

HCR

17

Alaska State Legislature

Representative Milo Fritz
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House of Representatives

MILO FRITZ

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Vic Fischer, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Milo H. Fritz *MHF*

DATE: May 4, 1983

RE: HCR 17, "State Medal of Heroism"
HCR 18, "Display Flags"

Please schedule HCR 17 and HCR 18 as soon as is convenient. HCR 17 asks that the names of the recipients of the State Medal of Heroism be publicly shown.

HCR 18 asks that the Governor direct that the flags at State institutions be flown according to AS 44.09.030 and flag etiquette.

Your consideration would be appreciated.

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Milo - will schedule after we've dealt with several senate bills that need to be moved over to the House.

Vic 5-4-83

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FISCAL NOTE

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No. HCR - 17
 Title An Act relating to the state medal for heriosm.
 Requested by House HESS Date 2/18/83

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected Department of Education
 Program Category Affected Elementary and Secondary Education
 BRU, Program, Or Subprogram(s) Affected State Libraries
 (Note: If more than one budget component is affected, separate line-item amounts and funding for each component in the analysis section.)

EXPENDITURES (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 COMMODITIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-		

FUNDING (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source)						
OPERATING						
CAPITAL						

POSITIONS
N/A

FULL TIME						
PART TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instruction, Section III)

THIS FISCAL NOTE IS PRESENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

This bill has no fiscal impact on this department.

Steve Hole

MEMBER

TENTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE
 ELEVENTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE
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 THIRTEENTH ALASKA LEGISLATURE



SENATOR TIM KELLY

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Anchorage Daily News Wednesday, April 6, 1983

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Bartenders want drinking age set at 21

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The national Bartenders union has called for all states to raise the legal drinking age to 21 in an effort to reduce traffic deaths caused by drunken driving.

"I know this might sound strange since many of our union members make their living from serving booze," said Herman Leavitt, general secretary-treasurer of the 400,000-member union, headquartered in Cincinnati.

"But we have to look at recent statistics which show a great percentage of the

deaths caused by drunk driving are in the 16-19 age group," he said.

The union's executive board voted Tuesday to endorse raising the drinking age because little is being done by other groups, Leavitt said.

"The only group that is doing anything is MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers). I think it is time a union such as ours takes a stand. Who else is doing anything? We have congressmen and policemen getting caught driving while drunk," he said.

Leavitt said the union also believes that information about drunken driving should be included in driver education programs.

Ed Earnhart
1043 W. 74th Ave.
Anchorage 99502

April 10, 1983

The Honorable Victor Fischer, Chairman
State Affairs Committee
Alaska State Senate

Chairman Fischer:

The moving and thoughtful testimony and comments at yesterday's hearing in Anchorage was a valuable experience for all of us in attendance.

My comments, originally intended for oral presentation, are as follow:

1. The first principle, ~~the~~ general principle that is, should be social responsibility. On this basis, I hope you will consider some form of dram shop law, mandatory insurance, and whatever penalties are possible for those, who, taking no responsibility for being their brother's keeper fail to take any measures to prevent the drunk from driving his, or their car.
2. I support raising the drinking age to 21. This must be coupled with enforceable responsibility of those who would provide alcohol to those under 21.
3. A maximum of clear-cut administrative procedures should be utilized for suspension or revocation. Driving a vehicle and drinking are not defensible as constitutional rights and court proceedings are more and more expensive. Appeal should be made as unattractive as possible. (I need enter the notation that I fully endorse court costs being paid by the defendant, *with appropriate administrative arrangements to avoid excessive collection costs.*)

In summary, we live in a society characterized by an excessive spirit of individual rights relative to any sense of social responsibility. I don't believe using such as mechanical gimmicks to impede the drunk from starting his car are worth trying. We must reach, and continue to reach, a public conscience, or ~~at~~ at least the threat to the purse and freedom, which will impel parents, friends, and acquaintances to do most of the controlling of the drinker.

I support the main provisions of House Bill 17 (drinking age to 21); Senate Bill 61 (confiscation of cars); and mandatory insurance. An amendment, or new bill is needed to tie responsibility to the providers and purveyors.

