



Sons of Confederate Veterans Medal of Honor Committee

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Dear Compatriot Dale:

I am in receipt of your letter of 5 November 1999, re the denied Medal of Honor Application for Sergeant Isaac Peter Collier.

In its deliberations, the Committee noted that Sgt. Collier's act did not meet the extreme situation of falling on a hand grenade...but instead mirrored that of the soldier who frantically picks up the grenade and hurls it away. Such actions occurred hundreds of times in the Pacific and European theatres during WW2 and no Medals of Honor were ever presented for such deeds as this.

The decision of the Committee, a final, unanimous 0-5 vote, in no way detracts from the notable deed Sgt. Collier performed that day. He and thousands of other brave soldiers who wore the Gray still deserve our respect and admiration for the cause in which they fought and believed.

Yours in tribute to Southern valor,

Gregg Clemmer

"There never were such men in an Army before. They will go anywhere and do anything..."
R.E. Lee

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THE CONFEDERATE MEDAL OF HONOR

The Sons of Confederate Veterans Highest Decoration

Candidates for the Confederate Medal of Honor shall be submitted by Members or Camps of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Candidates must have served in the Confederacy in either a military or governmental capacity during The War Between the States. The recipient must have distinguished himself/herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in action against the enemy of the Confederate States of America. *The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his/her comrades and must have involved risk of life.* Incontestable proof of the performance of service will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit. NOTE: Veterans named on the Confederate Roll of Honor are not automatically entitled to an award of the Confederate Medal of Honor.

A complete, written record on each candidate shall be submitted by the SCV Member or Camp making the recommendation. **Five copies** of this report are to be submitted to the Chairman, Confederate Medal of Honor Committee, who shall present it to the Committee for investigation and approval/disapproval. The decoration will bear the signature of the Commander-in-Chief and each Member of the Medal of Honor Committee.

Camps shall bear 49 percent of the cost of the decoration; 51 percent shall be borne by SCV International Headquarters.*

Formal presentation shall be made in the name of the recipient to an appropriate museum, institution of government, or worthy location whereby the medal and citation will be on permanent public display. An agreement must be signed by the displaying institution guaranteeing display and safety of the Award. In cases of known living descendants, contact should be made so as to permit their participation in the award ceremony.

Nomination for the Confederate Medal of Honor shall be made on an application provided by the Chairman, Confederate Medal of Honor Committee.

*For 1999, this 49% is \$100.