

Most Decorated Soldiers

World War I Most Decorated Soldiers



Alvin Cullum York (December 13, 1887 – September 2, 1964), known also by his rank, **Sergeant York**, was one of the most decorated soldiers of the United States Army in World War I. He received the Medal of Honor for leading an attack on a German machine gun nest, taking 32 machine guns, killing 20 German soldiers, and capturing 132 others. This action occurred during the United States-led portion of the broader Meuse-Argonne Offensive in France masterminded by French Marshal Ferdinand Foch to breach the Hindenburg line and make the opposing German forces surrender.



GEORGE LAWSON KEENE

(Sept. .21, 1898 – Oct. 20, 1956)

A high school graduate at the age of 16, Lawson Keene planned to enter Texas A&M College, his father's alma mater; but he decided his duty was to his country when the U.S. entered WW I.

Keene was stationed in the front lines for 26 months, three weeks and two days, taking part in five major engagements. He was wounded several times and was gassed in the battle of the Argonne Forest.

For his bravery and outstanding military service during the time he was in France, Keene received the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Purple Heart and many other American awards; on July 18, 1918, he received the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action near Soissons. He also received the Cross of Honor, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Knights of Verdun, Tadao St. Mihiel, and the French Commemorative Medal. Two of the French decorations were awarded to him by Marshal Ferdinand Foch personally. In 1940, the 76th Congress authorized President Roosevelt to present America's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, to Colonel George Lawson Keene.

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Audie Murphy: The United States honored Murphy's war contributions with the American Campaign Medal, the European–African–Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with arrowhead device and campaign stars, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Army of Occupation Medal with Germany Clasp.¹ France recognized his service with the French Legion of Honor – Grade of Chevalier, the French Croix de guerre with Silver Star,¹ the French Croix de guerre with Palm, the French Liberation Medal and the French Fourragère in Colors of the Croix de guerre, which was authorized for all members of the 3rd Infantry Division who fought in France

during World War II. Belgium awarded Murphy the Belgian Croix de guerre with 1940 Palm. Brigadier General Ralph B. Lovett and Lieutenant Colonel Hallet D. Edson recommended Murphy for the Medal of Honor. Near Salzburg, Austria on 2 June 1945, Lieutenant General A.M. Patch presented Murphy with the Medal of Honor and Legion of Merit for his actions at Holtzwihr. When asked after the war why he had seized the machine gun and taken on an entire company of German infantry, he replied, "They were killing my friends." Murphy received every U.S. military combat award for valor available from the U.S. Army for his World War II service.

Most Decorated Soldiers Korea & Viet Nam



Anthony B. Herbert (7 April 1930 – 7 June 2014) was a United States Army officer, who served in both the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Herbert was awarded four Silver Stars, three Bronze Star Medals with a V, six battle stars, four Purple Hearts. He was wounded 14 times—10 by bullets, 3 by bayonet, and once by white phosphorus.

Colonel **David Haskell Hackworth** (November 11, 1930 – May 4, 2005), also known as "*Hack*," was an American Korean War and Vietnam War veteran who received many combat decorations for heroism in both wars. Hackworth is known for his role in the creation and



command of Tiger Force, a military unit formed during the Vietnam War to apply guerrilla warfare tactics to the fight against Vietcong guerrilla fighters.

Hackworth earned over 90 U.S. and foreign military awards, including 2 Distinguished Service Crosses, 10 Silver Stars, 8 Bronze Stars, 8 Purple Hearts, and 34 Air Medals. He was proudest of his Combat Infantryman Badge (and eight Purple Heart awards), which after retirement from the military he frequently wore on the lapel of his civilian sport jackets.

Friends and Family News – Mary Negosian

Mary & Walter Negosian celebrated their 54th Wedding Anniversary.

Don't Forget ... - Judy Cristiano

- Saturday, November 7, Music Guild – Commemoration Centennial Concert
- Sunday, November 8, Men's Society Pancake Breakfast honoring veterans
- **Saturday, November 14, Armenian American Veterans of Greater Detroit Dinner Dance**
- Saturday, November 28, ACYOA Dinner Dance



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Eric Crissenberry will be making a presentation on

"Famous Veterans" on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

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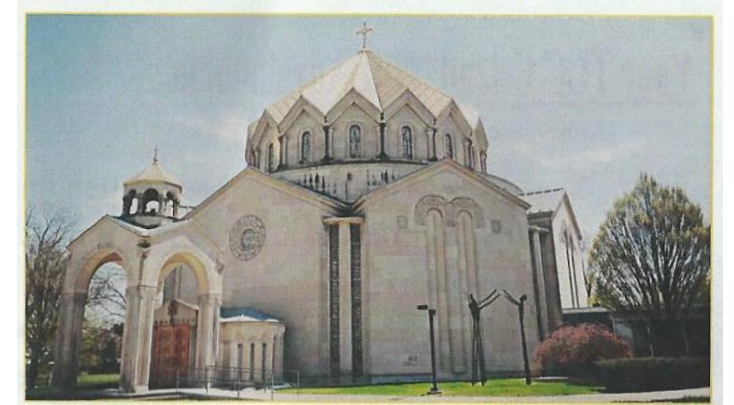
*"Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you."*

"Monthly Humor" – Dan Cristiano

Closed for Veteran's Day!!!

God Bless the USA!!!!

Welcome Home!



St. John Armenian Church

Tuesday Lunch Club



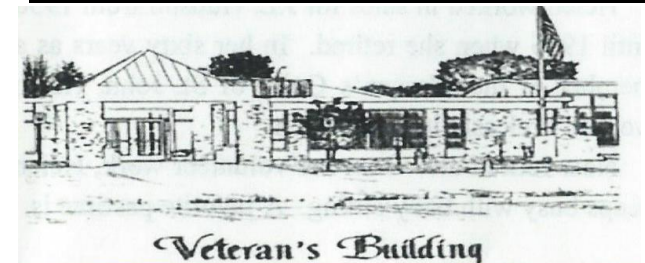
News

November 2015

Join us for lunch on Tuesdays

We always have a great meal and a good time with old friends. Come as you are and enjoy the camaraderie with old friends and new acquaintances.

Every Tuesday in the Veterans Building



Veteran's Building