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INDIANAPOLIS (April 29 , 2015) – The nation's largest organization of wartime veterans today announced the selection of The Oak Ridge Boys as its 2015 recipients of The American Legion Patriot Award.

"By using their considerable talents to raise awareness and support for the needs of veterans and their families, The Oak Ridge Boys are an obvious choice for this prestigious honor," said The American Legion National Commander Michael D. Helm. "Duane Allen, Richard Sterban, Joe Bonsall and William Lee Golden are great Americans who have entertained people worldwide with their stirring hits and amazing record of success. Their blend of gospel, country and rock make The Oak Ridge Boys true American icons."

The Patriot Award is just the latest honor for the band, which was recently selected as 2015 inductees to the Country Music Hall of Fame. The Oak Ridge Boys were also named as celebrity "spokesband" for The American Legion and have done several educational announcements about the services and programs offered by the Legion. Moreover, the band has been active in the Legion-supported *Soldier's Wish*, a group that creates events to support military members.

The Patriot Award will be presented to The Oak Ridge Boys in Baltimore, Md., during The American Legion's 97th Annual National Convention, Sept. 1-3.

With a current membership of 2.3-million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of a strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through nearly 14,000 posts across the nation.

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