

FOR U.S. VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I



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World War I 75th Anniversary Commemorative Medal

This medal is a replica of the Victory Medal that was awarded to U.S. servicemembers who served in World War I. It is a gift of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation to all living veterans of World War I.

The face of the medal, surrounded by a laurel wreath signifying honor, is encircled by a band bearing the inscription "75th Anniversary" at the top and "World War I" at the bottom. The band, in blue, indicates loyalty and devotion to duty.

The reverse side features a branch of oak, symbolic of strength, acknowledging the sacrifices and contributions of the veterans who fought in World War I. The inscription "They came on the wings of eagles" running along the bottom edge comes from the World War I American Memorial at Saint-Nazaire. A dedication "A Grateful Nation Remembers," with the dates "1918-93," marks the 75 years since the war's end. The attached ribbon is an adaptation of the rainbow design used for the World War I Victory Medal.

Each commemorative medal comes in its own dark blue presentation box with "United States of America" on the outside lid. The medal was commissioned and designed by the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation with technical assistance of the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry.

75th Anniversary of World War I Commemorative Medal Request

Mail to:
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
P.O. Box 27720
Washington, D.C. 20038-7720

Full Name: Tom Erickson Date: 10-24-93

Mailing Address: 745 140th Lane NW

City: Andover State: MN Zip: 55304

Telephone Number: (612) 757-8461 work 612-643-3006 Date of Birth: Feb 10, 1889

Branch of Service: US Army Service Serial Number: 2-109-938 C# 18-043-111

Social Security Number: 471-44-2616 Dates of Service: 9-20-17 to 8-4-19

Veteran's or Representative's Signature: David A. Erickson, grandson

*****Please attach a copy of your Certificate of Discharge if available*****



THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON

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This is in response to your request for the 75th Anniversary of World War I Medal, a gift of the Robert R. McCormick Tribune Foundation, of Chicago.

The Medal was established by the Foundation as a longevity award to honor living World War I veterans on the 75th anniversary of their distinguished service. I'm sorry the medal is not available to family members of deceased veterans.

To honor the World War I veterans who are no longer with us, we are proud to present the enclosed memorial certificate. I hope it helps to express my appreciation of the veteran's sacrifice and service, as I join a grateful nation in remembering.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jesse Brown".

Jesse Brown



United States of America

75th Anniversary of World War I Certificate of Appreciation

Presented in memory of

Tom Erickson

*whose distinguished service and personal sacrifice
during World War I preserved our freedom,
strengthened our democracy and supported our allies.*

A grateful Nation remembers.

November 11, 1993

Jesse Brown
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Secretary of Veterans Affairs