Bronze Stars; Africa/ME Campaign Medal
- ♦ **Vietnam Veteran CPT Melvin Ladewig USAF** Distinguished Flying Cross
- ♦ **WWII Veteran PVT Shirley Brown, USMC** American Campaign Medal
- ♦ **Hmong Tribesman Van Truc Vihn, US Army** Bronze Star and Vietnam Campaign Medal
- ♦ **Desert Storm Veteran Kwane Dawson, USMC** Kuwait Liberation Medal