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## **French chief of defense to receive US Armed Forces Legion of Merit**

**WHO & WHAT:** Marine Corps Gen. Joseph F. Dunford, 19th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will award Gen. Pierre de Villiers, chief of the defense staff, French Armed Forces, with the Legion of Merit, for his exceptionally meritorious service, during an Armed Forces Full Honor Arrival ceremony, Monday, Feb. 6.

**WHEN & WHERE:** 10 a.m. **Armed Forces Full Honor Arrival Ceremony**  
Conmy Hall, Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, Virginia

### **REGISTRATION:**

Media interested in covering this event must register by **3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3**. To be placed on the credentialed list, send an email to [usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil) with the following information:

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### **EDITOR'S NOTES:**

- The U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office will contact media outlets with their credential status no later than **5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 3**.
- The Legion of Merit is a military award of the United States Armed Forces established by Congress July 20, 1942. The decoration is awarded to national and international service members of the armed forces who have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.

For additional details, please send an email to the U.S. Army Military District of Washington Public Affairs Office at [usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.mcnair.mdw.mbx.mediadesk-omb@mail.mil) or call 202-685-4645.

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