SGAUS Awards Guidebook

2018
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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM:

State Guard Association of United States Foundation “SGAUS” has established a program to assist its members and/or their family members who desire to continue their college education. This scholarship program is offered once a year to only full-time students who attend an accredited institution of higher learning of their own selection. Awards will be granted with equal opportunity for all applicants.

ELIGIBILITY:

This scholarship is available only to SGAUS members or to family members of SGAUS members of any rank whose dues and memberships are current.

A dependent is anyone who is natural born, legally adopted, or stepchildren living with or whose primary support is with a SGAUS member. SGAUS members meeting the criteria may also apply.

Scholarships are available only to those currently enrolled as an undergraduate student (only) with a two-year or a four-year accredited college or university for the entire upcoming year.

At least one year of service in a State Defense Force and at least one year membership in SGAUS is mandatory.

Previous recipients are ineligible for subsequent award.

AWARDS:

There will be up to $2,000 (thousand) total to be awarded to applicants.

Scholarship awards can be used for any accredited in-state or out-of-state college or university. Scholarship awards are one time awards and past recipients are not eligible to apply again.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure all documents and current photo are provided in one packet and submitted at one time via email. Scan photos are not acceptable. Photo must be a color photo jpeg photo. PDF photos will not be accepted.
APPLICATION:

Students must complete an application and email it along with current high school or college official transcripts of grades to the SGAUS Executive Director by 15 March. On-line transcripts must display the student’s name, school name and address, course, grade, and credit hours earned. Applications must also include two written references from non-family members. Photo is also required. For SDF soldiers, a full frontal digital color photo in uniform is needed. For family members, a half frontal shot will suffice.

The SGAUS Association Executive Board will decide on the award recipients NLT 30 May of each year; The SGAUS Association President will notify all selectees immediately thereafter. Presentation of the scholarship will be at the SGAUS Annual Conference. Webmaster will post a photo of the winners on the SGAUS Website. Attendance at the conference is not mandatory.

The SGAUS Foundation will sponsor the SGAUS Scholarships by paying for the scholarships. The SGAUS Foundation Treasurer will submit $5,000.00 payment to the Executive Director of SGAUS Association NLT 30 July of each year.

PROCEDURES FOR SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS:

Those applying for a scholarship need to include not only their academic report, but may also send in any proof of demonstrable leadership skills and any participation in school, community, or volunteer activities (email with application packet). Also, honors earned, work experiences, or aspirations and goals achieved; any unusual family or personal circumstances, or any non-family recommendations or appraisals. If necessary, applicants may be called to verify information. Applicants will be considered based upon information submitted. All applications will be confidential and reviewed only by SGAUS Foundation Executive Board.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS:

The SGAUS Foundation Treasurer will present/mail the checks at the Annual SGAUS Convention.

BENEFITS FOR SGAUS:

The scholarship program is SGAUS ways in re-investing in our members and their families and serves to recognize the importance of our nation’s State Defense Forces.

Submit applications by email only to the SGAUS Executive Director by email only: kenneth.takasaki@sgaus.org
APPLICATION

Applicant’s Name/Date:_________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Mailing Address:____________________________________________________

SGAUS Member’s Name:________________________________________________________

Have you been an active member for 1 year or more:____________________________
(Include a copy of your membership card. To be eligible, membership must be valid, at
a minimum, through December of the current year)

Relationship to Applicant:__________________________________________________

Is the Applicant a Dependent as defined above:________________________________

What school will this scholarship apply to:_____________________________________

School Account Number where funds will be applied:____________________________

Complete address of school where funds are to be sent::

Is the Applicant a past recipient of a SGAUS Scholarship:________________________

Applicant’s Signature/Date:___________________________________________________

SGAUS Member’s Signature/Date:______________________________________________
Application Checklist to ensure completeness:

- Application Form
- High School or College Transcripts must display student’s name, school name and address, course, grade, and credit hours earned
- Two written references from non-family members
- JPEG Color Photo. No PDF photos.
- Proof of demonstrable leadership skills and any participation in school, community, or volunteer activities.
- Honors earned, work experiences, or aspiration and goals achieved
- SGAUS Member – Membership Card (copy). To be eligible, membership must be valid, at a minimum, through December of the current year

Incomplete applications will not be considered.
PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION
STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
FOUNDATION CONFERENCE EDUCATION STIPEND

SGAUS Foundation is offering stipends (up to $2000) to members wanting to attend the Annual Conference Meeting. The stipend will cover the full conference registration fee and hotel room for three nights only. If awarded a stipend, applicant understands that they may be asked to assist the SGAUS Executive Director during the SGAUS Conference (duties as assigned by the Executive Director).

This offering is open to current enlisted or officer members in good standing (General Officers are not able to apply). Applications must be sent to the SGAUS Executive Director no later than 15 March of each year. Notifications by the SGAUS Association Executive Board will be sent out NLT 30 May each year by the SGAUS Association President.

Please encourage your chapter members to submit their applications directly to the SGAUS Executive Director. Applications must include the following:

a. Grade, name, position assigned and how long the applicant has been an active member of their SDF.

b. A bullet narrative of why the applicant needs financial assistance to attend. This narrative must include what the applicant expects to contribute to SGAUS during the meeting.

c. Application must include applicant’s mailing address, contact phone numbers and email address.

1) Applicant must be an active member of SGAUS and the respective State Guard unit for a 12 month period. Please provide a copy of the SGAUS membership card.

