



# Medal of Honor awarded to Army chaplain

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**A**n Army chaplain, Capt. Emil J. Kapaun, was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on Thursday for his actions leading up to his capture as a prisoner of war in North Korea.

President Barack Obama presented the medal to Kapaun's nephew, Ray Kapaun, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House. Ray was joined by other

family members and veterans of the Korean War who served with Kapaun.

Kapaun was ordained a priest in 1940, and served under the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wichita in Pilsen, Kan. In 1944, he began serving as an Army chaplain. In 1993, Kapaun was named a "Servant of God" by the Vatican, and is currently a candidate for sainthood. ■

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