

honors one of its own comrades



**Webster Anderson and
Lt. Col. Harold Worrell**

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Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and Fairfield County resident, Sgt. 1st Class (Ret.) Webster Anderson was presented with The Ancient Order of St. Barbara Saturday.

The award is in recognition of Anderson's life-long service through his numerous community service efforts and his distinguished military career.

Lt. Col. Harold H. Worrell Jr., commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, flew to Winnsboro to present Anderson with the award.

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is located at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. The centerpiece of the archive tells the story of Anderson's service in Vietnam.

Because of health reasons, Anderson was unable to attend the June 17 ceremony naming the room in his honor, so it was decided that Worrell would come to Winnsboro.

Honoring Anderson, Worrell said, is something that he has looked forward to doing for some time.

"Therefore, we have come from Ft. Campbell to Winnsboro to extend to him our personal greetings and to present him an award that is reserved for the most distinguished field artil-

lerymen," Worrell said. "The award, called the Ancient Order of St. Barbara (St. Barbara is recognized as the patron saint of field artillerymen.) acknowledges his life of selfless service to the nation, both as a soldier and a citizen."

Anderson served as grand marshal of the Fairfield County Veterans' Day parade in November.

On that day, Fairfield County Council chairman David Brown presented special recognition to Anderson from both Gov. Jim Hodges and county council.

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