



COMMUNICATION TO SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PARENTS

The Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus has the honor of hosting this year's Congressional Medal of Honor Society Memorial Service on Thursday, September 8th.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society is made up exclusively of the living recipients of the Medal of Honor – our Nation and military's highest award for valor.

The Memorial Service is a solemn ceremony whereby the living Medal of Honor recipients memorialize the recipients that have passed away in the last year and those that have been awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously in the last year. In attendance at this year's Memorial Service will be over 40 of the 65 living Medal of Honor Recipients.

Weather permitting, prior to the ceremony beginning, the Golden Knights, the US Army's premier parachute demonstration team, will perform a jump for the teachers and students to bring the American and Congressional Medal of Honor Society flags to the school. The Golden Knights and the students will then raise both flags in front of the Cathedral.

Soldiers from the Tennessee National Guard will also be participating in the Memorial Service. As such, you will notice a large military presence on campus in the morning at drop-off. In addition to a visible presence of soldiers, you will likely notice three 75 mm pack howitzers on the yard in front of the Cathedral. I assure you nothing is wrong! These howitzers will be used to salute the Medal of Honor Recipients during the ceremony.

In addition to the howitzer salute, the Tennessee National Guard will be performing a flyover with six UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. Students and teachers will be invited to watch the flyover.

This is a great honor for the Cathedral and most certainly will be a great experience for our teachers and students.