

# President Harry S. Truman Presents Medal of Honor to Recipient



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## **Description**

President Harry S. Truman (center at podium) is shown preparing to present the Congressional Medal of Honor to Commander Richard H. O'Kane, Dover, New Hampshire, for bravery shown as commander of the submarine the USS Tang during battle near the Philippine Islands on October 23-24, 1944. The event was held on the White House lawn. Standing on the left is President Truman's Military Aide Harry Vaughan. Standing directly behind Truman is Captain James Vardaman, Naval Aide and to his right is Admiral William Leahy. Ceremonies were held on the White House south grounds in order that they may be witnessed by two bus-loads of disabled veterans who had planned to see the White House grounds from bus.

## **Date(s)**

March 27, 1946

8x10 inches (21x26 cm) Black & White

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Presidential advisors Presidents World War, 1939-1945 Medal of Honor

**People Pictured** Leahy, William D. (William Daniel), 1875-1959 Vardaman, James K. (James Kimble), 1894-1972  
Vaughan, Harry H., 1893-1981 Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972

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