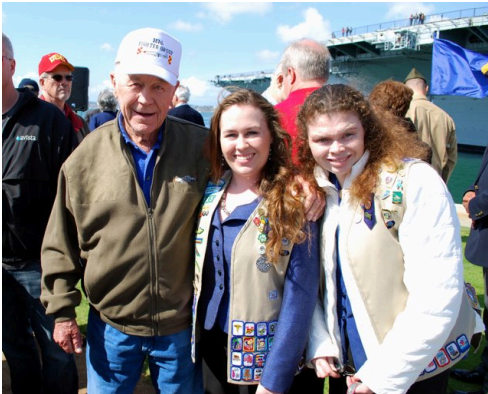


## General Chuck Yeager Honored with Lifetime Achievement Award during Spirit of '45 National Leaders Conference

(February 19, 2012, San Diego, CA) Aviation legend General Chuck Yeager received a Lifetime Achievement Award for embodying the character of America's "greatest generation" and his efforts to inspire in youth the values of honor, integrity, courage, and service to community and country. Yeager, 89, who saw combat as a fighter pilot during World War II, achieved international fame when he became the first person to break the sound barrier on October 14, 1947.

The award was presented to Yeager by delegates attending the Spirit of '45 National Leaders Conference during a gala dinner hosted by the San Diego Air and Space Museum on February 18. Also honored were six manufacturing companies that were the cornerstones of America's "Arsenal of Democracy" during WWII.



*General Chuck Yeager with Girl Scouts Nazare and Lizzy Simas of San Diego during the Spirit of '45 National Leaders Conference held in San Diego February 17-19.*

More than 100 organizations from 34 states attended the San Diego Conference to develop strategies for increasing public awareness and participation National Spirit of '45 Day which is observed on the second Sunday in August, coinciding with August 14, 1945, the day President Harry Truman announced that WWII was over and America led an unprecedented effort to assure a better future for the children of the world.

Girl Scouts troops have been active in helping National Spirit of '45 Day gain traction during the past two years by helping seniors document their memories of August 14, 1945, and participating in parades and organizing Spirit of '45 events and activities in their communities.

