

JANUARY 2009

**The RON ALDRICH MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD**  
**AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT**

Everyday, somewhere across the State of Vermont, men and women, who are firefighters or EMTs, put their lives on the line to save the life of someone they have never met. Many times these heroic acts go uncelebrated and, therefore, go unnoticed by others.

The American Legion Department of Vermont has an award, The Ron Aldrich Medal of Valor Award, to recognize and promote those who contribute, to an outstanding degree, to the well-being of the citizens in our State. This Medal of Valor Award, one of the highest esteemed medals that can be awarded by the American Legion, must, of necessity, be awarded only to those who demonstrate a high degree of risk to their own life and safety, for the protection of the life and safety of another. This act must be above and beyond the normal performance of duty.

If you know of a firefighter or EMT that you feel is deserving of this award and has demonstrated the powers of observation, diligence and persistence, intelligence of deduction, devotion to duty, has shown to risk his/her own life and personal safety to save the life of or prevent serious injury to another, please let us know. We ask that the incident have occurred between March 1, 2008 and March 1, 2009. An application form is attached.

**THESE HEROES NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED AND CELEBRATED!**

Sincerely,

Ron Aldrich, PDC  
American Legion Dept. of Vermont