

March 26, 2004

Dear Director:

The United States Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) is searching for soldiers of Jewish American and Hispanic American descent who were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) for action between Dec. 7, 1941, and Dec. 12, 2001.

Through an interagency agreement, the Army has contracted the Library of Congress Federal Research Division to conduct this research. Once completed, the research findings will be provided to the AHRC Military Awards Branch, which will prepare eligible files for review by the Senior Awards and Decorations Board. If appropriate, a DSC may be upgraded to the Medal of Honor.

As in previous research efforts, such as those of African-American and Asian-American DSC recipients, the board will review case histories to determine if omissions at the time may have influenced what awards were approved. Routine time limitations for award recommendations have been waived in these cases.

The Federal Research Division of the Library of Congress, the principal fee-for-service research and analysis unit, was selected to conduct this research because of its expertise in researching historical documents and archival files of U.S. military personnel and compiling relevant information summaries.

Researchers will use the Library of Congress's collections of historical documents, publications, and collections; service-record information obtained from other U.S. Government repositories, recognized veterans' organizations and family members; as well as published unit and ethnic histories, to fulfill the Army's requirements.

FRD researchers are requesting anyone who has any information concerning former soldiers who meet the specifications to read the instructions below, or visit the bilingual informational website at <http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/HRC/announcement.html> or phone 1-866-730-8405 for bilingual directions regarding requirements and the submission of case evidence.

Type of Information Needed

Please provide as many of the following items of information as possible:

- Full name and date of birth of the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) recipient
- The DSC recipient's Service Number
- The theater and command under which the DSC recipient served
- The date of the DSC award
- The General Orders number under which the DSC was granted
- Current contact information for the DSC recipient, or contact information for a surviving family member
- Any other information regarding the action that led to the awarding of the DSC

How to Submit Case Evidence

Please be advised that due to security concerns on Capitol Hill, mail delivery from the United States Postal Service is experiencing significant delays. As a result, you are strongly encouraged to send your material via Fed-Ex or United Parcel Service (UPS). **Please do not submit original documents because the documents will become the property of the U.S. Army Human Resources Command and will not be returned.** Photocopies of official documents will be accepted. Please do not send information on electronic media, such as computer disks or CDs.

Where to Send Your Material

via United States Postal Service:

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