2) Applicant must submit a military resume (sample attached).

3) Applicant must submit a full frontal view picture in uniform.
d. Incomplete applications or applications improperly completed will not be considered.

e. The SGAUS Foundation Treasurer will pay the full conference registration fee and hotel cost to the Executive Director of SGAUS Association NLT 30 July of each year.

f. Webmaster will post the selectee’s photos on the SGAUS website following the Annual SGAUS Convention.

**NOTE:** Stipend covers full conference registration fee and three days in the hotel. Any additional nights are the individual responsibility. If hotel reservations are made by SGAUS any additional nights must be paid by the individual up front. If the hotel reservations are made by the individual, SGAUS will reimburse the individual NLT 7 days after the conference for the hotel room + tax only for three nights.

Previous recipients are ineligible for subsequent award.

Submit applications to the SGAUS Executive Director by email only: kenneth.takasaki@sgaus.org
**APPLICATION for SGAUS CONFERENCE STIPEND**

Name: Last First MI

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Current SGAUS Member (Yes/No)
Attach a copy of your membership card.

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Narrative describing why financial assistance is needed, use bullet format

Narrative of contributions applicant expects to make during the conference

Signature & Date:
CHECKLIST for
SGAUS CONFERENCE STIPEND

REQUIREMENTS:

- Be an active SGAUS member for one full year
- A copy of the current SGAUS membership card is attached. To be eligible, membership must be valid, at a minimum, through December of the current year
- Applicant’s military resume’ is attached
- Applicant’s, full-frontal, color photograph in Class “A” or ASU, without headgear is attached. JPG format. No PDF photos.

AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all documents and current photo are provided in one packet and submitted at one time.

**NOTE: Sponsorship covers full conference registration fee and three days in the hotel. Any additional nights are the individual responsibility. If hotel reservations are made by SGAUS any additional nights must be paid by the individual up front. If the hotel reservations are made by the individual, SGAUS will reimburse the individual NLT 7 days after the conference for the hotel room + tax only for three nights.

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PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION
STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
SPONSOR – SGAUS FOUNDATION
SOLDIER, NCO and OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Selection as the SGAUS Soldier, NCO, and Officer of the Year is an exceptional honor for the Soldier selected but also a responsibility, as the Soldier selected will represent SGAUS for a year as the best of the best SGAUS has to offer. Therefore this selection should not be taken lightly or without due consideration. The Soldier selected for this honor must be one who consistently displays exception dedication, professionalism, performance, military bearing and appearance.

Qualification:

a. Soldier of the Year: Private (E-1) to Sergeant (E-5) only.
b. NCO of the Year: Staff Sergeant (E-6) to Master Sergeant (E-8)
c. Officer of the Year: Warrant Officer 1 (WO-1) to Chief Warrant Officer 4 (WO-4) and 2nd Lieutenant (O-1) to Lieutenant Colonel (O-5)

To ensure that only the most deserving Soldiers are considered and selected for this honor the following procedures will be followed:

a. Each active State Guard Commander will select one Soldier per category to represent their command.
b. Recommended Soldier must be an active member of SGAUS and their respective State Guard unit for a 12 month period. Please provide a copy of the SGAUS membership card.
c. Only one nomination from each of the State will be accepted and it must be signed off by the SDF Commander. Use the below application. Candidate must submit a military resume (see below). Application should include applicants and recommender’s mailing address, contact phone numbers and email address.
d. The recommendations along with supporting documentation in bullet form and a full frontal view color picture of the candidate in uniform shall be forwarded to the SGAUS Executive Director with the completed application not later than 15 March of each Year.
e. Incomplete applications or applications improperly completed will not be considered.

1. The SGAUS Association Nomination Committee will make their decision NLT 30 May of each year. The SGAUS Association President will announce the results immediately thereafter.

2. Announcement and presentation of the selection of the SGAUS Soldier, NCO, and Officer of the Year shall be made annually at the Annual SGAUS Convention.
3. SGAUS Foundation will sponsor the SGAUS Soldier, NCO, and Officer of the Year by paying for his/her conference registration fee and hotel room for three nights only. The SGAUS Foundation Treasurer will pay the full conference registration fee and hotel cost to the Executive Director of SGAUS Association NLT 30 June of each year.

4. All nominees will be recognized during the award presentation. Their attendance, although not mandatory, is highly encouraged. Winner will be awarded the SGAUS Commendation Ribbon.

5. Webmaster will post the Soldier, NCO, and Officer of the Year's photo on the SGAUS website following the Annual SGAUS Convention.

Submit applications to the SGAUS Executive Director by email only: kenneth.takasaki@sgaus.org
RECOMMENDATION for SGAUS SOLDIER, NCO, and OFFICER of the YEAR

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Attach a separate sheet to provide additional information, if needed

Proposed Citation

Approved by SDF Commander: Last, First, M I

Signature & Date:

E-Mail Address

Phone Number
CHECKLIST for
SGAUS SOLDIER, NCO, and OFFICER OF THE YEAR

REQUIREMENTS:
- Soldier is an active SGAUS member for one year
- A copy of the membership card is attached. To be eligible, membership must be valid, at a minimum, through December of the current year
- Candidate’s military resume is attached
- Candidate’s color, full-frontal photograph in Class “A” or ASU, without headgear is attached. Send JPG color photo only. No PDF photos.

