



Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is the highest honor the State of California bestows upon its employees. The purpose of the award is to recognize state employees for extraordinary service, either on or off duty. Recipients of the Medal of Valor are employees who have performed an extraordinary act of heroism extending far above and beyond the normal call of duty or service. They have put their lives at risk to render assistance to save human life or state property – sometimes the lives of civilians and sometimes the lives of their own colleagues. They have demonstrated acts of bravery and shown courage in the face of adversity.

Frank Abril 2010
 James F. Allen 2008
 Mort Allen 1998
 Tena G. Anderson 2006
 Dan Angel 1980
 Eric R. Ayers 2008 & 2022
 Gene Bach 1998
 Jake Bibby 2022
 Denis M. Boren 2003
 Jacklyn Bowes 2007
 Steven Wayne Blythe, Jr 2010
 Michael L. Brunson 2003
 Chad Burns 2021
 Corey Call 2008
 Brian Cali, 2015
 Jack E. Campbell 1970
 Louis Cannata 1993
 Paul J. Carlos 2003
 Michael A. Carr 2003
 Raymond Chaney 2006
 Robert Chesnick, 2015
 William C. Clark 1977
 Bill Clayton 1998 & 2006
 Eric Connolly 2010
 Tom Crass 2022
 Robert Dashiell 1984
 Kelley DeGifford 2007
 Dave DeLeon 2010
 Omar Desiderio 2022
 James D. Dougherty 1970
 Vernon L. Dupper 1959
 Jason Dyer 2021
 Jeff Edson 2020
 Kyle Joseph Efflandt 2010



Ron Eldridge 2010
 Ken Eller 1987
 Bill Fisher 1998
 Steven Gallegos 2017
 Rickey Lee Gibble 2010
 Felipe Gomez 2003
 Jared Gotro 2022
 Robert F. Green 2006
 Wesley D. Grim 2008
 Stephen C. Guarino 2009
 John Guhl 2008
 John D. Guthrie 2016
 Joe G. Haggard 1967
 Kenneth Hamilton 1970
 Dave Harden 1984
 Mike Harkness 1998
 Jeffrey M. Hawkins 2003
 Sims Hawkins 2020
 Charles M. Heinback, Jr. 1986
 Ryan John Hollowell 2010
 Elliot Hopkins 2020

Rhett Imperiale 2010
 Franklin T. Johnson 2008
 David W. Junette 2006
 Joe Kennedy 2020
 Thomas J. Kennelly 1959
 Will Krings 2003
 Lynne Lenell 1998
 Ray Richard Little 1974
 Barbara Loescher 2022
 Neil Logan 1985
 Nicholas Lopes 2020
 Douglas Mackey 2016
 Timothy Main 2006
 Tom (Harold) Mansur 1996
 Elizabeth Marks 2015
 Bob Martinez 1996
 William F. Mason 2006
 James F. Mathias 2003
 Thomas McConnel 2006
 Kurt McCray 2010
 Andy McDaniel 1998
 George McGuire 1970
 Paul Melendrez 2019
 John Messina 2016
 Eric J. Miller 1993
 Johnny Miller 2016
 Jason Moorhouse 2015
 Richard (Rick) Moore 2007
 Alfonso Moreno 2022
 James C. Mower 1970
 Mike Newel 1998
 Martin Newman 2022
 Len Nielson 2010
 Sean P. Norman 2003

Don Norris 1991

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Thomas W. Oldag 2003
Kevin O'Leary 2006
Flint Oliver 1996
Ignacio Otero Jr. 2007
Jason Patterson 2015
Robert E. Paulus 2001
John A. Pfeifer 1962
Joshua Potter 2015
Gerald Quigley 1970
James Rajskep 2006
Shawn Raley 2020
Matthew Reischman 2015
Adam Ricketts 2010
James Rissmiller 2006
John Robbins 1984
Mark Rodgers 2010
Amador Rodriguez 1993
Robert Rubalcava 2022
Ray Russell 1987
Darryl R. Sanford 2003
Chuck Santone 2010
Joe Saunders 2003
Justin Schmollinger 2016
Daniel W. Schott 1983
Erich Schwab 2020
Chris Schrowe 1982
Carl Schwettmann, Jr. 2008
Joel Semple 1982
David Shew 2007
Michael Sifuentes 1995
John C. Sleppy 1969
Donald Smith 1994
William Smith 2007
Cory Souza 2022
Darren Stewart 2020
Jack Story 1998
Alfredo Danny Suarez 2010
Delbert Tate 1970
Craig Tolmie 2010
Emilio Valencia 2016
Steven Van Heertum 2017
Byron Vance 2020
Stephen Vaughn 1983

Mike Velasquez 1987
Ryan Wallace 2022
Joseph Walton 2015
Dan Ward 1984
Joseph W. Waterman 2006
James R. Wattenburger 1989
Patti K. West 2006
Fredrick Westrip 2006
Christopher Wetzel 2019
Joshpae White 2015
Tyler Williams 2022
Donald Woods 1971
Jim Wright 2016
Jeff Young 2009
Bryan Zollner 1998