



The OSS Society

*Presentation of the
William J. Donovan AwardTM
to
Major General John K. Singlaub*

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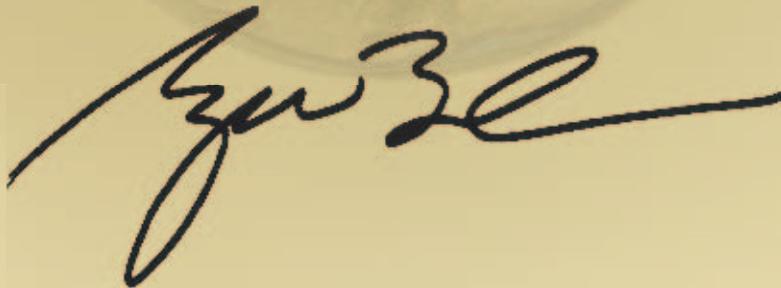
September 13, 2007

I send greetings to those gathered for the 2007 William J. Donovan Award Dinner of the Office of Strategic Services Society. Congratulations to Major General John Singlaub on being honored for your dedication to defending our country.

America's achievements in peace and war are built on the sacrifices of brave men and women who answer our Nation's call to serve. In a time of great consequence, those serving in the Office of Strategic Services worked throughout the world, often in perilous conditions, to gather information to keep America safe. The members of the OSS demonstrated the finest qualities of our Nation, and their vigilance and courage helped secure our freedom. This event is an opportunity to pay tribute to these honorable Americans and to recognize Major General Singlaub for his record of service and sacrifice on behalf of our Nation.

I commend the members of the OSS Society for your commitment to honoring the heroes and traditions of the intelligence community. Your efforts help carry on the legacy of OSS veterans and inspire those who have followed in their footsteps to protect our Nation.

Laura and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God bless America.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George W. Bush", written in a cursive style.



William J. Donovan Award™

Admiral Louis Mountbatten, upon receiving the William J. Donovan Award™ in 1966, said: "William Donovan wasn't just a great American, he was a great international citizen, a man of enormous courage, leadership and vision, I doubt whether any one person contributed more to the ultimate victory of the Allies than Bill Donovan."

The OSS Society awards the William J. Donovan Award™ to an individual who has rendered distinguished service in the interests of the democratic process and the cause of freedom.

The goal of this award is to honor a person whose courage and commitment to country and freedom exemplify the life and public service of General Donovan.

General Donovan's remarkable lifetime of service includes being the only person to receive our nation's four highest awards – the Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Award, and the National Security Medal.

He served as Assistant U.S. Attorney General, as the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, as a candidate for governor in New York, as a personal advisor to President Roosevelt before and during World War II, as an assistant to the chief prosecutor at the Nuremberg War Crimes Trials, as ambassador to Thailand and, most significantly, as the founder and head of the Office of Strategic Services, the forerunner of the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S. Special Forces.

Upon learning of General Donovan's death in 1959, President Eisenhower said: "What a man! We have lost the last hero."

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1961 The Honorable Allen W. Dulles	1979 His Excellency Jacques Chaban-Delmas
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1966 The Earl Mountbatten of Burma	1983 Sir William Stephenson
1967 The Honorable Everett McKinley Dirksen	1986 President Ronald W. Reagan
1969 J. Russell Forgan	1991 President George Bush
1970 The Astronauts of Apollo II	1993 Dr. Carl F. Eifler
1971 The Honorable David K.E. Bruce	1995 The Honorable William E. Colby
1974 The Honorable William J. Casey	2004 The Honorable Ralph J. Bunche
1977 The Honorable Robert D. Murphy	2005 The Honorable William H. Webster
	2007 Major General John K. Singlaub

MAJOR GENERAL JOHN K. SINGLAUB

Major General John K. Singlaub's World War II duties included a parachute mission into occupied France to organize, train, and lead a French Resistance unit which provided assistance to the Allied invasion forces. He then went to China to train and lead Chinese guerrillas against the Japanese. Just before the Japanese surrendered, he led a parachute rescue mission into an enemy prisoner of war camp on Hainan Island. This resulted in the release of four hundred Allied prisoners of war.

General Singlaub was assigned as Chief of a U.S. Military Liaison Mission to Mukden, Manchuria, where he served for three years immediately following World War II. He served two tours during the Korean War; one with the CIA in Korea and the other as an infantry battalion commander in the Third Infantry Division.

General Singlaub served also as Commander of the Joint Unconventional Warfare Task Force (MAC SOG) in Vietnam, and later served as the Assistant Division Commander of the 8th Infantry Division in Germany.

He served as the Chief of Staff, United Nations Command, United States Forces, Korea, and the Eighth U.S. Army in Seoul, Korea. Concomitantly, he served as the U.N. Command Senior Military Member of the Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom.

