

D-Day veterans to receive France's highest honour

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The Government of France wishes to recognise the selfless acts of heroism and determination displayed by all surviving veterans of the Normandy landings, and of the wider campaigns to liberate France in 1944, by awarding them with the Legion d'Honneur. The Legion is working with the Ministry of Defence (MOD) to bring to the attention of all D-Day veterans their eligibility for this award.

This recognition extends beyond the troops who actually landed on and fought their way up the beaches 70 years ago, and will include Royal Navy and Royal Air Force personnel who operated in support of the landings.

Those who are eligible for the award can make their request using this [application form](#). It will be processed by MOD, who will forward the details to the French authorities. The French authorities will then make the final decisions on the awards.

Any veterans wishing to apply for the award (Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur), or anyone enquiring on their behalf should send the form to either:

Personnel and Training – Defence Services Secretary – Commemorations
Floor 6 Zone C
Ministry of Defence
Main Building
London SW1A 2HB
OR
via email to PersTrg-DSSec-CommemAug1@mod.uk.

Neither the Legion nor MOD will be able to give any guidance on timings or the arrangements for the presentation of the awards. Awards will not be given posthumously, and any further questions should be directed to the French authorities.



Ministry
of Defence

ADMINISTRATION FORM

Regarding the proposed veteran

NAME AND SURNAME; ADDRESS AND CONTACT DETAILS :

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH :

NATIONALITY :

RANK :

ROLE OCCUPIED :

AWARD TO BE BESTOWED : **Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur**

FRENCH DECORATION(S) HELD :

REASONS JUSTIFYING THE PROPOSAL :

TEN LINES MAXIMUM

THIS PARAGRAPH WILL DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OF THE PROPOSAL – PLEASE GIVE BRIEF DETAILS OF SERVICE IN THE CAMPAIGN – UNITS SERVED WITH, ANY SPECIFIC ACTIONS FOUGHT (SERVICE IN REAR ECHELON, ON SUPPLY VESSELS ETC STILL QUALIFIES FOR THE AWARD)

Date and Signature of claimant