



PRESS RELEASE

The Distinguished Flying Cross Society Hails the Passage of the National Distinguished Flying Cross Memorial Act

DFC recipients honored with National Memorial

Washington DC, July 25: Today, President Barack Obama signed into law a bill creating a National Memorial for recipients of The Distinguished Flying Cross.

The Distinguished Flying Cross Memorial, at the March Field Air Museum in Riverside, California, was designated as a national memorial to recognize members of our Armed Forces who have distinguished themselves ... *by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight*. The memorial was constructed at no expense to the American taxpayer and was funded exclusively with member contributions and charitable giving. The memorial will be maintained by the March Air Museum in perpetuity. Recipients of The Distinguished Flying Cross now have a national memorial dedicated exclusively to their heroism and achievement.

This bipartisan legislation was introduced in the House by Representatives Ken Calvert (R-CA-42) and Mark Takano (D-CA-41). Senator Boxer (D-CA) introduced the bill in the Senate with Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Bill Nelson (D-FL) where it was reported favorably out of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in May 2013. The bill came to the favorable attention of Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) who placed it before the Senate for a unanimous vote on 10 July, 2014. The Distinguished Flying Cross Society expresses special thanks to the March Field Air Museum and especially to DFCS member Jim Champlain who originated the concept, developed the design, oversaw the funding and construction of the memorial and initiated/pursued the legislative process to its successful conclusion.

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