

The
General Douglas A. MacArthur*
YOUTH AWARD
for
**Exemplary service to the
Youth of the State of New York**

This very distinguished award is presented to those who have given of themselves, that ultimate goal in life, serving our youth. The following facts may be used as a guide when presenting this award.

General MacArthur was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on January 26, 1880.

Was greatly influenced by his father Gen. Arthur MacArthur, also a famous general, who joined the Union Army at age 17 and fought in the Civil War. Won the Congressional Medal of Honor at Missionary Ridge in the battle of Chattanooga. Douglas MacArthur was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1942. This marked the only time the son of a Medal of Honor winner also won the medal.

Graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in 1903 as the top cadet in his class.

After graduating he spent the first year of his career mapping the Philippines.

In 1917, then Colonel MacArthur became Chief of Staff of the famous 42nd Rainbow Division. By 1918 he rose to the rank of Brigadier General. Here he won fame as a front-line General in France in the battles of Meuse-Argonne and Saint Mihiel. He was wounded three times, decorated 13 times, and cited for bravery in action seven times.

MacArthur was Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy in 1919. Was accredited with raising the academic standards and broadening the academy's curriculum.

In 1930, he became a Four Star General, named the Army Chief of Staff, the youngest in U.S. history.

From 1935 to 1941, MacArthur was the military advisor to the Philippines government. He was named Grand Field Marshall of the Philippines.

In March of 1942, President Roosevelt ordered MacArthur to Australia to become Allied Commander in the Southwest Pacific. This was done reluctantly of which he spoke many times. Thus he made that famous promise, "I shall return."

Became a Five Star General in 1944, and took command of the American army forces in the Pacific in 1945, and was his duty to receive the surrender of Japan aboard the battleship *Missouri*, September 1, 1945.

After the war, he became administrator to the military government in Japan. He introduced reforms which were designed to turn Japan into a democracy.

When the war started in Korea by the North Koreans invasion in 1950, MacArthur in addition to his occupation duties, became UN Commander in Korea. In 1951, he retired to private life.

General MacArthur died on April 5, 1964 at the age of 84 years.

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