

October 20, 2010

Defense Attache
Embassy of France
1401 Reservoir Road, NW
Washington, DC 20007

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to request your consideration for the presentation of the Legion of Honor to my father, George J. Stahley, for the role in played in contributing to the liberation of France during World War II. In the most recent edition of the newsletter ALL HANDS/PT Boat Squadrons, Bases, & Tenders (Volume 64, No 2) I saw an item entitled: French Legion of Honor Medal Eligibility. This letter has been generated in response to that notice.

During World War II, my father served as a Radioman/Third Class in PT Boat Squadron 15 which was based in the Mediterranean Sea during the summer of 1944. The enclosed documents indicate that he served as a member of the Squadron that participated in the invasion of Southern France which took place on August 15, 1944. Squadron 15 also participated in the Invasion of Elba which occurred in June of 1944.

At the conclusion of the war, my father received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy. I have included documentation that verifies his discharge status from the Navy.

My father passed away on November 13, 1999. Our family is very proud of his service during World War II. His service medals and the official documents relating to his service in the United States Navy are cherished artifacts within our family.

Receiving the French Legion of Honor Medal would be a wonderful tribute to his service in the United States Navy and it would be a great honor to our family. From the stories my father told me as a child, I know that his role in the liberation of France was among the proudest moments of his life.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Stahley

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Name STAHLEY, George Joseph
(Name in Full, Surname to the Left)

817 92 00 Rate Slc(RM) SV V6 (PT)
(Service No.)

Date Reported Aboard: 23 May 1944.

MTB SQUADRON FIFTEEN
(Present Ship or Station)

RS, ORAN, ALGERIA
(Ship or Station Received From)

SERVING ON BOARD THIS SQUADRON WHICH
PARTICIPATED IN THE INVASION OF ELBA
ISLAND ON 17-18 JUNE 1944.

SERVING ON BOARD THIS SQUADRON WHICH
PARTICIPATED IN THE INVASION OF
SOUTHERN FRANCE ON 15 AUGUST 1944.

Eligible for the following campaign
medal in accordance with AllNav 104-44
and General Order 194.

- (1) European-African-Middle East Area.
- (2) AMERICAN THEATRE

H. F. Rossi
H. F. ROSSI,
By direction.

R/S BOSTON, MASS.
Reported 11 NOV 1944
TRANSFERRED 5 JAN 1945

Date Transferred 7 October 1944

M.T.B.S.T.C., Portsmouth (Melville) R.

H. F. Rossi
Lt., H. F. ROSSI, By direction
Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.

Date Received Aboard: 10 JANUARY 1944

TAPCEN, SHOSHLAKTA, CALIF.

(New Ship or Station)
R/S BOSTON, MASS.

(Last Ship or Station)
O. E. FORSTER, Commo., USN
Signature and Rank of Commanding Officer.

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MINISTRY OF DEFENSE



EMBASSY OF FRANCE IN
THE UNITED STATES

THE DEFENSE ATTACHE

Washington, November 15, 2010

Mr. Stephen J. Stahley
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Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence of October 20, 2010, and to inform you that I have forwarded the documents pertaining to your father, George J. Stahley, to the Consulate General of France in Washington, D.C. which processes US veterans' requests concerning the award of the French Legion of Honor. Please find hereunder the address of the French Consulate in Washington, D.C.

Consulate General of France
4101 Reservoir Road N.W.
Washington D.C. 20007

Sincerely,

Evelyn DeBernardo
Public Relations Officer
French Defense Mission



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Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et Européennes

CONSULAT GENERAL DE FRANCE
A
WASHINGTON

Washington, April 5, 2011

The Consul General

N° MCL/

Dear Sir,

The French authorities have decided to award the French Legion of Honor to the American veterans of the Second World War who liberated France and, in doing so, changed the history of the 20th century.

I take this opportunity to expose the deep recognition of the French Government to your late father, Mr. George J. Stahley, for having taken part in the liberation of France and I wish to express again our high consideration for the personal sacrifice done by him.

Unfortunately, that medal is not delivered posthumously. For this reason, I deeply regret not being in position of presenting you this award. So, please find attached the documents about your father you have sent to us.

Sincerely,

*Laetitia CHRETIEN
Vice-Consul, Chief of Chancery*

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