Respectfully Yours
Ed Earnhart

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I'm Heather Corrine
about changing the drinking
age. I have heard kids
that are in schools say
that they will get
passed some way ^{and} know they can
I am 19 years old. I do
don't feel I abuse my
right to drink. I do
not like to drive when
~~I am drunk~~ drink. I ~~know~~
know that there is
always that chance I
will screw up. I don't
really see what the age
has to do with it if
you don't want drunk
drivers can drinking to
all ages. — the majority of
DWI's are over 21 years old —

Thank you.

If you are worried about the
people ~~at~~ 19 and under treat
the 16 and up DWI's like
~~adult~~ adults.

TELEGRAM

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JUNEAU 995

HAVE JUST COMPLETED EXTENSIVE IN-STORE SURVEY OF ELEVEN
LOCATIONS, ANCHORAGE, FAIRBANKS, KENAI AND EAGLE RIVER.
BASED ON RESULTS STRONGLY OPPOSE PASSAGE OF 21 YEAR OLD
DRINKING AGE THIS SESSION, MORE STUDY AND REVIEW
NECESSARY.

JOSEPH P. WILEY

BOX 10-2107

ANCHORAGE AK 99511

James S. Kemper, Jr.
Chairman of the Board

Long Grove, IL 60049 312/540-2531

March 31, 1983

Dear Friend:

Through the attached survey, we are attempting to assemble the informed opinion of knowledgeable persons regarding the most effective methods of mitigating the DUI problem. We hope to help establish priorities for all of us involved in combating the problem.

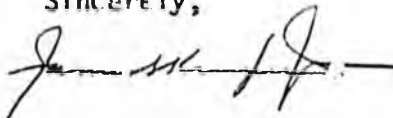
Survey participants are members of influential groups concerned about drunk driving: citizen activists; law enforcement officials; academics; regulators/legislators; industry leaders, etc.

We will publish survey results in Kemper's Public Affairs Newsletter. Copies of the newsletter will be sent to all survey participants.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the attached form. For each returned completed survey, Kemper will donate one dollar to Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD). Responses will be kept confidential. Please return the survey promptly.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,



James S. Kemper, Jr.

Encl.

HCR 17 TITLE & SPONSOR SUMMARY
AMENDED TITLE: CSHCR 17(HESS)
RELATING TO STATE MEDAL OF HEROISM

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PRIME SPONSOR: FRITZ.

CO-SPONSORS:

CURRENT STATUS: 4/28/83 IN (S) STATE AFFAI

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04/27/83 05 1064 SECOND READING
04/27/83 06 1064 HESS CS ADOPTED BY UNAN CONSENT
04/27/83 07 1065 PASSED BY DIV 37-00-03
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HCR 17 SENATE ACTION

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

04/28/83 08 0829 FIRST READING -- COMMITTEE REPORTS
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Alaska State Library
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

JAN 20 '83

TO: Dr. Milo Fritz
House of Representatives
Alaska State Legislature

DATE: January 26, 1983

FILE NO:

TELEPHONE NO: 465-2926

FROM: Phyllis DeMuth *PD*
Head, Reader Services
Alaska State Library

SUBJECT: State Medal for Heroism

Enclosed is the information on the medal and its recipients that could be compiled from existing files in the library and Alaska State Archives. There was no established pattern for announcing or presenting the award, which was left to the discretion of each governor - letter, certificate or both. Issuance of the award was not always accompanied by a news release. The medals for heroism are kept in the governor's office.

The information that has been located at your request will be submitted to the compilers of ALASKA BLUE BOOK. This would seem to be a good place to maintain a record of those honored for heroism. It does seem to need more visibility. This may also bring to light any recipients that may have been left out.

It was nice to hear of your election and return to the legislature. The Report of the Subcommittee of Communications you chaired and placed here has been useful. Please let me know if I can be of further help, or if you would like to see the library after some years away.

STATE MEDAL FOR HEROISM

Alaska Statute. Sec. 44.09.090. State medal for heroism.

(a) The governor is authorized to award a state medal for heroism directly or posthumously to any citizen of the state in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed performed by him in the saving of a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or death incurred by him in the service of the state or his community or on behalf of the health, welfare or safety of other persons. The medal shall be awarded by the governor with an appropriate ceremony.