RECOMMENDER’S CONTACT INFORMATION:
Name:
Mailing Address:
E-Mail Address:
Phone Number:

SOLDIER’S CONTACT INFORMATION:
Name:
Mailing Address:
E-Mail Address:
Phone Number:

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SAMPLE RESUME OF SERVICE CAREER

JAMES F. HOFFA, LIEUTENANT COLONEL, INFANTRY (TNSG), 1234

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: June 1940, Chicago, Iowa.

YEARS OF COMMISSIONED SERVICE: 12 years.

TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE: Over 20 years.

PRESENT ASSIGNMENT: Regimental Commander, 5th Tennessee Regiment, Tennessee State Guard, 1299 Foster Avenue, Nashville, TN.

CURRENT OCCUPATION: OJT Gynecologist, Heartbreak Hospital, Dover, Kentucky.

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED:
Pathfinder Course, Fort Benning, GA
Air Assault Course, Fort Campbell, KY
US Army Basic Medic Course
Tennessee State Guard Command and Staff Course, Smyrna, TN

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY EDUCATION LEVEL: MEL-1.

EDUCATIONAL DEGREES:
Queens College – BS Degree – Basket Weaving

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S):
Latvian or if none N/A

MAJOR DUTY ASSIGNMENTS:

FROM TO ASSIGNMENT

RA – Active Duty
AUG 69 - JUN 70 Basic Training, Fort Dix, NJ – Advanced Individual Training, Fort Eustis, VA.

JUL 70 - Jun 71 Permanent KP, 123rd Mess Kit Repair Co., 520th Quartermaster Battalion, United States Army Vietnam.

USAR – Not on Active Duty
James F. Hoffa, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry (TNSG), 1234

**RA – Active Duty**

MAR 76 – May 77  
Helicopter Mechanics, Company E, 724th Maintenance Battalion, 24th Infantry Division (Mech), Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia.

JUN 77 – JUN 80  
Helicopter Mechanics/ Crew Chief, Company D, 8th Aviation Battalion, 8th Infantry Division (Mech), Federal Republic of Germany.

JUL 80 – NOV 81  
Helicopter Crew Chief, Company B, 101st Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

*JAN 83 – DEC 85*  
UH-1H Pilot, Troop B, 2nd Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division (Light), Fort Ord, California.

FEB 03 – FEB 04  
UH-60A Pilots & Brigade Safety Officer, HHC, 17th Aviation Brigade, 8th Army, Republic of Korea.

MAR 04 – APR 05  
UH-60L Pilot & Brigade Safety Officer, HHC, 101st Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

**Tennessee State Guard (TNSG) – Not on Active Duty**

APR 05 – AUG 07  
Regimental S3 and Regimental XO, 2nd Tennessee Regiment, Tennessee State Guard, Nashville, TN

AUG 07 – PRESENT  
Regimental Commander, 11th Tennessee Regiment, Tennessee State Guard, Podunk, TN.

**PROMOTIONS**

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**U.S. DECORATIONS AND BADGES.**

**DECORATIONS:**

- Army Achievement Medal (4th Award)
- Good Conduct Medal (4th Award)
- National Defense Service Medal (3rd Award)
- Messkit Repair Service Medal
James F. Hoffa, Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry (TNSG), 1234

TENNESSEE STATE GUARD AWARDS

Tennessee State Guard Showed Up Ribbon
Commanding General’s Certificate of Commendation

BADGES

Air Assault Badge
Pathfinder badge

MISCELLANEOUS AWARDS

Order of Saint Patrick Bronze Award (Army Mess Kit Repair Association of America)

ADDENDUM TO RESUME OF SERVICE CAREER

* I Served in the Invasion of Coopertown Tennessee

Signature: _______________________________  Date: ________________
SGAUS AWARDS
ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE MEDAL
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
MEDAL OF MERIT
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD
COMMENDATION AWARD
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARD
RECRUITING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
LONGEVITY AWARD
MILITARY JUSTICE AWARD
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD
MEMBERSHIP AWARD
SUPERIOR UNIT AWARD
MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD
SGAUS Presidential Service Medal

To whom awarded: The Presidential Service Medal is presented to the incoming President upon taking the oath of office by the outgoing President. The award consists of a round medallion bearing the SGAUS logo, suspended on a neck ribbon.
SGAUS Distinguished Service Medal

To whom awarded: The Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded to SGAUS members who have performed exceptionally distinguished service or achievement that has significant impact upon SGAUS and/or state guard/defense force for an act of valor or heroism at the risk of life or personal injury.

Recommendations: Will be forwarded through the state guard/defense force chain commander to the Awards Committee. The recommendations of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters. A gold star device is worn to represent an award for valor or heroism.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Medal of Merit

To whom awarded: The Medal of Merit may be awarded to SGAUS members who have performed honorable service on behalf of SGAUS for an achievement of merit that has significant impact upon the mission of SGAUS and/or a state guard/defense force for an act of valor or heroism at the risk of life or personal injury that reflects favorably on SGAUS.

Recommendations: Will be forwarded through the President of SGAUS or the state guard/defense force chain commander to the Awards Committee. The recommendations of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters. A gold star device is worn to represent an award for valor or heroism.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Civilian Exceptional Service Award

To whom awarded: The Civilian Exceptional Service Award may be awarded to non-uniformed SGAUS members or persons, not SGAUS members, who have performed honorable service on behalf of SGAUS, or achievement that has significant impact upon the mission of SGAUS and/or a state guard/defense force and reflects favorably on SGAUS.