Interspersed with the above wartime command positions were numerous training assignments both at home and abroad. General Singlaub was instrumental in the establishment of the Ranger Training Center at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he also served as an instructor. He helped establish the Modern Army Selected Systems Test, Evaluation and Review activity at Fort Hood, Texas; and was named responsible for training and combat-readiness of the Army Reserve and Army National Guard Units in a ten-state area. General Singlaub was also appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

The General's thirty-five year military career has frequently reflected vanguard military action, having been awarded thirty-three military decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Soldiers Medal and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He was awarded combat decorations from six foreign governments. More recently, following an investigation of CNN's false charges of war crimes, the Department of the Army awarded his Command a Presidential Unit Citation.

Born 10 July 1921 in Independence, California, General Singlaub is a graduate of the University of California at Los Angeles where he was Cadet Colonel of the ROTC. He graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and subsequently served as an instructor on its faculty. In addition, he is a graduate of the Air War College.

Following retirement, he traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad lecturing on national security issues with special emphasis on the requirement to maintain U.S. Forces in Korea and the need to upgrade and consolidate the U.S. Special Operations Forces.

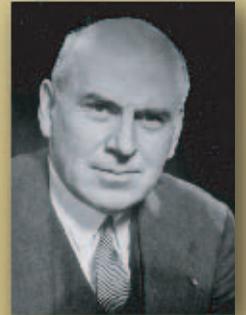
In retirement he has received many awards to include an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from Yeungnam University, Korea, the VFW National Armed Forces Award, The Ranger Hall of Fame, Distinguished Member of the First Special Forces Regiment, The Truman Reagan Freedom Award, The George Washington Military Leadership Award, UCLA Distinguished Service Award and others.

General Singlaub's career was chronicled in his autobiography, "Hazardous Duty – An American Soldier in the Twentieth Century," published by Simon & Schuster.

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies	Major General Victor J. Hugo
Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance	Colonel Alger Ellis
Invocation	Reverend Richard Kim
Toasts	
-- The United States	Ambassador Hugh Montgomery
-- The Commander in Chief	Colonel William Pietsch
-- Our Allies	Anne Mary Ingraham
-- The Office of Strategic Services	Willis Georgia
-- Our Absent and Missing Comrades	Ambassador Julian Niemczyk
-- To the Ladies	Walter Mess
United States Army Chorus	
Dinner	
Welcoming Remarks	Charles T. Pinck
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Ambassador Hugh Montgomery
Keynote Address	VADM J. Michael McConnell, USN (Ret.) Director of National Intelligence
Presentation of The OSS Society's Distinguished Service Award to Elizabeth McIntosh	Arthur Reinhardt
Presentation of Film about MG John K. Singlaub	
Presentation of the William J. Donovan Award™	Admiral Eric Olson, Commander USSOCOM
Acceptance	Major General John K. Singlaub
Closing Remarks	Charles T. Pinck
Benediction	Reverend Richard Kim

William J. Donovan



From top left: President Dwight D. Eisenhower, J. Russell Forgan, David K. E. Bruce, Carl Eiffler, Everett Dirksen, Jacques Chaban Delmas, John A. McCone, John McCloy, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Allen Dulles, President George Bush

Award RecipientsTM



From top left: Earl Mountbatten of Burma, MG John K. Singlaub, William J. Casey, Robert D. Murphy, Sir William Stephenson, William E. Colby, William H. Webster, LTG William W. Quinn, Richard M. Helms, President Ronald Reagan, Ralph Bunche

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The Office of Strategic Services Society celebrates the historical accomplishments of the OSS during World War II—the first organized effort by this nation to implement a centralized system of strategic intelligence, spearheaded by the legendary General "Wild Bill" Donovan—and educates the public regarding the continuing importance of strategic intelligence to the preservation of freedom in this country and around the world.

The Society has been a veritable "who's who" of military, political, intellectual and social luminaries, and the best and brightest from this nation's universities—including William Casey, William Colby, Arthur Goldberg, Julia Child, Sterling Hayden, Ambassador Richard Helms, Paul Mellon, S. Dillon Ripley, and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., to name just a few.

The OSS Society and its predecessor, the Veterans of OSS, has sponsored, organized or participated in educational events and programs such as presentations to the Society by Gen. Hugh Shelton, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and by Gen. Wayne Downing, former Commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command; presentations of the prestigious William J. Donovan Award[™] to William Casey, William Colby, President George H. W. Bush, President Reagan, Admiral Lord Mountbatten, Ralph Bunche, Margaret Thatcher, and William Webster; symposia recording the accomplishments of the OSS and the experiences of its veterans; and reunions of OSS veterans in 2002, 2004, and 2005.

The OSS Society publishes a quarterly newsletter that is made available to the public through our web site. We offer research assistance in response to requests from historians, writers, media, military organizations, and descendants of OSS veterans. We provide speakers to a wide array of organizations.

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