The Dorie Miller Medal of Honor Committee

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NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

March 25, 2022 - With the challenge of an unseasonable windchill, a crowd of legacy buffs and patriots gathered at Brandywine-Todd Memorial Park in Wilmington, Delaware to pay homage to African American recipients of the Medal of Honor (CMH). The ceremony in the park, home to the Memorial Monument to African American recipients of the CMH, extended its presentation to include the announcement of the Dorie Miller Medal of Honor Campaign. Miller, a mess attendant aboard the West Virginia Battleship at Pearl Harbor, distinguished himself in combat during the Japanese "sneak" attack. Nolan S. Lewis, Commander of NABVETS-Delaware and host for the ceremony, inspired the crowd stating, "the United States Congress will be enjoined to correct the oversight of Miller's valor and heroism and bestow upon him the prestigious Medal of Honor which he earned." Lewis, then, extolled the "virtues of Wilson K. Smith" and his "persistence and dedication" which resulted in this extraordinary recognition of African American Patriotism. "Without Mr. Smith, we would not be here today and you can be certain he's looking down upon this event with great pride." He then closed his remarks by encouraging all to take personal responsibility for securing the long overdue recognition for Miller. Lewis advised that for the duration of this campaign, The Dorie Miller Medal of Honor Committee will spearhead several events, including a press conference to announce the official launch of the National Dorie Miller Medal of Honor Campaign, in addition to information sessions, and community outreach initiatives.

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