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General Wainwright was captured by Japanese forces in 1942, while commanding U.S. forces in the Philippines. Held as a prisoner of war until 1945, he was starved and tortured. Following his release, General of the Army Douglas MacArthur insisted Wainwright stand behind him at the September 1945 Japanese surrender ceremony on the USS Missouri. MacArthur paused signing the Japanese Instrument of Surrender, and presented one of the pens to Wainwright.



MacArthur greets
Wainwright after release
from Japanese prison



Truman presents
Wainwright with the
Medal of Honor.

Wainwright received the Medal of Honor for action while commanding troops in action on the Philippine island of Corregidor. He "Distinguished himself by intrepid and determined leadership against greatly superior enemy forces. At the repeated risk of life above and beyond the call of duty in his position, he frequented the firing line of his troops where his presence provided the example and incentive that helped make the gallant efforts of these men possible." President Harry S. Truman awarded Wainwright the medal at an impromptu ceremony on 10 September 1945.

Following retirement, Wainwright was elected the National Commander of Disabled American Veterans, and was a commander in the Sons of the American Revolution. You can view his

portrait, and pay respects, on the ground floor of ANCC's Arlington clubhouse in the Medal of Honor Library. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.



The Japanese Surrender Ceremony: Wainwright is circled on the right. ANCC Past President Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz is circled on the left.