



# CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION

*Perpetuating a legacy of Courage, Sacrifice and Patriotism*



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## **John G. Rangos, Sr. recognized as “Chairman Emeritus” by the Congressional Medal of Honor (CMOH) Foundation.**

*John Rangos recognized as the Founding Father of the Foundation dedicated to supporting the Medal of Honor Recipients and advancing their legacy of courage, sacrifice and patriotism.*

Washington, DC. – The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation (CMOHF) announced today that it has recognized John G. Rangos, Sr., as the first Foundation “Chairman Emeritus.”

The Board of Directors with a unanimous vote created the position and designated Mr. Rangos the first recipient at the Fall Board meeting held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Sept. 18-22, 2013.

“There would not be a Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation without John Rangos,” said General Tom Wilkerson, president and CEO of the Foundation. “We created the Chairman Emeritus position to acknowledge John’s vision, commitment and generosity in support of the Foundation Mission.”

Rangos, a successful businessman and international philanthropist, is a Korean War veteran and the architect of the CMOH Foundation. Nearly 15 years ago, Rangos met a Medal of Honor Recipient at the airport during a routine business trip. The Recipient, a Vietnam veteran, was traveling, at his own expense, to a speaking engagement to share his Medal of Honor story.

From this chance encounter, Rangos determined there was an urgent and unmet need to provide support for Medal of Honor recipients through their unique Society. He took immediate action, creating the CMOH Foundation in 1999 as a sustainable institution committed to supporting the Society of living Recipients and perpetuating their legacy of courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism.

Today, the CMOH Foundation is a vital organization, with a powerful board of directors representing a diverse cross-section of private and public leaders.

“Medal of Honor recipients are not heroes from the past; they are, in fact, the heroes of the future—a future they made possible. Their stories must be told and retold, so younger generations can appreciate, learn and apply those lessons going forward,” said Rangos.

The CMOHF Flagship program is its Medal of Honor Character Development Program, which integrates the ideals of courage and selfless service into middle and high school curricula to build character and to promote responsible citizenship.

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### **ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION –**

The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation was founded by the [Congressional Medal of Honor Society](#), which consists exclusively of the living Medal of Honor recipients. The Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit with Tax ID #25-1828488.

The Foundation, in conjunction with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, reaches out to the citizens of America, particularly its youth, to promote an awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism can challenge fate and change the course of history.

There are no better ambassadors to take this message to the American people than the Medal of Honor recipients themselves who embody these values through their incredible acts of bravery. The work of the Foundation is aimed at promoting awareness of what America’s highest military award for valor in combat represents.

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