



**CONSULAT GENERAL DE FRANCE
A
CHICAGO**

Chicago, December 17, 2014

Dear Mr. Critzas,

It is a great honor and privilege to present you with the Knight of the Legion of Honor medal. Through this award, the French government pays tribute to the soldiers who did so much for France and Western Europe. 70 years ago, you gave your youth to France and the French people. Many of your fellow soldiers did not return but they remain in our hearts.

Thanks to your courage, and to our American friends and allies, France and Europe have been living in peace for the past seven decades. You saved us. We will never forget. For us, the French people, you are heroes. Gratitude and remembrance are forever in our souls.

To show our eternal gratitude, the government of the French Republic has decided to award you the Legion of Honor. Created by Napoleon, it is the highest honor that France can bestow upon those who have achieved remarkable deeds for France.

Thank you for what you did and congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent FLOREANI
Consul Général de France à Chicago