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*Dear Brothers:*

*PDC Bob Lowe has advised that he will be turning in the donations he has received for the Military Tribute to Bob Hope by the end of October. Currently he is about a half dozen donations short of the goal of 50 individual donations of \$20 or more (necessary for receipt of individual commemorative plaques). Also, with six more donations, he will be able to break \$1,000 for this worthy cause.*

*If you have not had the opportunity to send in your contribution yet, please make out your tax deductible check to the "Military Tribute to Bob Hope" and get it in the mail to:*

**Bob Lowe, PDC  
780 Paulsen Avenue  
El Cajon, California 92020-7346**

# Military Salute to Bob Hope

submitted by Daniel R. Earl and  
Bob Lowe, PDC

**Brothers: An IMPORTANT reminder that tax-deductible donations are still needed for the Bob Hope monument. With a donation as little as \$20 you will receive a nice plaque in honor of the late Mr. Bob Hope. Please read the article below for details.**

**B**OB HOPE, the actor, entertainer and comedian, is universally known around the world for his long career as a star of stage, screen and television. Yet it is in the hearts of generations of U.S. servicemen that his most enduring legacy will reside. For over a period of fifty years, from 1943, he dedicated himself to entertaining soldiers, sailors and airmen of the armed forces in the many battle fronts and remote outposts where they've served throughout the world. His overseas USO tours, which often took place over Christmas, were deeply appreciated and well remembered by countless thousands of servicemen on protracted tours of duty, often under combat conditions, far from their homes and families.

Fifty-seven years have passed since **BOB** men and women in uniform. Whenever there was a to him, hundreds of thousands of soldiers, sailors, spirits lifted. Congress has honored Mr. **HOPE** five received one of his greatest tributes when he was Veteran – the first individual so honored in the nine and still making a difference. That's **BOB** difference in honoring this legendary man.



**HOPE** first entertained our country's need, **BOB HOPE** was there. Thanks airmen and marines have had their times. But, in October 1997, he unanimously made an Honorary history of the United States. Ninety-**HOPE**. Now it's our turn to make a

Currently, Taffy III is raising funds to create a Military Tribute to **BOB HOPE** in recognition of his efforts for all our country's servicemen and women. Taffy III is a group of World War II Navy veterans who served on three ships that were sunk during the Battle for Leyte Gulf on October 25, 1944. ("Taffy III" was the code name of this task unit.) In recent years, these men have devoted their efforts toward raising money for monuments to preserve the history of this era. In the past several years they have successfully erected and dedicated four monuments. The Port of San Diego has graciously donated almost a full acre of land on the shoreline of San Diego Bay for tribute to **BOB HOPE**. This property is worth approximately 4.9 million dollars.

One of the hardest obstacles to overcome was the agreement of **BOB**, his wife **DELORES** and daughter **LINDA** to erect this Military Tribute. After 14 months of communications and meetings, agreement was reached with certain conditions: that money raised for this project would come from the Veterans themselves and the American people. It was further agreed that corporate money would not be solicited and neither his former corporate sponsors nor professional friends be approached for funds.

Completion of this "tribute" requires the raising of 4.5 million additional dollars. All Brothers are encouraged to make a donation to this worthy tax-deductible cause. Brother **BOB LOWE** (PDC) of Pittenger Camp 21 has been designated the "collection man" for these donations. Not part of the resolution, but certainly an enticement to move forward these donations, was the following offer by publisher and fellow member **GEORGE VAN VALKENBERG**: any organization or entity thereof (such as our Department) that collects 50 or more donations of \$20 each will receive the following – a 5"x7" plaque for each donor (\$20 or more) and one

for the Department. A prototype of this plaque was shown at the Encampment. Each plaque will be inscribed with the name of the donor, the SUVCW Department emblem, and a photo of **BOB HOPE**.

Please make your checks payable to "Military Tribute to Bob Hope" and mail them to Brother **BOB LOWE**, PDC at 780 Paulsen Ave., El Cajon, CA 92020-7346. More details can be found at <http://www.hopetribute.org/> and [http://www.portofsandiego.org/sandiego\\_publicart/bobhopetribute.asp](http://www.portofsandiego.org/sandiego_publicart/bobhopetribute.asp) or by contacting Brother **BOB LOWE** via email at <cavalry21@cox.net>.

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