(b) The governor shall make arrangements for the designing of the medal for heroism through a statewide design competition participated in by the school children of the state. (P 1 ch 12 SLA 1965)

History

On October 27, 1965, a news release from Governor William A. Egan extended an invitation to all Alaska school students (grades 1 - 12) to submit designs for a state heroism medal with a design deadline of December 1, 1965. The following individuals served on the committee to pick the winning design: Brig. General William S. Elmore, Rear Admiral J. D. Synon, Joseph Briones, Thomas Morgan, and Capt. George R. Boyce, Jr.

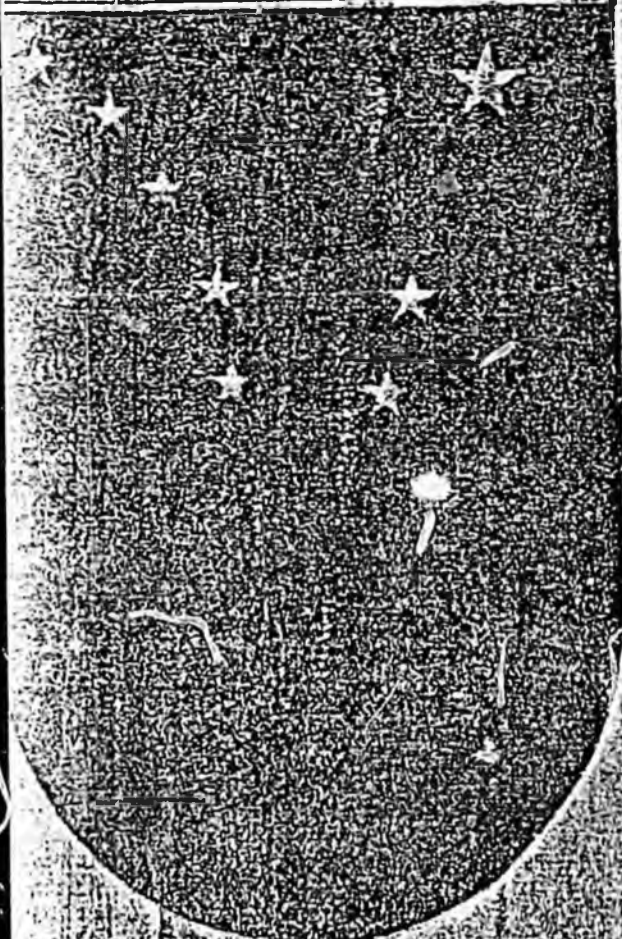
Kathy Shapley, a 16 year old Craig student, submitted the winning design of out-stretched hands to the aid of another. The gold medal includes the words, "State of Alaska Award for Bravery - Heroism for Lending a Hand to your Fellow Man." The medal is suspended from a blue ribbon with the Big Dipper and the North Star in gold.

(Juneau Alaska Empire, March 11, 1966)

Recipients of the Medal for Heroism

- 1968 (letter, October 22) Prinzing, Randy Blake (Soldotna)
- 1971 (December 8) Davis, Nancy (Seattle - Wien stewardess)
- 1972 (June 27 news-release) Stone, Jeffrey (Fairbanks)
- 1975 (certificate, September 5) Trooper Gilbert Pelwook and the village of Gambell
- 1978 (letter, January 17, 1978) George Jackinsky (Kasilof)
- 1980 (letter, March 7) Mike Hancock (Lima, Ohio)

ALASKA



Juneau Alaska Empire, Friday, March 11, 1966

Craig Girl, 16 Wins Medal Design Award

Sixteen-year-old Kathy Shapley, of Craig, Alaska, has made a contribution to the State of Alaska which will probably make her name as familiar to all of us as that of the designer of our flag—Benny Benson. Her design for the State Medal of Heroism has been chosen out of 429 entries.

The design competition was conducted in all the schools of Alaska, and was open to any student from the first through the 12th grade. Chapter 12 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1965, which created the medal and directed the Governor to conduct the competition, authorizes the medal to be presented to an Alaskan "in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed performed by him in the saving of a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or death

incurred by him in the service of the State or his community or on behalf of the health, welfare or safety of other persons."

Kathy's design was chosen by a committee composed of Brig. Gen. William S. Elmore, the state's adjutant general; Joseph Briones, American Legion service officer; Thomas Morgan, Juneau businessman; and Capt. George R. Boyce Jr., of the U. S. Coast Guard.

