

California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection



MEDAL OF VALOR ABOVE AND BEYOND

The Medal of Valor is the highest honor bestowed by the State of California. The purpose of this award is to recognize State employees for extraordinary service. Recipients of the Medal of Valor are employees who have performed an extraordinary act of heroism far above and beyond the normal call of duty. They have put their lives at risk to render assistance to save human life or state property – sometimes the lives of civilians and sometimes the lives of their own colleagues. They have demonstrated acts of bravery and shown courage in the face of adversity. These CAL FIRE members have been honored with the Medal of Valor. (Listed Alphabetically)

James F. Allen 2008
Mort Allen 1998
Tena G. Anderson 2006
Dan Angel 1980
Eric R. Ayers 2008
Gene Bach 1998
Denis M. Boren 2003
Jacklyn Bowes 2007
Michael L. Brunson 2003
Corey Call 2008
Jack E. Campbell 1970
Louis Cannata 1993
Paul J. Carlos 2003
Michael A. Carr 2003
Raymond Chaney 2006
William C. Clark 1977
Bill Clayton 1998 & 2006
Robert Dashiell 1984
Kelley DeGifford 2007
James D. Dougherty 1970
Vernon L. Dupper 1959
Ken Eller 1987
Bill Fisher 1998
Felipe Gomez 2003
Robert F. Green 2006
Wesley D. Grim 2008
Stephen C. Guarino 2009
John Guhl 2008
Joe G. Haggard 1967
Kenneth Hamilton 1970
Dave Harden 1984
Mike Harkness 1998
Jeffrey M. Hawkins 2003
Charles M. Heinback, Jr. 1986
Franklin T. Johnson 2008



David W. Junette 2006
Thomas J. Kennelly 1959
Will Krings 2003
Lynne Lenell 1998
Ray Richard Little 1974
Neil Logan 1985
Timothy Main 2006
Tom (Harold) Mansur 1996
Bob Martinez 1996
William F. Mason 2006
James F. Mathias 2003
Thomas McConnel 2006
Andy McDaniel 1998
George McGuire 1970
Eric J. Miller 1993
Richard (Rick) Moore 2007
James C. Mower 1970
Mike Newel 1998
Sean P. Norman 2003
Don Norris 1991

Thomas W. Oldag 2003
Kevin O'Leary 2006
Flint Oliver 1996
Ignacio Otero Jr. 2007
Robert E. Paulus 2001
John A. Pfeifer 1962
Gerald Quigley 1970
James Rajskup 2006
James Rissmiller 2006
John Robbins 1984
Amador Rodriguez 1993
Ray Russell 1987
Darryl R. Sanford 2003
Joe Saunders 2003
Daniel W. Schott 1983
Chris Schrowe 1982
Carl Schwettmann, Jr. 2008
Joel Semple 1982
David Shew 2007
Michael Sifuentes 1995
John C. Sleppy 1969
Donald Smith 1994
William Smith 2007
Jack Story 1998
Delbert Tate 1970
Stephen Vaughn 1983
Mike Velasquez 1987
Dan Ward 1984
Joseph W. Waterman 2006
James R. Wattenburger 1989
Patti K. West 2006
Fredrick Westrip 2006
Donald Woods 1971
Jeff Young 2009
Bryan Zollner 1998