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ELEVEN SERVICE CROSS RECIPIENTS SCHEDULED FOR INDUCTION SATURDAY AT LOUISIANA MILITARY HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM

Secretary of State Tom Schedler and the Friends of the Louisiana Military Hall of Fame and Museum are inviting the public to attend the sixth induction ceremony at the museum located at 911 Revis Sirmon Loop in Abbeville on Saturday, May 26 at 2 p.m. First Assistant Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin will welcome guests to the ceremony to honor the 11 Louisiana service cross recipients who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Inductees are:
- Gen. Robert H. Barrow, U.S. Marine Corps, Distinguished Service Cross and Navy Cross, from St. Francisville
- Platoon Sgt. Thomas E. Barrow, U.S. Marine Corps, Navy Cross, from Benton
- Pfc. William C. Bird, U.S. Marine Corps, Navy Cross, from Benton
- Master Sgt. Charles L. Creger, U.S. Army, Distinguished Service Cross, from Caddo
- Cpl. Brian James Gauthier, U.S. Marine Corps, Navy Cross, from Mansura
- Lance Cpl. George E. Gray, U.S. Marine Corps, Navy Cross, from Shreveport
- Lt. Elbert Stewart Heim, U.S. Navy-Reserve, Navy Cross, from Bossier
- James R. Hudspeth, U.S. Army, Distinguished Service Cross
- 1st Sgt. David Mitchell Kaufman, U.S. Marine Corps, Navy Cross, from Plaquemine

Each branch awards their service cross members who have demonstrated extreme valor in the face of an armed enemy. These awards are second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Family members, friends and guests from throughout the United States will attend. Admission is free. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. For more information, contact Crystal Mouton at 337.898.9645 or 337.652.2751 or email crystal.mouton@sos.la.gov.