

# FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR MEDAL

## France Expresses Her Gratitude To WWII Vets

We have been working to locate those Veteran's who fought for the French Liberation in WWII. If they were wounded during that theater of the war they may be eligible for the French Legion Medal of Honor. This medal is France's highest distinction\*. The French Consulate, along with the Governor of Ohio conduct that ceremony. If we find three such Veterans from the North East Ohio area, they will come here to present the Medals.

### To be eligible for this outstanding award, he/she has to fit strict criteria:

- Applying veterans of the Ground Forces, Air Forces, Navy, Coast Guard must have fought on French territory in one or more of the four main campaigns of the Liberation of France: Normandy, Southern France, Northern France and the Ardennes. Actions taking place in Belgium, Germany, Luxembourg or other border/European countries will not be taken into account.
- To provide written documentation, which is normally a copy of his/her military separation order, DD-214, will help verify their military history during combat.
- The veterans must provide citations for previous military awards such as Congressional Medal of Honor, the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal or higher distinctions. These awards will indicate meritorious actions during combat operations.
- 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 taken prisoner of war, etc.) that took place on the French soil only. Copies of these documents should be forwarded with the request for consideration
- Please direct inquires for this special Northeast Ohio consideration to The Society of St. Stephen, 1608 Warren Rd., Lakewood, OH 44107 or email: paul.beargie@gsp-ind.com, or find us on the web at: <http://www.ststephensociety.org>.

\* The Legion of Honor medal is not awarded posthumously.

## The Society of ST. STEPHEN

HISTORIC ST. STEPHEN CHURCH



### Veterans Bell Project



In Honor of the Boys  
of St. Stephen's Parish  
Who Answered Their Country's Call  
In the World War  
and

In memory of  
The Following Who Made  
The Supreme Sacrifice

LIEUT. CARL WEBER  
PVT. JOHN STEINBACH  
PVT. CARL MARTENS  
PVT. ELMER LETOURNEAU  
PVT. FRANK W. SPOONER

## Honoring Ohio Veterans Celebrating Mass and Life

Sunday,  
November 11, 2012

11:00 Mass at  
St. Stephen Catholic Church  
1930 West 54th Street  
Cleveland, OH 44102

*Freedom Isn't Free*



*Thank You, Veterans*

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