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**Golden Valley High School to host Medal of Honor Recipient**

Golden Valley High School, in partnership with the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation (CMOHF), will host Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Leo Thorsness on Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Colonel Thorsness will share his powerful story with Golden Valley High School students as part of “Lessons of Personal Bravery and Self-Sacrifice,” a Character Development Program created by the CMOHF.

The Medal of Honor Character Development Program is a free teaching resource designed by teachers to provide students with opportunities to explore the important concepts of: Courage, Commitment, Sacrifice, Patriotism, Integrity, and Citizenship.

While drawn from the personal accounts of our living Medal of Honor recipients, this collection of lesson plans does not glorify or glamorize war. On the contrary, these dramatic "living histories" and the accompanying instructional activities encourage students to consider courage from their own perspectives.

As the flagship education initiative of the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation, the Character Development Program is the legacy of the Medal of Honor recipients, who view the program as the way they can inspire the youth of America to be great citizens of their communities, their country, and the world.

For the past two years, the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, whose mission is to develop proactive, informed, educated, and conscientious citizens and leaders, has worked with the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation to share the stories of Medal of Honor Recipients with Southern California educators and students, and to help fulfill the vital civic mission of schools.

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