

## NAVAL AIR TRAINING BASES

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

3 May 1946

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From: Captain Winfield S. CUNNINGHAM, USN (56074)  
 (Commander Naval Activities, Wake Island, 1941)

To : Secretary of the Navy  
 (Board of Decorations and Medals)

Subj: Recommendations for the Medal of Freedom -- cases of  
 certain civilians on Wake Island, December, 1941.

1. It is recommended that the Medal of Freedom be awarded to the following civilians for services as described below:

EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTORS, PACIFIC NAVAL AIR BASES

31 ANHALT, Lawrence Frank	34 ARCHER, Ernest B.
38 ASTARITA, Joseph John	48 BARD, Melvin Axel
52 BARNETT, Ryland Francis <i>attx</i>	53 BARNEY, John Franklin
66 BELLINGER, George	74 BETTS, Jacob Leonard
94 BOYCE, David	97 BRAUER, Leslie Douglas
99 BREWER, Harry Earl	108 BROWN, Fred Clevenger
109 BROWN, Herbert Charles	112 BROWN, Victor
115 COPE, Ray	160 CHOY, Robert Ah Fong
189 COMPTON, Claire Edwin	194 CORN, Jesse Franklin
201 CRAMER, Leroy George	213 DANNER, Melvyn Oliver
218 DAVIS, Kenneth Calvin	221 DEAN, Glen Donald
240 DOMINY, James Woody	246 DOYLE, Edwin Graham
251 DRISCOLL, Leo Patrick	261 ELIASSEN, John Harris
265 ENRIGHT, Merle Bernard	267 ESSAFF, Thomas George
277 FAY, Lawrence Joseph <i>273 Farmer, Louis B.</i>	278 FENEX, Jack Anderson <i>274 Farran, Louis L.</i>
283 FISHER, Raymond Walter	281 FIELD, Harold Gordon
286 FISHER, Robert Edward	298 FORSBERG, Harry John
299 FORSBERG, Ray Arnold	302 FORTUNE, Robert Charles
303 FOSS, Drew	306 FRANKLIN, Mark Baum
307 FISHER, Robert Edward	311 FRIBERG, Carl Victor
314 FULLER, Richard Emmett	328 GEBBIS, Jack Hugh
332 GENTILE, Walter	340 GIBSON, George Ernest
345 GILMORE, Leo Rynard	346 GIRGAL, Charles
347 GLAZE, Miles	354 GIOCOECHA, Joe
357 GOODPASTURE, Dexter Dewey	358 GOODPASTURE, John Iran
374 GRANT, Lawrence Virgil	378 GREGORY, Bert Dawson
379 GREGORY, Jesse James	380 GRESS, Howard Arthur