In a letter to the Craig ninth grader, Gov. William A. Egan said, "It is a truly outstanding design. Your use of the outstretched hands to depict one human being coming to the aid of another is very moving."

The gold medal will be suspended from a blue ribbon with the Big Dipper and the North Star in gold.



Winning Medal Design

March 7, 1980

Mr. Mike Hancock
800 1/2 East Elm
Lima, Ohio 45804

Dear Mr. Hancock: Dick Lafferty from his crashed airplane
at 7:15 Alaska on the morning of August 19, 1977 was

Enclosed is your citation and Alaska medal for bravery-
hercism for your heroic act on August 19, 1977, in which you
rescued Mr. Dick Lafferty from his crashed airplane.

I had hoped that I would have the opportunity to personally
make this presentation to you and regret that arrangements
could not be made. Rather than delaying further the pre-
sentation of your award which is long overdue, I am mailing
it to you. Your own
courage, but respect for him.

Congratulations on behalf of all Alaskans. You are most
deserving and it is my pleasure to make this presentation.
Your action was motivated by the highest and best interests
With kind regards, and contributions to a caring society.

On behalf of all Alaskans. Sincerely, Hammond, Governor of
the State of Alaska, respects you for your heroic act.

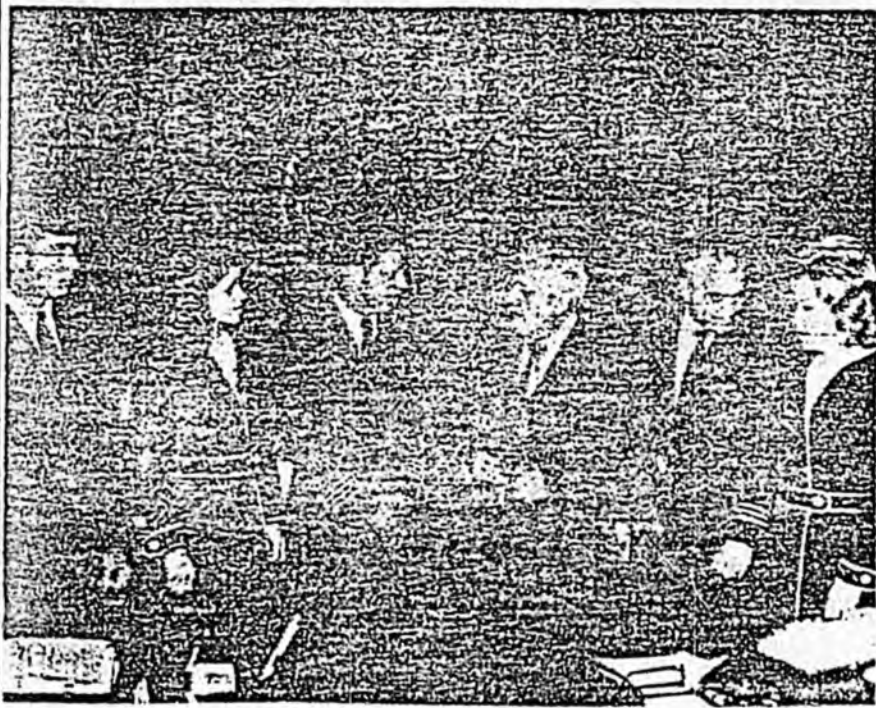
Respectfully,
Jay S. Hammond
Governor

Enclosure

bcc: Jessie Dodson
Commissioner Nix, Department of Public Safety
Mr. Dick Lafferty

JSH:GR:rs

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HEROISM AWARD—Wien crew members receive heroism award and citations from Governor William A. Egan. (L to R) Keith Forsgren, flight engineer, Nancy Davis, Don Peterson, pilot, Governor Egan, Ray Miller, first officer, and Margie Hertz, stewardess.

Wien Stewardess Receives Heroism Award From Egan

Governor William A. Egan presented the state's award for heroism and bravery Wednesday to Miss Nancy Davis, Wien Consolidated Airlines stewardess who convinced a man charged with hijacking a Wien jetliner on Oct. 19 to surrender to authorities.

In a late afternoon ceremony witnessed by about 30 persons, including the 21-year-old stewardess' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Davis of Seattle, Governor Egan pinned the medal on Miss Davis and praised her cool composure in the Oct. 19 ordeal as "a great display of bravery performed not only in the interest of herself and her fellow crew members but of all Alaskans as well." An accompanying certificate of commendation cited Miss Davis for "her lonely courage, her mastery of fear" and "her hope and concern for her fellow man."