Recommendations: Will be forwarded through the President of SGAUS or the state guard/defense force commander to the Awards Committee. The recommendation of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of four bronze clusters.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Meritorious Service Medal

To whom awarded: The Meritorious Medal may be awarded to SGAUS members who have performed meritorious service or achievement that has significant favorable impact upon SGAUS or a state guard/defense force for an act of valor or heroism at the risk of personal injury.

Recommendations: Will be forwarded through state guard defense force chain of command to the Awards Committee. The recommendations of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters. A gold star device is worn to represent an award for valor or heroism.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Commendation Medal

To whom awarded: The Commendation Medal may be awarded to SGAUS members who have performed commendable service or achievement, for an act of valor or heroism at the risk of life or personal injury that brought significant distinction to SGAUS or a state guard/defense force.

Recommendations: Will be forwarded through state guard defense force chain of command to the Awards Committee. The recommendations of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters. A gold star device is worn to represent an award for valor or heroism.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Achievement Medal

To whom awarded: The Achievement Medal may be awarded to SGAUS members who have performed meritorious achievement or service that has favorable impact on SGAUS or a state guard / defense force.

Recommendations: Will be forwarded through state guard defense force chain of command to the Awards Committee. The recommendation of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS President.
SGAUS Faithful Service Medal

To whom awarded: The Faithful Service Medal may be awarded to SGAUS members who successfully served SGAUS as president elect, a vice president, secretary, treasurer, member of the executive committee, member of the special staff, command sergeant major, chair of any committee appointed by the president, MEMS commandant, MEMS state or regional director, or Commandant of the Chaplain Staff College.

Recommendations: Will be initiated by the SGAUS President and forwarded to the Awards Committee. The recommendation of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS President.
SGAUS Recruiting Achievement Medal

To whom awarded: The Recruiting Achievement Medal may be awarded to SGAUS members who have recruited 10 new current/active members into SGAUS. Documentation in the form of the full names of those recruited is required with the award recommendation.

Recommendations: The award will be conferred by the SGAUS President upon receipt of documentation listing the names of the ten recruits for verification.

Succeeding awards: A bronze star will be awarded for every 10 additional new members. A silver star will be worn in place of five bronze stars.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS President.
SGAUS Longevity Medal

To whom awarded: The Longevity Medal honors members who have kept up continuous membership and shall be awarded to SGAUS members who have five continuous years of paid membership. It is intended to increase both esprit-de-corps and the visibility of members within the SGAUS.

Recommendations: This award will be conferred by the SGAUS President upon verification of the required period of continuous paid membership.

Succeeding awards: a bronze star will be awarded to every additional 5 years of continuous membership. A silver star will be worn to recognize 25 years of continuous SGAUS membership.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS President.
SGAUS Military Justice Award

To whom awarded: the SGAUS Military Justice Award may only be awarded to an active SGAUS member who has successfully fulfilled all of the following requirements:

A. Hold a current, unrestricted license to practice law granted by an established jurisdiction of the United States or its territories.

B. Successful completion of “Practicing Military Justice,” a comprehensive twenty (20) hour online training course offered through the SGAUS Staff Judge Advocate Academy.
   a. The Practicing Military Justice course is comprised of ten (10) training modules.
   b. Each training module requires its own examination which must be passed with a score of seventy-percent (70%) or above.
   c. To successfully pass the course, applicants must achieve individual passing scores of seventy-percent (70%) or above on each of the ten (10) module examinations.

C. Complete a minimum of seven (7.0) hours of in-person military continuing legal education at an officially-sanctioned SGAUS event.
   a. Eligible SGAUS events for purposes of these requirements shall include the SGAUS Mid-Year and Annual Conferences.
   b. Registration and attendance records for in-person SGAUS military continuing legal education courses must be authenticated by the Chair of the Staff Judge Advocate Academy.

D. Successful completion of a comprehensive three (3.0) hour in-person trial practicum conducted and scored at an officially-sanctioned SGAUS event.
   a. The requirement for completion of the trial practicum will be waived if the applicant can provide satisfactory proof of prior requisite experience as a federal judge advocate in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Recommendations: Upon successful completion of the delineated requirements for the award, the award nomination and all associated documentation will be forwarded by the chair of the Judge Advocate Academy to the Awards Committee for consideration. The recommendations of the Awards Committee will then be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Professional Development Award

To whom it is awarded: the SGAUS Professional Development Ribbon may be awarded to an active SGAUS member who has successfully fulfilled one of the following requirements:

A. Successfully completed Primary (Warrior) Leader Course (PLC) through the SGAUS PME Academy as an E1 or above, OR
B. Successfully completed Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) through the SGAUS PME Academy as a WO1 or above, OR
C. Successfully completed Officer Basic Course (OBC) through the SGAUS PME Academy as an O1 or above.

Award recommendations: forwarded through the state guard/defense force chain commander to the Awards Committee. The recommendations of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Succeeding awards:

A. Second Award - A centered numeral “2” device is worn to represent an active SGAUS member’s successful completion of:
   i. E1 or above: PLC and Advanced Leader Course (ALC) through the SGAUS PME Academy.
   ii. WO1 or above: WOBC and Warrant Officer Advanced Course (WOAC) through the SGAUS PME Academy.
   iii. O1 or above: OBC and Officer Advanced Course (OAC) through the SGAUS PME Academy.

