

ANNOUNCING THE AWARD OF THE USPSC DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

AUGUST 18, 2026

*Honoring extraordinary courage, selfless service, and
enduring contributions to the security and values
of the United States.*

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PFC OLIVER SIPPLE

**FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS
IN SAVING PRESIDENT FORD'S LIFE**

San Francisco, California — September 22, 1975

By instinct and courage, PFC Oliver Sipple disarmed an assassin and likely saved the life of President Gerald R. Ford. His selfless act remains an inspiration of bravery and citizenship.



*"My sexual orientation has nothing
at all to do with saving the President's life."*

Oliver Sipple, Press Conference, Sept. 25, 1975

AMERICA
250
1776-2026

SUBJECT OF AN AMERICA 250 NEW EXHIBIT & SPEECH

Honoring a true American hero as part of the
nation's 250th anniversary celebration.



SPECIAL RECORDING

A recording was made in the
European Union on August 18, 2026,
with Elaine Godley to accompany the
legacy of Oliver Sipple.



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A permanent tribute to courage
laid in stone at the United States
Presidential Service Center.



A DAY TO REMEMBER

- ✓ Ceremonies & Honors
- ✓ Inspirational Speakers
- ✓ Patriotic Music
- ✓ Buffet Reception
- ✓ Chrome Shovel Ceremony



WHY THIS MATTERS

This award and tribute honor the timeless values
of bravery, integrity, and service that define
the American spirit—and inspire future
generations to act with courage and
compassion when it matters most.

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**HONORING HEROES.
PRESERVING HISTORY.
INSPIRING AMERICA.**

ABOUT THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

The Distinguished Service Medal recognizes
individuals whose exceptional actions have
advanced the safety, security, and
principles of the United States and
made a lasting impact on history.

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