

## TRIBUTE TO OUR TROOPS HONOREE APPLICATION Proof of DD214 may be required prior to being honored; Please see reverse for sample biography APPLICANT INFORMATION NAME OF APPLICANT HOME TELEPHONE NO. **HOME ADDRESS** CITY STATE, ZIP CODE **EMAIL ADDRESS** HAVE YOU EVER LIVED IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO? IF YES, PLEASE LIST APPROXIMATE YEARS. WHAT LOCAL SCHOOLS DID YOU ATTEND? DID YOU ATTEND COLLEGE? IF YES, PLEASE LIST COLLEGE(S) AND THE DEGREE(S) YOU ACHIEVED. WHO IS YOUR CURRENT OR FORMER EMPLOYER? YEARS OF SERVICE **MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION** WHAT MILITARY BRANCH DID YOU SERVE? ☐ ARMY ☐ MARINE CORPS □ NAVY ☐ AIR FORCE COAST GUARD ☐ ARMY RESERVE ☐ MARINE CORPS RESERVE ☐ NAVY RESERVE ☐ AIR FORCE RESERVE COAST GUARD RESERVE ☐ ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ☐ AIR NATIONAL GUARD DATES AND/OR YEARS OF ACTIVE SERVICE DATES AND/OR YEARS OF RESERVE SERVICE HONORABLE DISCHARGE DATE HIGHEST RANK ACHIEVED MILITARY OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY (OPTIONAL) DIVISION/ UNIT SERVED (OPTIONAL) **OPERATIONS/ CAMPAIGNS SERVED** PERSONAL DECORATIONS (IF ANY) PLEASE LIST ANY ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO KNOW. ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS IN MILITARY INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS THAT HAVE SERVED IN THE MILITARY AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO BE HONORED? IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THEIR NAME(S) AND CONTACT INFORMATION. **SIGNATURE** *I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.* APPLICANT SIGNATURE NAME (PRINT) DATE **OFFICE USE ONLY** DD214 PROVIDED: YES / NO APPROVED / DENIED DATE HONORED:



**SAMPLE BIOGRAPHY** *Below, you will find a sample biography for purposes of our presentation.* 

Mr. Jose Smith was born in Pacoima in 1926. He attended local schools including San Fernando High School, and has lived in San Fernando for 50 years.

Mr. Smith was drafted into the United States Army in 1944, during World War II, and served for 26 months with the First Infantry Division, known as "The Big Red One".

As a rifleman in the infantry, Mr. Smith participated in combat in Northern France, Belgium, and Germany and was awarded several medals and commendations, including:

- The Victory Medal;
- The American Campaign Medal;
- The Good Conduct Medal;
- The Bronze Star for his gallantry in action;
- The European Theater Operations Commemorative Award with two battle stars;
- The Commemorative Battle of the Bulge Medal;
- The Combat Infantry Badge which was created in November 1943, during World War II to specifically recognize the inherent sacrifices of all infantrymen due to facing the greatest risk of being wounded or killed in action;
- Two Purple Hearts the first for being injured by a Model 24 Hand Grenade, known as a potato masher and the second Purple Heart was awarded for his injury during the Battle of the Bulge. On December 20, 1944, Mr. Smith was shot by a sniper using a dum-dum bullet; he laid injured, in the snow, for six hours before being rescued; and
- In 2012 Mr. Smith was awarded the French Legion of Honor Medal for his participation in the liberation of France during World War II. The French Legion of Honor is an order of distinction first established by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802, and is the highest decoration bestowed in France.

Mr. Smith has been married to his wife, Maria, for 50 years and they have five children, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.