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SUBJECT: Medal of Honor Awardees

With immense pride and gratitude, I am honored to share the news that in a prestigious ceremony at the White House this afternoon, President Joe Biden will award the Medal of Honor to Kenneth J. David, adjutant of DAV Chapter 11 in Girard, Ohio, upgrading his previous Distinguished Service Cross to the nation's highest military decoration.

David, a decorated Army veteran, is recognized for his extraordinary courage and selflessness during the Vietnam War. His actions, celebrated for decades, represent the highest standards of valor under fire. The Medal of Honor citation recounts his heroic efforts during a perilous engagement, where he repeatedly risked his life to save fellow soldiers under heavy enemy fire, securing their survival.

At the same ceremony, the late Fred B. McGee, an Army veteran of the Korean War and a DAV member from Smithfield, Ohio, will be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

McGee, who passed away in 2002, was previously recognized with the Silver Star for his extraordinary bravery. During an overwhelming enemy attack, despite being wounded, he stayed behind to defend his fellow soldiers after the order to withdraw was issued. His family accepted the Medal of Honor on his behalf, ensuring his legacy endures as a testament to heroism and sacrifice.

These dual honors highlight the ongoing efforts to ensure all veterans receive the recognition they so richly deserve. The stories of Kenneth J. David and Fred B. McGee serve as powerful reminders of the enduring sacrifices made by those who wear our nation's uniform.

Tune in to the live [White House stream](#) at 5:00 pm EST today to watch the medal ceremony.

For more information on Kenneth J. David's heroic actions, [click here](#). To learn more about Fred B. McGee, [click here](#).

Please join me in celebrating these remarkable individuals and their indelible impact on our nation's history.

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