

NCOA National Defense Foundation: Remembering Our Wounded Warriors

National Patriot's Day Concert Program Honors 9/11 Fallen

The NCOA National Defense Foundation was a proud sponsor of the VA-NMMG Patriot Day Concert as a program participant and sponsor of the group's veteran oriented concerts. This special program commemoration of 9/11 was held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate included performing artists Bill Kurtis, A&E; Heather French Henry, Miss America 2000; Harolyn Blackwell, Operatic Soprano; Larnell Harris, Gospel Recording Artist; Susan Joy Bishal, Mezzo Soprano; SFC Antonio Giuliano, Army Singing Sergeants; and Good Morning Vietnam – Adrian Cronauer!

NCOA President Gene Overstreet on behalf of the Foundation welcomed Dr. Victor Wahby the Conductor & VA-NMMG Founder, Chorale, Symphony Orchestra, special performing artists and all guests:

Members of the United States Armed Forces at home and overseas, And all Citizens of this land of the free and



home of the Brave. WELCOME to the 2007 Patriots Day Memorial Ceremony of the Chorale and Symphony of the VA-National Medical Musical Group. They along with Members of the United States Congress, recognized celebrities, and performing artists have traveled from across the United States to honor the innocents who fell on September 11, 2001, members of the military who have since fallen to terrorism, and our gallant members of the United States Army, United States

Marine Corps, United States Navy United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard whose lives and mission preserve the freedoms of all Americans.

What a wondrous night of remembrance and celebration this promises to be in this magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The setting is truly special and inspirational! In fact – your presence here tonight makes this evening even more spectacular!

Veteran Residents at Carroll Manor Nursing Home honored

The NCOA World War II Medallion and Legacy Program remains a national legacy of the National Defense Foundation honoring America's Veterans of WWII. Richard C. Schneider, Foundation Executive Director and NCOA Life Member Bill Pittman bestowed the Medallion on Veteran Residents of the United States Army, Marine Corps and Navy recently at the Providence Hospital Carroll Manor Nursing home in Washington, DC.

The Foundation further presented a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing the long and unique history of service to our Armed



Forces provided by Providence Hospital since it was founded in 1861 by the Daughters of Charity. Those early days of uncertainty from the Civil War through the most difficult periods of World War II, Providence Hospital provided unique medical support for our men and women in uniform and has continued in the care and tendering of the nation's Veterans.

History has indelibly recorded that the Daughters of Charity rendered their unselfish support by personal acts of heroism and sacrifice on the battlefields of this nation's wars.