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389 ✓ HAAKONSTAD, Clinton Hartley  
395 ✓ HAINES, William Henry  
413 ✓ HARBECK, Lester William  
429 ✓ HASTRITER, John Henry  
437 ✓ HENDERSON, Gene Lamark  
441 ✓ HENSIL, James Hereford  
456 ✓ HIZER, Joseph  
479 ✓ HUSKISSON, Tompie G.  
484 ✓ JAKOBSEN, Oscar Donald  
491 ✓ JOHNSON, Arthur Sullivan  
496 ✓ JOHNSON, Kenneth Augustus  
512 ✓ KAHN, Albert T. F.  
529 ✓ KENNEDY, Buron Clayton  
544 ✓ KINNEY, Jerry Green  
557 ✓ KROHNERT, Albert Ernest  
599 ✓ LePINSKI, Ray Henry  
614 ✓ LIPPY, William Hamilton  
634 ✓ MALANYA, Clifford Eugene  
644 ✓ MARSHALL, Lawrence Angell  
651 ✓ MARTIN, Robert Glenn  
653 ✓ MARTINEAU, Marcel Joseph  
- 668 MacDONALD, Joseph Francis, Jr.  
674 ✓ McGINNES, Robert S.  
679 ✓ McINNES, Thomas Laertos  
682 ✓ McKINNEY, Richard Allerton  
687 ✓ McQUITTY, Frank Lee McQUITTY  
696 ✓ MENIQUE, Raymond  
719 ✓ MOE, Charles Austin  
731 ✓ MUELLER, Carl W.  
759 ✓ NIKLAUS, John Florian  
767 ✓ OCKEL, William Richard  
775 ✓ O'NEAL, Joseph Herbert  
802 ✓ PATTERSON, Herschel Lester *OK*  
810 ✓ PINKNEY, Harold Marion  
- 815 ✓ POLAK, John Valentine  
824 ✓ PRIEBE, Gustav Alfred  
830 ✓ QUIGLEY, James Evert  
- 832 ✓ QUINN, Clifton William  
- 837 ✓ RASPE, Herman  
852 ✓ REVELL, James Dewey  
857 ✓ RICE, William Hill  
863 ✓ RIFFEL, John Henry  
866 ✓ RIVERS, Albert "Skippy"  
895 ✓ SANDERS, Henry Reavis  
931 ✓ SHIELDS, Hugh Joseph  
943 ✓ SIMPSON, Lawrence A.  
954 ✓ SMITH, Harold Edwin  
960 ✓ SMITH, Wayne Dward  
971 ✓ STARNES, Elic Russell  
391 ✓ HADSEL, Floyd Ezra  
404 ✓ HANCE, Loren Howard  
423 ✓ HARRIS, Theron Junior  
432 ✓ HEAD, Robert Patrick *OK*  
440 ✓ HENRIKSEN, Gerald Harry  
442 ✓ HENSIL, Theo. Frederick, Sr.  
474 ✓ HUBBARD, Harvey Thomas  
482 ✓ JACKSON, Melvin Francis  
490 ✓ JOHN, Richard Charles  
493 ✓ JOHNSON, Conrad Irvin  
508 ✓ JONES, Herbert  
525 ✓ KELLY, Martin T.  
542 ✓ KING, Lloyd McFerrin  
554 ✓ KOSKI, Edward Paul  
592 ✓ LEMMON, Ralph Preston  
604 ✓ LEWIS, Seiql Thomas  
620 ✓ LOWMAN, Joseph Jr.  
643 ✓ MARSH, John Harold  
646 ✓ MARTIN, John  
652 ✓ MARTIN, Ralph Thomas  
667 ✓ McDONALD, Joseph Thomas  
669 ✓ McDONALD, Harry Leeland  
536 ✓ KIDD, Murray Alexander  
680 ✓ McINTOSH, Robert  
684 ✓ McMURREN, Virgil Lewis  
693 ✓ MELLOR, Charles Buckmaster  
703 ✓ MILLER, Benjamin Franklin  
730 ✓ MOSER, Walter L.  
732 ✓ MUIR, William Donald  
764 ✓ NYE, Edwin Darby  
768 ✓ O'GUINN, Allan Asbury  
784 ✓ PAGOAGA, Richard Joseph PAGOAGA  
803 ✓ PETERSON, Charles Robert  
813 ✓ PLANANSKY, Oscar Louis  
823 ✓ PRICE, Edward James  
827 ✓ PRYOR, Lindley Heath  
831 ✓ QUILLE, Larry W.  
835 ✓ RAMSEY, Alfred Bert  
850 ✓ REILMANN, Theodore Thomas  
855 ✓ REYNOLDS, William Harrison  
- 864 ✓ REINDEAU, William Joseph  
864 ✓ Ritter, Commodore Perry, Jr.  
877 ✓ ROGERS, Jerald Kenneth  
903 ✓ SCHIEFERSTEIN, John August  
934 ✓ SHOTT, *Van L.*  
945 ✓ SKIRVIN, Olin Glenn  
958 ✓ SMITH, Kenneth M.  
969 ✓ SPRAGUE, Steve William  
980 ✓ STEWART, James Earl

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982 SHTOLE, Carl A.M.  
997 SUTHERLAND, Hudson C.  
1008 TAYLOR, Harold Stevens  
1023 TOPHAM, Elgin Howard  
1030 TUNNICLIFFE, John Edward  
1036 VANCE, Walter Guy  
1047 WADE, Edwin E.  
1093 WILLIAMS, Vinson Vandora  
1103 WISE, Franklin Roosevelt  
1139 YRIBERRY, Robert L.

