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OSD Medal for Valor Presented to PFPA Officers

Pentagon, June 25, 2010 - Today in the Pentagon Hall of Heroes, the Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Valor was presented to four Pentagon Force Protection Agency police officers credited with helping to end the Pentagon shooting incident on March 4.

Steven Calvery, director of the pentagon force protection agency, presented Officers Jeffery Amos, Marvin Carraway, Jr., Dexter Jones and Colin Richards with the OSD Medal for Valor for their heroic actions on March 4. All four officers were credited with stopping John Patrick Bedell, who drew his handgun and started shooting at the officers while attempting to enter the Pentagon. Amos and Carraway received minor gunshot wounds during the incident while Bedell was fatally wounded. None of the other officers involved or any bystanders were harmed.

During his remarks, Calvery applauded the officer's dedication to public service and commented that, "when it came time to respond, they lived up to PFPA's motto, 'protecting those who protect our nation.'"

Calvery also called them heroes, in spite of their perception that they were just doing their job. "I don't agree with that assumption," said Calvery. "You are heroes and I am proud of what you did that night, and I'm proud to serve with you."

The OSD Medal for Valor was created shortly after September 11, 2001, and is the highest non-military award given by the Department of Defense to recognize government employees and private citizens who perform an act of heroism or sacrifice, with voluntary risk of personal safety in the face of danger, either on or off the job.



The Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Valor.



Mr. Steven Calvery, director of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, addresses the officers calling them "heroes."



Officers Dexter Jones, Colin Richards, Marvin Carraway, Jr. and Jeffery Amos with their medals and citations.

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