

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Dorie Miller served as an honorable member of the United States Navy serving as a Messman Third Class on the U.S.S. West Virginia beginning in 1939; and

**WHEREAS,** Dorie Miller was prepared for duty when the West Virginia was attacked by Japan in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; and

**WHEREAS,** Dorie Miller began to load unmanned anti-aircraft machine guns after getting orders from his superior, Lieutenant Frederic H. White; and

**WHEREAS,** Dorie Miller carried the ship's captain, Mervyn Bennion, along with other officers and sailors, from the line of fire to a sheltered location in a safer part of the harbor; and

**WHEREAS,** Dorie Miller shot down a number of Japanese planes that were attacking the West Virginia and its crew; and

**WHEREAS,** Dorie Miller was recognized as one of the "first US heroes of World War II" and received the Navy Cross, the third highest honor given by the Navy; and

**WHEREAS,** numerous groups of citizens immediately began to petition the Congress and the White House to have Dorie Miller awarded the Medal of Honor.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** W. Jeff Williams, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, and on behalf of the Arlington City Council, petitions the Congress, the Secretary of the Navy and President Barack Obama to take action that would lead to the Medal of Honor being awarded posthumously to an American hero, Dorie Miller, for services rendered to his country during time of great peril.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 28th day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and fifteen.*

  
MAYOR