Afterward, Miss Davis called the award "the

experience of a lifetime." As for the hijacking, she said: "No one would ever want to go through that kind of experience again. The crew was very fortunate."

Governor Egan also presented certificates of merit to the other crew members on the hijacked flight, Pilot Don Peterson, First Officer Ray Miller, Flight Engineer Keith Forsgren, and Stewardess Marge Hertz.

Those in Juneau for the ceremony included airline officials Sig Wien, board chairman, Ray Petersen, president, and Wyman R. Rice, vice president of operations; state Director of Aviation Victor Schmidt and Anchorage International Airport manager Jack Peck; and fellow Wien employees and family members.

They later were guests of Governor and Mrs. Egan at a dinner in honor of Miss Davis and the other crew members.

Southwest Alaska Empire
Dec 9, 1971

AWARD FOR BRAVERY-HEROISM

MIKE HANCOCK

Your rescue of Mr. Richard Lafferty from his crashed airplane at Kenai, Alaska on the morning of August 19, 1977 was accomplished at great personal risk to your own life and safety. The crash, which occurred under conditions of patchy ground fog, brought down high voltage power lines which increased the danger of fire at the accident site and, additionally, carried the threat of electrocution of would-be rescuers.

You acted quickly to save an injured man's life, without regard for your own life. Your act required not only courage, but respect for human life and compassion for your fellow man.

Your action was motivated by the highest and best instincts of an individual which contributes to a caring society.

On behalf of all Alaskans, I, Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the State of Alaska, commend you for your heroic act.

Dated: _____

1-4-77
See 17.

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

Gov. Jay S. Hammond

December 10, 1977

January 17, 1978

Commissioner

Department

Mr. George Jackinsky

Box 57

Kasilof, Alaska 99610

Dear Mr. Jackinsky: George Jackinsky's heroic action in saving
two occupants of a burning aircraft last August, it is
my intention to award you the state medal for heroism.

Alaska statutes say such an award may be presented by the
Governor... "In recognition of a valorous and heroic deed
performed... in the saving of a life..." The courage you
displayed in pulling Raymond Wright and John Nepple from
the burning wreckage of their plane certainly more than
qualifies for this award.

If possible, I would like to present the award to you in
Anchorage on February 10, as part of the annual awards
banquet of the Department of Public Safety. Bill McConkey,
Special Assistant in charge of my Anchorage Office, will
be happy to assist you with the arrangements for getting you
there. I'd appreciate it if you would please contact him
as soon as possible to work out the details. His phone
number is 272-1478. He is located at 338 Denali Street on
the seventh floor of the MacKay building in downtown Anchorage.

My thanks to you on behalf of the people of Alaska for your
unselfish display of heroism. I look forward to meeting
you on February 10th.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

cc: Commissioner Burton
Jessie Dodson
Bill McConkey

bcc: Bill McConkey - if Mr. Jackinsky cannot afford to travel
to Anchorage at his own expense, you are authorized to bring
him to Anchorage at state expense. Please work out the details
when he contacts you. - Jessie.

JSH:LH:vac

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February 1, 1978

Dean of Students
Seattle Pacific College
3307 Third Avenue, West
Seattle, Washington 98119

Dear Sir:

On Friday, February 10, 1978, Governor Hammond will be presenting the state's appreciation and commendations to Mr. George Jackinsky and his children, Jon and Lisa, for their act of heroism in rescuing two men from a crashed burning airplane.

At very real risks to their own lives, they pulled the two men from the plane seconds before it exploded.

I would certainly hope that University policy will allow an excused absence for Lisa Jackinsky on Friday, February 10, 1978, for this awards ceremony.

Sincerely,

William C. McConkey
Special Assistant
to the Governor

bcc: Mr. George Jackinsky
Box 57
Kasilof, Alaska 99610

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Lieutenant D. R. Lawrence
Commander
D Detachment

October 17, 1977

Sergeant M. S. Radisch WAP
Supervisor
Soldotna Post

Jackinsky Recommendation

On August 5, 1977 at 10:00P.M. State Troopers responded to an aircraft accident near Kasilof Air Port. The plane, a Beach 18 #N28536, was bound for a Kasilof Cannery with a load of fish for Tyonek. There was a miscalculation upon approach to the airport and the pilot was unable to correct the situation, crashing into the trees as he was attempting to gain altitude.