B. Third Award - A centered numeral “3” device is worn to represent an active SGAUS member’s successful completion of:
   i. E1 or above: PLC, ALC, and Senior Leader Course (SLC) through the SGAUS PME Academy.
   ii. WO1 or above: WOBC, WOAC, and Warrant Officer Staff Course (WOSC) through the SGAUS PME Academy.
   iii. O1 or above: OBC, OAC, and Command and Staff Course Phase I (CAS1) through the SGAUS PME Academy.

C. Fourth Award - A centered numeral “4” device is worn to represent an active SGAUS member’s successful completion of:
   i. E1 or above: PLC, ALC, SLC, and Command Sergeant Major Course (CSMC) through the SGAUS PME Academy.
   ii. O1 or above: OBC, OAC, CAS1, and Command and Staff Course Phase II (CAS2) through the SGAUS PME Academy.

D. Recipients will wear the ribbon with no more than one (1) numeral device affixed. The specific numeral device worn (i.e. either a 2, 3, or 4) will represent the highest course level corresponding to their current grade that the recipient has completed to-date through the SGAUS PME Academy. Wear of a numeral “1” device is not authorized.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Membership Medal

To whom awarded: The SGAUS Membership Medal is conferred to every member in good standing, and remains valid so long as membership dues are paid. The award has equal stripes of blue and gray, and is worn with the gray strip toward the uniform centerline. Life members wear two gold stars, with one star centered on the blue stripe and one star centered on the gray stripe.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS President.
SGAUS Superior Unit Citation
(worn on the right side of the uniform)

To whom awarded: The Superior Unit Citation may be awarded to SGAUS members in a state guard/defense force unit that performed outstanding service in response to a riot, natural or manmade disasters and emergencies to a degree beyond that normally expected, either for a sustained period or in a specific set circumstance. The Superior Unit Citation is given to foster unit esprit-de-corps by recognizing those units that demonstrated outstanding performance in support of the mission of SGAUS and the state guard/defense force.

How awarded: The circumstances of the service and activities performed must be documented in detail and submitted with a roster of names of the individual SGAUS members who served with the unit during the cited period. The unit citation will be awarded only to SGAUS members who actually served in the cited unit during the award period or specific act.

Recommendations: Will be submitted through the state guard/defense force chain of command to the awards committee, using the SGAUS Award Recommendation Form and accompanied by a proposed citation. The recommendation of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Award retention: SGAUS members retain the right to wear the ribbon after transfer from the unit. SGAUS members joining the unit at a later time may be issued the ribbon with authorization to wear so long as they remain with that unit and are members of SGAUS.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters.

Appointing authority: The appointing authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
SGAUS Meritorious Superior Unit Citation
(worn on the right side of the uniform)

To whom awarded: The Meritorious Unit Citation may be awarded to SGAUS members in a state guard/defense force unit that performed meritorious service in response to natural or manmade disasters, humanitarian aid missions, or training exercises, either for a sustained period or in a specific set circumstance. The Meritorious Unit Citation is given to foster unit esprit-de-corps by recognizing those units that demonstrated meritorious performance which enhanced the mission of SGAUS and the state guard/defense force.

How awarded: The circumstances of the service and activities performed must be documented in detail and submitted with a roster of names of the individual SGAUS members who served with the unit during the cited period. The unit citation will be awarded only to SGAUS members who actually served in the cited unit during the award period or specific act.

Recommendations: Will be submitted through the state guard/defense force chain of command to the awards committee, using the SGAUS Award Recommendation Form and accompanied by a proposed citation. The recommendation of the Awards Committee will be presented to the approving authority for its decision.

Award retention: SGAUS members retain the right to wear the ribbon after transfer from the unit. SGAUS members joining the unit at a later time may be issued the ribbon with authorization to wear so long as they remain with that unit and are members of SGAUS.

Succeeding awards: For each succeeding award, an oak leaf cluster will be attached to the award ribbon. A bronze cluster shall represent one additional award and a silver cluster will be worn in place of five bronze clusters.

Approving authority: The approving authority for this award is the SGAUS Executive Committee.
To access the current version of the SGAUS Award Nomination Form, visit:

https://sgaus.org/reference/programsawards/
SGAUS AWARD CITATION EXAMPLES

• **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:**
  For exceptionally meritorious service from DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR while serving as ROLE [assigned to UNIT/DEPT]. RANK NAME distinguished himself/herself by [CITATION BODY => briefly describe what was accomplished, how it was accomplished, and why it was important]. His/her actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the citizen soldier and reflect great credit upon himself/herself, the state of XYZ, and the State Guard Association of the United States.

• **MEDAL OF MERIT:**
  For exceptionally meritorious service from DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR while serving in a position of great responsibility as ROLE [assigned to UNIT/DEPT]. RANK NAME distinguished himself/herself by [CITATION BODY => briefly describe what was accomplished, how it was accomplished, and why it was important]. His/her actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the citizen soldier and reflect great credit upon himself/herself, the state of XYZ, and the State Guard Association of the United States.

• **MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD:**
  For exceptionally meritorious service from DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR while serving as ROLE [assigned to UNIT/DEPT]. RANK NAME [CITATION BODY => briefly describe what was accomplished, how it was accomplished, and why it was important]. His/her actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of the citizen soldier and reflect great credit upon himself/herself, the state of XYZ, and the State Guard Association of the United States.

• **COMMENDATION AWARD:**
  For exceptionally meritorious service [/option: achievement] from DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR while serving as ROLE [assigned to UNIT/DEPT]. [CITATION BODY => briefly describe what was accomplished, how it was accomplished, and why it was important]. His/her commendable performance is in keeping with the finest traditions of the citizen soldier and reflects great credit upon himself/herself, the state of XYZ, and the State Guard Association of the United States.

