

Notices & This and That

New York State Conspicuous Service Cross

The State of New York has revised its list of awards/medals for the award of the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross. Any current New York citizen or individual who was a New York State citizen while serving on active military duty, and who was awarded one of these campaign medals (American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, or Korean Service Medal, with at least one battle star) can now apply. An Application Form, when submitted must include documentation showing Honorable Discharge, awards/medals and current or former New York State residence while on active duty. The Application Form (DMNA Form 106A-R) can be obtained by writing to: The Adjutant General, Division of Military & Naval Affairs, ATTN: MNAR-MP(AD), 330 Old Niskayuna Road, Lathan, NY 12110-2224.

American Order Of The French Croix De Guerre Inc.

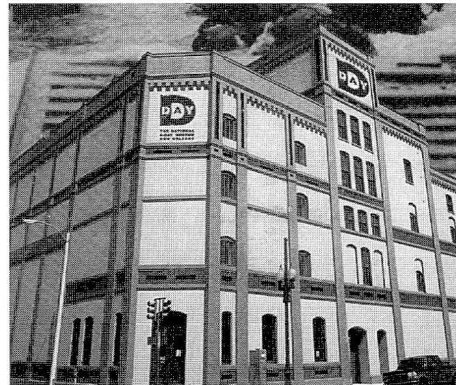
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Medaille de la French Liberee

Members of the Allied Forces who participated in war operations in the liberation of France and its territories during the period 3 September, 1939 to 20 August, 1945, are eligible for the Croix De Guerre medal. The medal was established by decree of the French Government 16 June, 1948. Due to little overseas publicity given to the medal, very few of our veterans have applied to the French Government for this medal. In 1956 the eligibility period for application for this medal expired. There are a small supply of these medals available as collector's items.

To receive a Croix De Guerre, one must be a member of the American order of the Croix De Guerre, Inc. For further eligibility information, communicate with the address above.

New Book On the 15th Air Force Your Support Is Needed

Stephen Ambrose, the famous author of books describing actions of WWII GI's who invaded the French beaches in Normandy and exploits of the ground armies, is preparing a new book on the 15th Air Force, featuring the Italian based heavy Bomb Groups based in Italy. Emphasis is on the use of the B-24s and their effect on the outcome of the war, told through the experiences of the airmen and the guys who kept the aircraft flying, the ground eschelons.



Stephen Ambrose, needs stories and photos of flight crews and ground support personnel.

Do send a report of your war experiences, big or small, to me, Bud Markel, and I will forward your material to Mr. Ambrose. The report should include incidents during training and shipment overseas that happened to you or what you observed, and heard. Stephen Ambrose has also appeared on TV programs and, on the News Hour (PBS). At last, the 15th Air Force will have its own book. That is the best news I've heard since "V-E "day!.

The B-24 Crew Members Senility Prayer

God grant me the Senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

- 1 I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
- 2 My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.
- 3 I finally got my head together; now my body is failing apart.
- 4 Funny, I don't remember being absent minded...
- 5 All reports are in; Life is now officially unfair.
- 6 If all is not lost, where is it?
- 7 It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- 8 Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant.
- 9 I wish the buck stopped here; I sure could use a few...

- 10 Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
- 11 Accidents in the back seat cause ... kids.
- 12 It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- 13 The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you're in the bathroom.
- 14 If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.
- 15 When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- 16 It's not hard to meet expenses ... they're everywhere.
- 17 The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
- 18 These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter
- 19 I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm here after.

I thought everyone needed a good laugh. Hope I succeeded!
Signed Karl. (Via the Internet by member Al Kline)