Mr. George Jackinsky, a resident of the area, responded to the crash and with disregard to his own personal safety, entered the burning aircraft and pulled co-pilot Raymond Wright from the plane and dragged him to a location approx. 100 feet, in a wooded area. Then upon hearing the cries of a second person, Mr. Jackinsky reentered the plane to carry pilot John Nepple from the aircraft to the location of the first victim.

Had it not been for the actions of Mr. Jackinsky, there is no question that both Mr. Wright and Mr. Nepple would have perished in the aircraft as the aircraft was totally destroyed by the fire. My personal observations at the scene indicated the aircraft was in flames. Without one walking directly up to the remains of the plane it would be next to impossible to discern which was the cockpit area, let alone pull the victims from the aircraft. Mr. Jackinsky was observed at the scene and appeared near exhaustion.

I highly recommend that Mr. Jackinsky be duly commended for his bravery and disregard for his own life in pulling the victims from the aircraft. His actions should be called to the Governor's attention so that proper commendation might be made. Mr. Jackinsky resides at Box 57, Kasilof. He is 59 years of age.

MSR/mh

February 1, 1978

Mr. D. H. Deutschlander
Principal
Kenai High School
Kenai, Alaska 99611

Dear Mr. Deutschlander:

On Friday, February 10, 1978, Governor Hammond will be presenting the state's appreciation and commendations to Mr. George Jackinsky and his children, Jon and Lisa, for their act of heroism on rescuing two men from a crashed burning airplane.

At very special risks to their own lives, they pulled two men from the plane seconds before it exploded.

I would certainly hope that the school policy will allow an excused absence for Jon Jackinsky on Friday, February 10, 1978 for this awards ceremony.

Sincerely,

William C. McConkey
Special Assistant
to the Governor

BM:vac

bcc: Mr. George Jackinsky
Box 57
Kasilof, Alaska 99610

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September 4, 1975

Trooper Gilbert Pelowook
Alaska State Troopers
P.O. Box 112
Sovoonga, Alaska 99769

Dear Gil:

I am extremely proud of your heroic efforts in helping the accident victims in the August 30, plane crash on Saint Lawrence Island. Your efforts are a credit to the Department of Public Safety, Alaska State Troopers, to all of the citizens of Alaska, and to myself personally.

It speaks well of all Troopers when one member performs in such an exemplary manner. I am told through your individual efforts, many accident victims are today alive, who might otherwise have perished in the tragic accident.

For your outstanding efforts, I am pleased to present to you the STATE OF ALASKA AWARD FOR BRAVERY-HEROISM. You join a distinguished list of Alaskans who have shown their love for their fellow man through individual unselfish actions, often at their own great personal risk. For this, I commend you.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

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September 5, 1975

ALASKA AWARD FOR BRAVERY-HEROISM

We have many valuable resources in the State of Alaska, but by far the most prized is our people. Throughout our history, Alaska has had a number of severe disasters, including earthquakes, floods, wind storms, and fires. Some have affected whole sections of the State, some affected large cities, some affected individual towns. But regardless of the size of the disaster, or the number of people affected, Alaskans have traditionally pitched in to help.

At a time when citizens in some parts of the country seem more apathetic, Alaskans still are demonstrating a willingness to help each other and that is what makes the people of this State our greatest resource.

The residents of Gambell are the most recent example of this outstanding Alaskan quality of helping others when help is needed.

Following the tragic plane crash on Saint Lawrence Island on August 30, the residents of Gambell were instrumental in helping those who were injured. Through their efforts in aiding the accident victims by taking them from the crash site across difficult terrain to Gambell and caring for them until additional help arrived, the citizens of Gambell helped avert further injury or death.

Because of the high qualities of service to their fellow man exhibited by the citizens of Gambell during this tragic accident, I, Jay S. Hammond, Governor of the State of Alaska, am honored to present the

ALASKA AWARD FOR BRAVERY-HEROISM

to the residents of Gambell.