• **ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:**
  For outstanding achievement [/option: meritorious service] from DAY MONTH YEAR to DAY MONTH YEAR as a ROLE while assigned to UNIT/DEPT. [CITATION BODY => briefly describe what was accomplished, how it was accomplished, and why it was important]. The accomplishments of RANK NAME bring great credit upon himself/herself, the state of XYZ, and the State Guard Association of the United States.
ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL CITATION EXAMPLES

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION BATTLE READY BLITZ FROM THE 26TH OF JANUARY TO THE 7TH OF FEBRUARY 2014. SGT'S EXTRAORDINARY TENACITY, INTENSE DEVOTION TO DUTY AND STRONG SENSE OF PERSONAL EXCELLENCE PROVIDED SUPERIOR AND PROFESSIONAL DILIGENCE IN THE SUCCESS OF MANY MISSIONS. SGT'S SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 2-29 FA BATTALION, THE 1ST ARMORED DIVISION AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND SELFLESS SERVICE DURING MOTORPOOL RELOCATION FROM 1 DECEMBER 2013 TO 31 JANUARY 2014. PFC ADAMS' ENDURING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN COMPLETION OF MOVING TO A NEW MOTORPOOL. HIS ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, MAINTENANCE Platoon, 3RD BRIGADE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION, 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR COMMERABLE SERVICE AS THE HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOLOGICAL, AND NUCLEAR SPECIALIST. SPECIALIST GUE'S PROFESSIONALISM AND PERFORMANCE GREATLY INCREASED THE SUCCESS OF THE BATTALION. HER COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HER, THE 18TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION, THE 18TH FLYING BRIGADE (Airborne) AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT DURING DELTA COMPANY'S CREW QUALIFICATION GUNNERY RANGE FROM 2 APRIL TO 12 APRIL 2013. PFC MILLER'S ENDURING COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE WAS INSTRUMENTAL TO HIM AND HIS CREW ACHIEVING TOP GUN HONORS WITH THE M249 MACHINE GUN ON THEIR FIRST ATTEMPT. HIS ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, TASK FORCE 1ST SQUADRON, 71ST CAVALRY REGIMENT, 1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT WHILE SERVING AS THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND UNIT MOVEMENT OFFICER DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. FIRST LIEUTENANT DENNISON'S DEDICATION TO DUTY AND SELFLESS SERVICE ENHANCED OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND ENSURED MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT DURING THE UNIT'S SUPPORT OF CRITICAL MATERIAL RECOVERY ELEMENT IN AFGHANISTAN AND UNIT REDEPLOYMENT OPERATIONS. HIS ACTIONS ARE KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT DISTINCT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, 427TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION, THE NEW YORK STATE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AS A RADIO AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC)
REPAIRER DURING ANNUAL TRAINING 2012, WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 3656TH COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY, PFC FAVE'S TIRELESS EFFORTS AND SELFLESS DEVOTION TO DUTY ENHANCED OPERATIONAL SUPPORT, UNIT READINESS, AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE UNIT'S MISSION. PFC FAVE'S PROFESSIONALISM REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 3656TH COMPONENT REPAIR COMPANY, AND THE MISSISSIPPI ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONAL COMMENDABLE SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS A CORRECTIONS OFFICER IN FOR HNC USDS. SPC THOMAS DEDICATION TO DUTY AND PROFESSIONAL EXERTION WERE EXEMPLIFIED BY THE UNIT'S SUCCESS. SPC THOMAS EXTRAORDINARY TORMENT, INTENSE DEVOTION TO DUTY AND STRONG HENSE OF PERSONAL EXCELLENCE PROVIDED SUPERB AND PROFESSIONAL DILIGENCE IN THE SUCCESS OF MANY MISSIONS. SPC THOMAS PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HER, 40TH MP BATTALION, HNC USDS AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT AS A SMALL ARMS INSTRUCTOR WHILE ASSIGNED TO SMALL ARMS READINESS GROUP, REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER-CENTRAL, FORT MCCOY, WI. SGT WITNESSED PROVIDED A SUPERIOR LEVEL OF WEAPONS AND MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING TO 54 UNITS, 3,059 WARRIORS PREPARING FOR OVERSEAS DEPLOYMENT. HIS DEDICATION AND SELFLESS SERVICE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN INSTALLING CONFIDENCE IN THE WARRIOR'S ASSIGNED WEAPONS AND IN THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE MISSION. HIS PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER-CENTRAL AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR GALLANTY IN ACTION AGAINST AN ARMED ENEMY, WHILE SERVING AS A RIFLEMAN ASSIGNED TO THE PACIFIC THEATER OF OPERATIONS, 188TH INF RGT, 40TH ID, PHILIPPINE ISLANDS ON OR ABOUT 15 MAY 1945. WHEN HIS PLATOON WAS CAUGHT BETWEEN THE CROSSEIRE OF AN ENEMY RIFLE AMBUSH AND MORTAR BARRAGE, PVT RIVERS PUT HIMSELF IN A LINE OF WITHSTANDING ENEMY FIRE AS HE MANEUVERED TO A COVERED POSITION FROM WHICH HE COULD EFFECTIVELY RETURN AND RETURN FIRE ON ENEMY POSITIONS. HE CONTINUED HIS DIRECT FIRE AT GREAT RISK TO HIS OWN SAFETY, RESULTING IN THE ENEMY'S EVENTUAL RETREAT AND THE PLATOON'S SAFE PASSAGE THROUGH THE ANGRY KILR KONG. PVT RIVERS' COURAGE, EXPERT MARKSMANSHIP, AND TOTAL DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN LIFE WAS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS PLATOON'S OVERALL SUCCESS AND SURVIVAL. HIS BRAVERY UNDER FIRE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 40TH ID, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal
FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS A FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST WHILE ASSIGNED TO ABLE
Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

