

WWII Medic Joe Consiglio to receive French Legion of Honor Medal



It was early February 1945, following his service on the front lines of the Battle of the Bulge, when combat medic Cpl. Joe Consiglio entered once again into front-line combat with the 289th Regiment of the 75th Infantry Division, fighting side by side with the French First Army to liberate the City of Colmar from the last Nazi stronghold on French soil.

By decree of President Nicolas Sarkozy of the French Republic, Mr. Consiglio is to receive his appointment as a “Chevalier” of the Legion of Honor for his contribution to the liberation of France during the Battle of the Colmar Pocket in World War II.

How fitting it is for Mr. Consiglio to receive this great honor at the site of Old Fort Niagara - not only is it an historic French Fort, but also the very place where he first entered his military service in 1943.

Please join the Consiglio family as Mr. Pascal Soares, Honorary French Consulate, bestows the French Medal Insignia on Mr. Consiglio -- Saturday, July 14, 2012 at 3PM, Old Fort Niagara Visitors Center Theatre.

