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BR. EDWARD COURTNEY GETS DOUBLE HONOR FROM THE DAR

Brother Edward Courtney, C.S.C., 87, a Brother of Holy Cross and resident of Dujarie House infirmary at Holy Cross Village, Notre Dame, recently received a double honor from the Daughters of the American Revolution. On September 16 he was presented with the DAR Medal of Honor, the greatest honor of the DAR, given to an adult native-born American citizen who has displayed leadership, trustworthiness, service and patriotism and an award from the Flag of the United States of America Committee for his efforts in the display of the American flag. At the presentation in South Bend, which he attended, Brother Edward gave a speech thanking the DAR for the awards.

Courtney had become a common sight on US 933 North, Notre Dame, on the lawn of Holy Cross Village across from the studios of WNDU TV. Since 1986, until a year or so ago when he fell and broke several ribs, he would fly the flag and wave to motorists for up to six hours a day. Many motorists would wave or honk their horns in approval of brother's patriotism. Over the years he had given some 20 interviews, both to the print and television media. Brother Edward had become a local personality. The order has been called a number of times in the past year by persons asking, "What has happened to that person who flew the flag on your property." Some even knew his name.

Brother Edward served over two years in Europe during WWII in the U.S. Army 69th Infantry division beginning in 1943. Following WWII he joined the Brothers of Holy Cross at Watertown Wisconsin in August of 1946.

Courtney lived at Columba Hall, Notre Dame, for over 40 years. He spent 20 years on the road selling subscriptions to the late Ave Maria Magazine. The past three years he has been a resident of Schubert Villa and now Dujarie House in Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame.

Brother still hopes to someday be able to begin flying the flag again on US 933 North, that's if gets clearance from his doctors and nurses.

He was nominated for the awards by several persons including Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., President emeritus of the University of Notre Dame; and Br. Shaun Gray, C.S.C. Administrative Assistant at St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Michigan City.