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## **A Tribute to America WWII Veteran**



**Two WWII Veterans receive the Legion of Honor on June 13th, 2018**

**In Pensacola**



In the name of the French Republic, the Consul general of France, Mr. Clément Leclerc, will present WWII American Veterans of Pensacola's area, **Mr. Edwin STEWART and Mr. Edward KAMINSKI**, with the Legion of Honor for their contribution to liberate France and Europe.

For their service, **Mr. Edwin STEWART and Mr. Edward KAMINSKI** will receive the insignias of "Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur" (Knight in the Legion of Honor.

**Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**From 1:00 to 2:00 pm**

**Blue Angels Atrium**

**National Naval Aviation Museum**

**1750 Radford Blvd., Suite C**

**Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL 32508**

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## About the **LEGION D'HONNEUR - THE FRENCH LEGION OF HONOR**



### **The highest French distinction**

Created to reward eminent military and civil merits in the service of France, the “*Légion d’Honneur*” (Legion of Honor) is the highest distinction that can be conferred in France on a French citizen as well as on a foreigner.

**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 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, France

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

PO Box 983 Harriman, NY 10926, USA

Please see the attached release regarding French Legion of Honor Award ceremony June 13th at NNAM.

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