

**PETITION TO ISSUE A COMMENORATIVE STAMP FEATURING
VARIAN FRY
AN AMERICAN HOLOCAUST RESCUER**

To:
Citizens' Stamp Advisory Committee
475 L'Enfant Plaza S.W.
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Washington, DC 20260-2437

Varian Fry, a Harvard educated American journalist and private citizen, volunteered to travel to Marseilles, France, in 1940 for one purpose: to rescue refugees who were wanted by the Nazis and trapped in France. Varian Fry succeeded. He arranged the rescue of more than 2000 people including Marc Chagall, Max Ernst, Hannah Arendt, and Nobel Prize winning scientist, Otto Meyerhof.

The nation of France recognized Varian Fry with their highest medal, the Cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. The Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem, Israel, recognized Varian Fry by naming him the first of only three Americans ever to be named as "Righteous Among the Nations."

America has never publicly honored Varian Fry, who risked his own life to save the lives of others during the Holocaust. Therefore, we the undersigned respectfully request the United States Postal Service to issue a commemorative stamp honoring Varian Fry, a real American hero.

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