



**Franklin Boys Preparatory Academy**  
*Thanks for your support of our Nation.*



*Martin E. Dempsey*

GEN Martin E. Dempsey  
**18<sup>th</sup>** Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff



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Mr. John Haley  
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Franklin Boys Preparatory  
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Dear Mr. Haley,

Recently, our office received a request from Mr. Jeff Iseler to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. I am responding on General Dempsey's behalf.

I was quite moved and applaud the goal of Medal of Honor Recipient, Cpl Hershel W. Williams, USMC, and the Franklin Boys Preparatory Academy goal to honor Gold Star Families with a monument. Unfortunately, endorsement of a non-Federal entity, event, product, service, or enterprise may be neither stated nor implied by Department of Defense employees in their official capacities, no matter how worthy the cause. I trust you understand. We are able to provide the enclosed requested photograph.

Please pass on to your students that we are very proud of them—they are the Nation's future leaders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Fritz", written over the typed name.

BILLY L. FRITZ  
CW4, USA

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