Sgt, United States Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious achievement while assigned as a network switching systems operator/maintainer assigned to Task Force 44 C Company from to . During operation Joint Endeavor he demonstrated superior technical knowledge of data bases and communications links, therefore aiding in providing the NATO forces attached to the ARCC with reliable communications. Sgt. is expertise in NATO interfacing enabled the interfacing of the French RTA, British IEDP, and British Pyramion systems. Sgt. processed over 2,000 calls per week throughout the Bosnia theater. Sgt. ’s outstanding technical knowledge, flexibility and dedication to duty are evident with the quality of communications he provided. The distinctive accomplishments of Sgt. reflect great credit upon himself, the United States Army, and the Department of Defense.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For superior service as unit supply NCO and training NCO from 1 Aug 2010 to 30 November 2010. SSG Perez’s commitment to mission accomplishment and selfless service in support of the 71st CST during critical times have been paramount to the growth and success of the unit. SSG Perez’s performance during this time period brings great credit upon himself, the unit, the 7th Civil Support Command, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

Exceptionally commendable service while assigned as an avionics and electric shops section supervisor. SSG Doe’s dedication to duty and professional expertise were exemplified by the unit’s success. SSG Doe’s performance reflects great credit upon him, the 2nd General Support Aviation Battalion, the 1st Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For exceptionally meritorious service in support of the Enlace MedDAC Patient Care Mission and Standards, LTC Jane Doe provided superior and professional diligence in the success of patient care and safety. LTC Jane Doe superb performance of duty reflects great credit upon herself, Martin Army Community Hospital, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For exceptionally meritorious service in support of the BST 8 Recruitment Sustainment Program from 15 February 2009 to 27 September 2010. Your extraordinary tenacity, intense devotion to duty and strong sense of personal excellence provided superior and professional diligence in the success of many missions. SGT Katherina’s superb performance of duty reflects great credit upon herself, the accession task force, the California Army National Guard and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

SPC Romero displayed exceptional professional and dedication to her duties in coordinating daily logistical support for Ramadan at the Sayed Mosque, Bagram AF, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom 2010. Her dedication to service was instrumental to the congregation’s ability to serve the iftar meal to 75-100 people daily throughout the 29 day period of Ramadan, and to provide an Eid al-Fitr celebration for more than 300 congregants and visitors. SPC Romero’s actions are a credit to herself, her unit, and the chaplain corps.
Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

FPC Johnson's technical expertise as a wheeled vehicle mechanic, commitment to mission accomplishment, and dedication to selfless service, personally contributed to the successful completion of over thirty vehicle services.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For superior and unflagging support to the 449th Inland Cargo Transfer Company. Your ability to adapt quickly to an evolving, ever-challenging environment under austere conditions whenever it was needed is commendable. The long hours and dedication you provided were instrumental to the success of the exercise. Your professionalism brings great credit upon you, the 449th Inland Cargo Transfer Company, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN HAVING ATTAINED A PERFECT SCORE OF 100 PERCENT ON THE SKILL QUALIFICATION TEST. STAFF SERGEANT SMITH'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTES TO COMBAT READINESS AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For outstanding achievement as a tank turret mechanic during the Battalion's Level III tank quarantine. Your exemplary dedication to duty and technical expertise contributed significantly to the Company's maintenance success. This outstanding performance reflects great credit upon you, the Thunderbolts, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For outstanding achievement as Orderly Room NCO, 411th ASB, while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. SGT Lucky tracked and processed over 150 unscheduled leaves and passes while maintaining a 99% staffing rate. Under shifting command and conditions, she organized and prepared the unit for redeployment and reintegration into Central Region upon completion of their 15 month deployment with zero loss of accountability. The accomplishments of SGT Lucky bring great credit upon herself, the 411th ASB, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For exceptionally meritorious achievements while serving as the Battalion S-4 Officer, Headquarters 69th Ordnance Battalion during the period of 5 March 1998 to 15 June 1999. His outstanding initiative, leadership, and logistics abilities produced greatly improved supply, maintenance, and financial programs in the Battalion and led to a twenty percent increase in equipment serviceability rates for the Battalion. His skillful administration of supply and logistics resulted in the Battalion's successful completion of its Army Training and Evaluation Program and two major field exercises. Captain Korsen's outstanding achievements and devotion to duty reflect favorably upon himself, the 69th Ordnance Battalion, and the 1st Armored Division.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Achievement Medal

For meritorious service while assigned as assistant gunner and gunner from 12 January 2002 to 7 August 2004 in the Bravo Company 60mm mortar section. Private Johnson displayed fortitude, dedication, and skill during NEO rotation #32, the Battalion MORTAR and mortar live fire exercise and the Brigade Pre-Ranger Course. Private Johnson's performance reflects great credit upon himself, 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry, and the United States Army.
ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (ARCOM) CITATION EXAMPLES

