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## West Virginia Medal of Honor recipient to flip coin at Super Bowl 52

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. (WTAP) - West Virginia's only living U.S. Medal of Honor recipient will flip the coin at Super Bowl 52 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Hershel "Woody" Williams, who was born in 1923 on a dairy farm in Quiet Dell, West Virginia, is one of 15 Medal of Honor recipients who will be honored before Sunday's game in Minnesota.

The former U.S. Marine earned the honor for his heroism during the battle of Iwo Jima.

The 14 other Medal of Honor Recipients voted to give Hershel "Woody" Williams the actual coin-flipping duties.

He says he will proudly wear his Medal of Honor when he takes the field before the game Sunday.

"I never dreamed that anything like this could ever happen in my life, this is another first and I've had so many firsts in my life that are almost miracles. Absolutely, receiving this medal was a miracle."

Hershel "Woody" Williams is one of just 4 living World War II Medal of Honor recipients.

Last year's Super Bowl coin toss was done by former President George H. W. Bush and his wife Barbara Bush.

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