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BASILONE - DEFILLIPO FREEDOM AWARD GUIDELINES

THE AWARD

The Basilone – De Fillipo Freedom Award is to be given to a member of our armed forces who has served in a foreign theater of war. He or she must be or has been a member of the uniformed services of the United States. This includes members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or Air Force. The award is to be presented at our National Convention, during our Inaugural Gala Celebration. The Convention Chair is to determine who should present the award.

The Basilone Award should go to a member of the United States Naval Services (Coast Guard, Navy & Marine Corps) and the DeFillipo Award to a member of the Army or Air Force. If suitable candidates are available from both Army and Naval Personnel both awards can be presented in the same year.

In part these awards are given to a single individual that is acting as a representative for all those who have served, within his or her particular branch of service. Individual acts of heroism that has earned him or her decoration or decorations are certainly welcomed but not essential.

This award, although preferable, should not be restricted to an Italian-American. The primary concern is that we recognize that our armed forces are made up of Americans of all ethnicities, races, color and creeds. We seek to honor them all.

The Committee