



DISTINGUISHED SOLDIERS



COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS DEDICATION CEREMONY

MAY 3, 2000 THE PENTAGON WASHINGTON, DC

- MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS **The United States Army Band**
"Pershing's Own"
- PRESENTATION OF COLORS **Third United States Infantry.**
The Old Guard
- NATIONAL ANTHEM **Member of The United States Army Chorus**
- DEDICATION OF STAMPS **The Honorable Einar V. Dyhrkopp**
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Board of Governors
U.S. Postal Service
and
The Honorable Louis Caldera
Secretary of the Army
- HONORED GUESTS **The Honorable John F. Walsh**
Board of Governors
U.S. Postal Service
Delores J. Killete
Postmaster of Washington, DC
Family Members of:
Omar N. Bradley
John L. Hines
Audie L. Murphy
Alvin C. York
Phil Jordan
Designer of the Stamps



**1ST DAY
OF ISSUE**
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FIRST DAY OF ISSUE

FIRST DAY CEREMONY PROGRAM

The United States Postal Service is proud to commemorate four American soldiers famous for their courage and leadership in World Wars I and II. General John L. Hines and Sergeant Alvin C. York made their most noteworthy contributions in World War I. General Omar N. Bradley and Lieutenant Audie L. Murphy gained their places in history during World War II.

General Hines, an 1891 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, advanced four grades in rank in just 16 months while serving in the American Expeditionary Force in France. In one of the most remarkable feats of valor in World War I, Sergeant Alvin York captured 132 German soldiers and their battery of machine guns in October 1918.

Shortly after leading the First Army in its landing at Normandy, General Bradley took command of the Twelfth Army Group, the largest American field command in history. Bradley went on to become the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1949. The most decorated U.S. combat soldier of World War II, Lieutenant Murphy won the Medal of Honor for single-handedly stopping a German attack and saving his company in January 1945.

*This is the first time these four soldiers have appeared on U.S. postage stamps.
Phil Jordan of Falls Church, Virginia, served as the art director.*

