



## Description

In a group medal presentation ceremony held in the White House south grounds garden, President Harry S. Truman awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor to four U.S. Army men and one U.S. Marine. Pictured here sharing a handshake after the ceremony are left to right: Sergeant Alejandro R. Ruiz, Barstow, Texas; Technical Sergeant Beauford T. Anderson, Soldiers Grove, Wisconsin; Private First Class Dirk J. Vlug, Grand Rapids, Michigan; President Truman; Technical Sergeant John Meagher, Jersey City, New Jersey; and First Lieutenant John H. Leims, United States Marine Corps, Chicago, Illinois. These men were honored for their efforts in fighting on Okinawa and Iwo Jima during World War II.

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**People Pictured** Truman, Harry S., 1884-1972    Vlug, Dirk John, 1916-1996    Ruiz, Alejandro Renteria, 1923-2009  
Anderson, Beauford Theodore, 1922-1996    Leims, John Harold, 1921-1985    Meagher, John William, 1917-1996

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