Governor -

J.S.H.
9-3-75

October 16, 1975

Ms. Corrine Kerfoot
c/o Mr. W. R. Bookhout
Norton Sound Health Corporation
Box 966
Nome, Alaska 99762

Dear Ms. Kerfoot:

Mr. Bookhout wrote me recently and told me of your admirable efforts in assisting the victims of the Wien air crash. He said you were among the first group to reach the crash site, and administered aid to those who were injured. I want you to know that your timely and invaluable assistance was deeply appreciated by those in-need and by all the families involved. I want to commend you for a job well done.

Mr. Bookhout also informed me that you had just retired as the Itinerant Public Health Nurse; I wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

bcc: Barbara Shaffer

JSH/mlp

P.R.
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October 27, 1975.

The Honorable Conrad Oozeva
Mayor of Gambell
P. O. Box 111
Gambell, Alaska 99742

Dear Mayor Oozeva:

As Governor of Alaska, I wish thank you and the residents of Gambell for the outstanding heroism demonstrated in helping persons involved in the airplane crash on August 30. With this letter, I am enclosing a State Heroism Award and the statement I made to honor the people of Gambell. I am sending them to you as Mayor of Gambell and hope you will personally extend my thanks to all who helped so bravely.

I wish I were able to come to Gambell to thank you all, individually. That, however, has not been possible as you are aware by now. I used the radio as a means to publicly thank the residents of Gambell.

Please also extend my thanks to Ray Oozevasuk who accepted for the people of Gambell while he was in Nome.

I am proud of all of the people of Gambell for their outstanding assistance in this tragedy. You demonstrated the highest qualities of service to your fellow man.

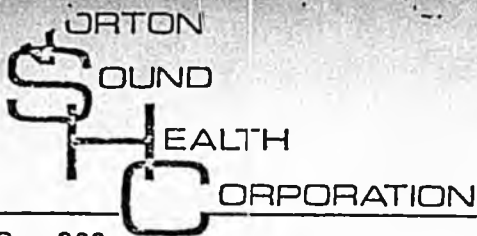
Sincerely,

Jay S. Hammond
Governor

Enclosures

SF:cjs

J.S.H.
10-30-75



Delegate of Alaska Federation of Natives

P. O. Box 966

Nome, Alaska 99762

443-2261

September 11, 1975

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Governor Jay Hammond
Pouch A
Juneau, Alaska 99811.

Dear Governor Hammond:

The Medical Staff of Maynard McDougall Memorial Hospital would like to take this opportunity to commend several State employees and their response during the Wien disaster on St. Lawrence Island. As part of the medical team responding I had the opportunity to observe two people perform with outstanding skill and heroism under extreme hardship and personal hazard.

Corrine Kerfoot, Itinerant Public Health Nurse in the Nome area had retired from the Public Health Service the night before and happened to be at Gambell. She was among the first group to reach the plane crash. Her timely first aid, splinting of the many fractures and sense of priorities probably saved three peoples lives. She maintained control of the accident site assigned priorities for evacuation which led to an orderly evacuation of the patients.

Gilbert Pelook, the State Trooper at St. Lawrence Island was on board the aircraft when it crashed. He freed himself shook off his own injuries and moved every passenger who survived off the aircraft before it burned. If the fire could have held off longer than it did, he would have been able to save even more. Many of the accident victims first comments to me were "Thank Gil for me, he saved my life". It is my personal opinion that a lesser man could not have done a job that Gil did during the accident. A man of less will could not have shaken off his own injuries and moved an many people off the aircraft as he did without collapsing of sheer exhaustion, mental and physical. The National Guard detachment at Gambell while individually unknown to me, did a tremendous job in helping with the evacuation of the accident victims off the cliff and the five mile trip down to the school house where the aid station was set up. Finally the people of Gambell themselves, the entire village, responded giving of themselves, their blankets their bedding, their time and their energies helping in the evacuation and working with the people in the school house. Many lost blankets, bedding and clothing that they give to the victims to keep them warm during the evacuation.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring these thoughts to you.

Sincerely,

W.R. Bookhout
W.R. Bookhout, Physicians Assistant
Norton Sound Health Corporation
Box 966
Nome, Alaska 99762

cc: Governor's Office - Nome
WRB:bbp

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January 6, 1968

Miss Kathy Shapley
P. O. Box 572
Powers, Oregon 97466

Dear Kathy:

When we were rearranging our offices recently,
we found your original design for Alaska's Medal
for Bravery and Heroism. We thought you would
like to have it and are sending it to you under
separate cover.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Virginia O'Reilly
Office of the Governor

VOR:fw

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Brigadier General William S. Elmore October 26, 1965

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I am sure you are interested in the other members
and will have with you on the committee.

