

PUBLIC AFFAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT

The U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) is searching for soldiers of Jewish American and Hispanic American descent who were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) 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research and analysis unit, was selected to conduct this research because of its expertise in researching historical documents and archival files of U.S. military personnel and compiling relevant information summaries.

Researchers will use the Library of Congress's collections of historical documents, publications, and collections; service-record information obtained from other U.S. Government repositories, recognized veterans' organizations and family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.

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