



NAVY MEDICAL CORPS LEGENDS **VICE ADMIRAL JOEL BOONE, MC, USN**

 Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone (1889-1974) holds the distinction as the **most highly decorated Navy medical officer in history**. His awards include the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross and six Silver Stars for extraordinary heroism while treating casualties under fire.

 6th regimental surgeon at the World War I battles of Belleau Wood (June 1918) and Vierzy (July 1918).

 Served as **physician to 3 U.S. presidents** (Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover).

 **Invented the game "Hoover Ball"** to ensure President Hoover and his cabinet got regular exercise.

 Navy Medicine's representative at the **Japanese surrender ceremonies aboard USS Missouri (1945)**.

 Spearheaded the first medical survey of U.S. coal mines (1946-1947) and led effort to fit helo-decks aboard hospital ships (1950).

 Namesake of **USS Boone (FFG 28)** and the **Boone Branch Health Clinic Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek-Fort Story, Va.**