17th Street, Juneau

Mr. Joseph Elmore, Adjutant General
Military Affairs, Juneau

Brigadier General William S. Elmore
Adjutant General
Department of Military Affairs
Box 2421
Juneau, Alaska

Dear General Elmore:

Governor Egan has expressed his pleasure over your acceptance of an invitation to serve on the committee to select a design for a State heroism medal.

The medal is authorized by Chapter 12, Session Laws of Alaska, 1965. This chapter reads as follows:

"The Governor is authorized to award a State medal for heroism directly or posthumously to any citizen of the State in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed performed by him in the saving of a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or death incurred by him in the service of the State or his community or on behalf of the health, welfare or safety of other persons. The medal shall be awarded by the Governor with an appropriate ceremony.

"The Governor shall make arrangements for the designing of the medal for heroism through a statewide design competition participated in by the school children of the State."

The Alaska Department of Education is now distributing information concerning the competition to schools throughout the State. It is anticipated the design selection committee will begin its work in about a month and be able to complete it in a relatively short time.

Brigadier General William S. Elmore .

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I am sure you are interested in knowing who will serve with you on the committee. The other members are

Rear Admiral G. D. Synon, commandant,
17th Coast Guard District, Juneau

Mr. Joseph Briones, American Legion
service officer, Juneau

Mrs. Rie Munoz, Juneau artist

Mr. Tom Morgan, Juneau businessman

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Bowkett
Special Assistant

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Governor William A. Egan has extended an invitation to all Alaska school students to submit designs for a State heroism medal authorized by the last session of the Legislature.

Chapter 12 of the 1965 Alaska session laws directs the Governor to "make arrangements for the designing of the medal for heroism through a statewide design competition participated in by the school children of Alaska."

William T. Zahradnick, Alaska commissioner of education, is now sending to all school administrators a memorandum on this competition and design specifications. Deadline for submission of designs is December 1, 1965.

Judging of the designs and selection of the one to be used for the medal will be done by a committee composed of the following distinguished Juneau residents: Rear Admiral G. D. Syon, commandant, 17th Coast Guard District; Mrs. Rie Munos, Alaska artist; Thomas A. Morgan, businessman; Joseph Ericson, American Legion service officer for Alaska; and Brigadier General William S. Elmore, Alaska adjutant general.

The heroism medal, according to the statute, is to be presented by the Governor "directly or posthumously to any citizen of the State in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed performed by him in the saving of a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or death incurred by him in the service of the State or his community or on behalf of the health, welfare or safety of other persons. The medal shall be awarded by the Governor with an appropriate ceremony."

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MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska

TO: [Wes Coyner
Executive Assistant

DATE : January 20, 1971

FROM: Warren W. Wiley
Administrative Assistant

SUBJECT: Governor's Medals for
Heroism

We have a backlog of information relating to the awarding of Governor's Medals for Heroism. Some of them are quite old. None appear to have been carried through to conclusion as to investigation and approval. I cannot find any written procedures to be followed, but have a general idea from what Herb Lehfeldt told me.

Do you have any thoughts or suggestions?

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Mr. Randy Blake Prinzing
Box 392
Soldotna, Alaska 99669

Dear Randy:

Mr. Marvel Elkins has advised me of your heroism which saved the lives of Kathleen L. Robinson and your brother, Ricky, at Scout Lake on May 11, 1968.

It is my pleasure to commend your action performed without regard for your personal safety. It expressed the high respect and compassionate concern you have for human life. A quality of humanity often sought, but seldom found.

I am happy to inform you that because of your successful rescue efforts last May, you have been awarded the State Heroism Medal.

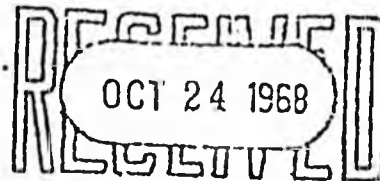
Please accept my very best wishes for future success in whatever you do.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Hickel
Governor

Enclosure



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