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Citizen Service Before Self Honors and Mayor Sullivan **Now Accepting Nominations**

Nominate an Unsung Hero to Be a 2013 Recipient for One of the Highest Civilian Honors

WASHINGTON, September 26, 2012 – Mayor Dan Sullivan and The Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation today announced they are now accepting nominations for the *Citizen Service Before Self Honors*, which recognizes and honors those ordinary Americans who become extraordinary through their indomitable courage and selflessness.

Citizen Service Before Self Honors are unique, because they are presented to unsung heroes by our nation's most honored heroes—the fewer than 85 living recipients of our nation's highest award for valor—the Medal of Honor. The recipients comprise the Congressionally chartered Medal of Honor Society, which is one of the most exclusive societies.

Citizen Service Before Self Honorees represent the values of courage, sacrifice and selfless service. Mayor Sullivan and Medal of Honor recipients encourage individuals to nominate any United States civilian who has clearly demonstrated a willingness to sacrifice for others whether through a single act of extraordinary heroism at risk to one's life or through a prolonged series of selfless acts. The nominee's actions must epitomize the concept of "service before self" and must be performed "above and beyond" one's professional area of responsibility or conduct.

Citizens may submit an eligible nominee by completing the nomination form online via the *Citizen Service Before Self Honors* website, www.CitizenServiceBeforeSelfHonors.org. The nomination period ends on Friday, December 28, 2012.

A panel, to include Medal of Honor recipient representation, will consider all nominations and select national finalists. Finalists will be announced on Monday, March 11, 2013. From among those finalists, a second panel of Medal of Honor recipients will select three individuals to receive *Citizen Service Before Self Honors*. The recipients will be honored at a ceremony on Monday, March 25, 2013, in conjunction with National Medal of Honor Day. The ceremony will be held near the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery in Arlington, VA.

Profiles for each of the finalists will be available on the *Citizen Service Before Self Honors* website and each finalist will receive an embossed framed certificate signed by the President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society.

ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR SOCIETY

The [Congressional Medal of Honor Society](#) was chartered by Congress in 1958 to create a brotherhood among the living recipients, to protect and uphold the dignity of the Medal, to promote patriotism and love of country and to inspire our youth to become worthy, dedicated citizens of our country. It consists exclusively of the living [Medal of Honor](#) recipients. Today, there are fewer than 85 members, who come from all social classes and race, ethnic and economic backgrounds. They range in age from 24 to 95 and live in all areas of our country. For more information, visit www.cmohs.org.

ABOUT THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR FOUNDATION

The [Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation](#) is a non-profit organization founded by the [Congressional Medal of Honor Society](#) to perpetuate the [Medal of Honor](#)'s legacy of courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, and to promote American values through increased awareness, education, behavior and example. The [Foundation](#) supports the objectives, activities and outreach programs of the [Society](#), raises funds for initiatives that promote what the [Medal of Honor](#) represents, and operates the [Congressional Medal of Honor Society](#) headquarters and the public service activities of the [Society's](#) exclusive membership. For more information, please visit www.cmohfoundation.org.

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