

Contact: Dena Pruett, Centenary External Relations, 318.869.5715

MEDIA ADVISORY

Veterans to receive French Legion of Honor

Centenary Professor and Honorary Consul of France Dr. Dana Kress along with Mrs. Geneviève Tournebize will bestow the Legion of Honor upon two Louisiana World War II veterans Sunday, January 20, at the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Home. Messieurs William L. Sims Jr. and John T. Jowers will receive the French Republic's highest distinction in the presence of their families during a ceremony.

- **What: Bestowing of the French Legion of Honor Ceremony**
- **When: January 20, 2:00 pm**
- **Where: Northeast Louisiana Veterans Home,
6700 Hwy 165 North, Monroe, LA 71211**

The Consulate General of France in New Orleans released a statement on the honor that Sims and Jowers will receive:

“France is very grateful to these men who fought for freedom. For this reason, the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs is honoured to bestow upon them the prestigious *Légion d’Honneur* with the rank of Chevalier.”

The National Order of the Legion of Honor was founded by Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. The medal is a sign of France's unforgettable gratitude and appreciation for these men's contribution to the United States' decisive role in the liberation of France.

Credentialed journalists are welcome to attend.

###

About Centenary College of Louisiana

Founded in 1825, Centenary College of Louisiana is the oldest chartered liberal arts college west of the Mississippi River and is a *U.S. News & World Report* Tier One National Liberal Arts College. A member of the Associated Colleges of the South, Centenary is a selective, private, residential institution, affiliated with the United Methodist Church.