

# THE IMMORTAL CHAPLAINS FOUNDATION

## THE PRIZE FOR HUMANITY & INTERFAITH MEMORIAL SANCTUARY

An international effort honoring individuals whose lives exemplify compassion in the face of adversity

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Dear Friend of 'These Immortal Chaplains',

The current economy is top of everyone's mind at this time. In light of this, our Board decided in our November 3rd meeting that it would not be prudent to hold an event this coming February because of the current fragile financial circumstances for all of us. Moreover, our Foundation expenses will be increasing as we experience a rise in rent on the *Queen Mary* beginning in January.



Painter Dick Levesque with original painting of sinking *Dorchester* - now in ICF office on QM

documentary and a moving display of artifacts presented to the Foundation by survivors, friends and families of those who perished. **2009** marks the **66th** anniversary year of the sinking of the *Dorchester* and the self-sacrifice of the four Immortal Chaplains to save others on **February 3, 1943**. They gave up their own life jackets and died with some 670 others who are memorialized on the *Queen Mary* in the *Interfaith Memorial Sanctuary*. (Serendipitously, the QM also transported the surviving crew of U-boat 223 - which sank the *Dorchester* a year earlier - back to the US as POWs. The surviving First Officer sent us his service cap to honor the chaplains and all those who died.)

And our Foundation work continues. We are expanding our partnerships through an on-going dialog with the new **National World War II** Museum in New Orleans ([www.nationalww2museum.org](http://www.nationalww2museum.org)). We are hopeful of being a part of their new vision in memorializing WWII and having plans to share with you in the future.

We are also continuing to work with Congressman **Bob Filner**, House Veterans Affairs Chairman, and other members of Congress, to permanently establish **February 3rd** as **"Immortal Four Chaplains Day** - a National Day to remember compassion for others of different faith or ethnicity." The incoming Barack Obama administration is also involved and letters to your Representatives and Senators in support of this Bill are still needed. We are hopeful that a signing ceremony for this will be arranged in the future and that a presentation of **The Prize for Humanity** will be held at that time.

As you prioritize your spending now, please remember that this foundation has only you as its sole means of support. The enclosed return envelope provides an opportunity to sustain this work of compassion for others.

Gratefully - In Interfaith Action,

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Copy of Old Pentagon Chapel stained-glass window - now in *Queen Mary* sanctuary



Onboard entry to Interfaith Memorial Sanctuary on *Queen Mary*, Long Beach, California (See AAA Guide to So California for visiting details)