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President Bill Clinton Joins Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Above & Beyond Citizen Honors Initiative to Celebrate Service Before Self



PRESIDENT CLINTON JOINS PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH AND GENERAL COLIN L.

POWELL, USA (RET.) AS HONORARY CO-CHAIRS TO CALL UPON AMERICAN PUBLIC TO

NOMINATE FELLOW CITIZENS FOR NATION'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS CIVILIAN AWARDS FOR

SERVICE

"ABOVE & BEYOND CITIZEN HONORS"

"Any nation that does not honor its heroes, will not long endure." -Abraham Lincoln

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 /PRNewswire/ -- The Congressional Medal of Honor Society, which is solely comprised of the 109 living Medal of Honor Recipients, is proud to announce that President Bill Clinton has joined President George H.W. Bush and former Secretary of State and Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.) as an Honorary Co-Chair of their Above & Beyond broadcast which will showcase their Above & Beyond Citizen Honors.

The Society, recently launched Above & Beyond Citizen Honors, their non-partisan "Service before Self" initiative and annual broadcast, which will identify and honor those ordinary Americans who have become extraordinary through their selflessness. "We are pleased and proud that President Bill Clinton has joined with President George H.W. Bush and General Colin Powell as an Honorary Chair of our Above & Beyond initiative," said Paul Bucha, a Medal of Honor recipient and Above & Beyond designate from the Society. "This sends a clear message that regardless of one's political persuasions, Americans will unite and work together to celebrate unsung heroes in uniform or out, who go above and beyond for others."

With just two months left before the December 16 nominating deadline, President's Clinton, Bush, and General Powell are urging all Americans to nominate their fellow citizens for the nation's most prestigious civilian award for service. Anyone can nominate a fellow citizen-now through December 16 at www.aboveandbeyond365.com.

The Above & Beyond awards will be presented annually to three American civilians at a gala awards ceremony at Constitution Hall in Washington, DC and national television broadcast on Medal of Honor Day.

After a nationwide search and selection process for the Above & Beyond Citizen Honors, the Society will select 50 Finalists to represent their respective states. From these remarkable Americans, the Society will announce three Above & Beyond Citizen Honors recipients at the Medal of Honor Day ceremony in March, 2008, and their remarkable stories of hope and

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courage will be broadcast to the nation and to the men and women in uniform serving around the world.

Above & Beyond, co-created by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society and EPOP International, is historic, as it is the first time all of the living Medal of Honor recipients have banded together to create a national platform to promote "Service before Self." The Above & Beyond Citizen Honors are

unique, because they are presented to unsung heroes by our nations most honored heroes, all of the living Medal of Honor recipients themselves.

For more information, visit www.aboveandbeyond365.com.

ABOUT THE MEDAL OF HONOR

Created by Abraham Lincoln in 1861, the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force, which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. To receive this rare honor, the President of the United States must approve it after a long and rigorous consideration process, and then presents it personally to the recipient in the name of Congress. - Since the birth of our nation, over 40 million Americans have faced combat, yet only 3,463 have received our nations highest honor for combat - the Medal of Honor.

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