

New Presentation Scheduled



The White House recently announced that that medically retired Marine Lance Cpl. William Kyle Carpenter will be awarded the Medal of Honor on June 19th for his actions during a November 2010 grenade attack in Afghanistan.

Carpenter was nominated for the nation's highest award for valor following reports that he covered a grenade to save the life of his friend, Lance Cpl. Nicholas Eufrazio, during an insurgent attack in the Marjah district of Helmand province as the two Marines were standing guard on a rooftop on Nov. 21, 2010. Carpenter and Eufrazio survived the blast, but suffered severe wounds. Carpenter lost an eye and most of his teeth and shattered his jaw; his arm was also broken in several places. Damage from shrapnel to the frontal lobe of Eufrazio's brain left him unable to speak for two years.

The Marine Corps investigation of the incident to determine whether Carpenter deserved the award was complicated by several factors: There were no other witnesses, Carpenter couldn't remember what happened because of trauma and Eufrazio was unable to speak until late 2012. After a long recovery and more than 30 surgeries, Carpenter ran the Marine Corps Marathon last year and posted a time of 4:28:42. ★

USS Somerset Pays Tribute to Somerset Recipients
submitted by Harold Weigle

In March 2014, my wife and I attended a special commissioning dinner for the USS *Somerset*. I donated to the ship, framed displays of the Medal of Honor recipients who were born in Som-

erset county. After the commissioning, we took a tour of the USS *Somerset*, and the displays were already permanently mounted on the ship. What a fantastic feeling that was! Attached are pictures of the framed displays.



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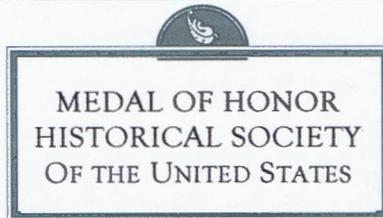


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