990 STREBLOW Alvin Louis  
1002 STOBE, Elmer Darling  
1009 TAYLOR, Jack Douglas  
1026 TROXWELL, Roy Lee  
1032 TURNER, Lester Lee  
1045 VINCENT, Ernest Dominick  
1080 WIELER, Paul Edward  
1095 WILLIAMSON, James Otto  
1105 WOLF, Jack Morse

EMPLOYEES OF PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS

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BALETO, Jesus C.  
JAVANA, J.  
MEDIOLA, Seraio M.

LEON GUERRO, Balbino C.  
MARION, Edward B.  
RAMQUIST, August.

2. The men listed above voluntarily and without coercion answered all calls for assistance by the various branches of the naval forces defending WAKE ISLAND during the resistance of the garrison from 8 December to 23 December, 1941. They took over the responsibilities of furnishing all hands with food and water, distributing gasoline, ammunition and other supplies essential to defense. They aided in servicing and repairing airplanes, maintaining communications, providing transportation, constructing personnel and airplane shelters, repairing bomb damage, burying the dead and caring for the wounded. Much of this work was done at night and in disregard of their own safety and comfort. Their efforts relieved the military personnel in a large measure from non-military duties. Their conduct was an example to their fellow workers, a source of pride to their countrymen, and was at all times in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service.

3. Information as to addresses and next of kin is on file in the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

4. Recommendations so far made for recognition of the services of civilians on WAKE ISLAND will be supplemented when information from Colonel J. P.S. Devereux, USMC, as to the assistance given by them to the First Defense Battalion, comes to hand.

*W.S. Cunningham*  
W. S. CUNNINGHAM.

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## NAVY DEPARTMENT

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End-1 on Capt. Winfield S. Cunningham  
Comdr. Naval Activities, Wake Island,  
ltr. CSAT/jd dtd 3 May 1946.

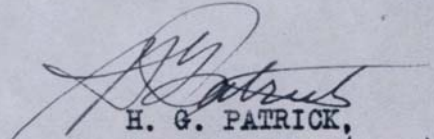
From: Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals.  
To: Colonel J. P. S. Devereaux, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Va.  
Via: The Commandant, U. S. Marine Corps.

Subj: Recommendation for the Medal of Freedom <sup>in this</sup> - cases of certain  
civilians on Wake Island, December, 1941.

1. Forwarded, requesting an expression of opinion, comment and recommendation and the addition of any information upon which the Board may adjudicate these awards. It is further requested that insofar as practicable, remarks and recommendations be submitted on each individual whose acts are known, as the Board experiences great difficulty in making proper recommendations when large groups are recommended on the basis of a common citation and generalized information.

2. In returning the correspondence to the Board of Decorations and Medals, it is requested that it be routed via the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks in order that comments may be made by that office.

By direction of the Board.

  
H. G. PATRICK,  
Captain, USN (Ret.)

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SECOND INDORSEMENT

HEADQUARTERS, U. S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, D. C. JUN 6 1946

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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps.  
To: Colonel J. P. S. Devereaux, USMC., Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.

Subject: Recommendation for the Medal of Freedom in the cases of certain civilians on Wake Island, December, 1941.

1. Forwarded, inviting attention to preceding indorsement.

*A. E. O'Neil*

A. E. O'NEIL

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-----By direction-----

Copy to: Navy Dept. Bd. of Dec. and Medals. -----

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JPSD/gfw THIRD ENDORSEMENT 3 July, 1946.  
POST HEADQUARTERS, MARINE BARRACKS, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA.

From: Colonel J. P. S. Devereux, U.S. Marine Corps.  
To: Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals.  
Via: Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

Subject: Recommendation for the Medal of Freedom in the cases of certain civilians on Wake Island, December, 1941.

1. In compliance with paragraph 2 of the basic letter, this correspondence is forwarded via the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks.

2. The records of the undersigned indicate a concurrence with recommendations made by Captain Cunningham of the following-named civilians who served on Wake Island during December, 1941:

Barnett, Ryland Francis  
Head, Robert Patrick  
Patterson, Herschel Lester

3. The undersigned does not wish to indicate a difference of opinion with that of Captain Cunningham, but submits only the above three names because they are the only ones of which the undersigned has definite record of the outstanding performance of duty.

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*J. P. S. Devereux*  
J. P. S. DEVEREUX.

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