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Summit County World War II veteran to receive France's highest honor

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A special presentation will be held to honor Arthur J. Dinkins of Akron for his service and actions during World War II. The 92-year-old veteran will be presented the Medal of Knight in the French Order of the Legion of Honor, the highest decoration from the Republic of France, during a ceremony at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2018, at Summit County Veterans Service Commission Hall, 1060 E. Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio 44306.

Maj. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio assistant adjutant general for Army, will present Dinkins with the medal. Harris will be joined by retired Col. Chip Tansill, director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. A ceremony chaired by the consul general of France in Chicago is also being organized for a later date.

Dinkins earned the award for his service in WWII in France. The award is a French order established by Napoleon Bonaparte on May 19, 1802. Dinkins is also a recipient of the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Good Conduct Medal and three Bronze Campaign Stars for service in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe. A native of Indiana, Dinkins enlisted in the U.S. Army during WWII at the age of 18. After the war, he transitioned to the U.S. Navy, where he served until he retired in 1975.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Media interested in attending should RSVP by Wednesday, March 21 at 10 a.m. to Stephanie Beougher, public information officer, at 614-506-3490 or stephanie.k.beougher.nfg@mail.mil.

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