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal
EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AS THE BATTALION CHAPLIN FOR THE 329TH CSSB FROM 25 MAY 2012 TO 14 APRIL 2014. HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO SOLDIERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS IS A TRUE INSPIRATION TO US ALL. CHAPLIN LEITNER PROVIDED DIRECTIONAL LEADERSHIP WHILE VISITING SOLDIERS DURING ARMED TRAINING AND EXERCISES. CHAPLIN LEITNER MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR ALL SOLDIERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS TO ANSWER THE CALL DURING A CRISIS. CHAPLIN LEITNER'S PROFESSIONALISM, LEADERSHIP, DEVOTION TO DUTY AND THE MILITARY FAMILY REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, 329TH CSSB AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal
SUPERIOR AND UNDAUNTING SERVICE AS THE ASSISTANT HUMAN RESOURCE NCO OF HHC, 329TH CSSB FROM 01 NOVEMBER 2011 TO 27 FEBRUARY 2014. HER LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO DUTY RESULTED IN THE HIGHEST PERSONNEL ACTION COMPLETION RATE FOR HHC AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED THE OVERALL COMPANY MISSION READINESS. SSG PICKETT'S PROFESSIONALISM, LEADERSHIP, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HER, THE 329TH COMBAT SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT BATTALION AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING IN SUPPORT OF BOTH OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM AND OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. HIS DEDICATION TO DUTY, SELFLESS SERVICE, AND OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ABILITY CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. SGT BRENN'S LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO DUTY RESULTED IN COMBAT EFFECTIVE SOLDIERS WITHIN ALL ELEMENTS HE WAS INTEGRATED IN. SGT BRENN'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT DISTINCT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY 3RD INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 19TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION (LI) AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS AN OPERATIONS ASSISTANT FOR THE 3RD SQUADRON, 73 CAVALRY REGIMENT FROM MAY 2007 TO JUNE 2013. HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATION TO DUTY RESULTED IN COMBAT EFFECTIVE PARATROOPERS AND MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. SERGEANT "BLANK" S PROFESSIONALISM, LEADERSHIP, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE 3RD SQUADRON, 73RD CAVALRY REGIMENT, THE 1ST BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

FOR OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS THE GROUP SUPPORT COMPANY CPT 49BULL’s KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND MOTIVATION DURING RECENT FRIDAY SQUAD OPERATIONS ALLOWED HIM THE FORTITUDE TO SUCCESSFULLY FLY IN A WING-MAN SUPPORT ROLE TO 49ICEMAN. HIS ACTIONS AND SUPPORT FOR HIS WING-MAN WERE UNWAVERING AND DIRECTLY LEAD TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF HIS MISSION WITH NO LOSS OF LIFE. CPT 49BULL IS A TRUE LEADER WITHIN THE PURSUANT COMMUNITY. MAJ 49BULL’S ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 49TH FIGHTER GROUP, 1ST SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIR FORCES.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS FIELD ARTILLERY SURVEYOR/ METEOROLOGICAL CREW MEMBER SECTION CHIEF IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE 1-76 FA BN. DURING THAT TIME, HE SURMOUNTED EXTREMELY ADVERSE CONDITIONS TO CONSISTENTLY OBTAIN SUPERIOR RESULTS. THROUGH DILIGENCE AND DETERMINATION, HE ACCOMPLISHED EVERY TASK QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY. HIS UNRELENTING LOYALITY, INITIATIVE, AND PERSISTENCE BROUGHT HIM WIDELY ACCLAIM AND INSPIRED HIS PEERS AND SUBORDINATES TO STRIVE FOR MAXIMUM ACHIEVEMENT. HE HAS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MULTINATIONAL EFFORT. HIS COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

FOR OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS THE GROUP SUPPORT COMPANY COMMANDER FROM MAY, 2010 UNTIL JULY 2011, MAJ KNOWLEDGE, PROFESSIONALISM, AND MOTIVATION INSPIRED THE SOLDIERS OF THE GROUP SUPPORT COMPANY TO ACCOMPLISH AND SUCCEED IN ACTIONS THAT ENHANCE THE REPUTATION OF 1ST SFG (A). MAJ IS A TRUE LEADER WITHIN THE SPECIAL FORCES COMMUNITY. MAJ’S ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE GROUP SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE), AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE DEPLOYED TO KUWAIT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM AND OPERATION NEW DAWN. SGT COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY RESULTED IN MISSION SUCCESS. SGT IS AN EXAMPLE OF A PROFESSIONAL AMERICAN SOLDIER AND HIS ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE IN BN, THE 0000TH INFANTRY DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

For superior and undaunting service to the 363rd Quarter Master Battalion. SGT Cantu’s dedication and commitment to success make him an outstanding leader. SGT Cantu, through his actions, has gained the respect of Soldiers and leaders at all levels. His determination toward self-development and the improvement of the organization sets the example for all enlisted Soldiers and non-commissioned and commissioned officers. SGT Cantu’s actions bring great credit upon himself, the 363rd QM BN, the US Army Reserve, and the United States Army.

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Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

For exceptionally meritorious service while assigned as a Counter Rocket Artillery Mortar Sensor and Warn Team Leader from 10 August 2007 through 2 Jan 2008. As a member of the Multinational Division Center South Sense and Warn section at Camp Bravo, Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq, SGT Rock played a vital role in the success of the mission. When an IDF attack disabled the main generators powering the Tactical Operations Center and the Sense and Warn system Lightweight Counter Mortar Radar, SGT Rock took immediate action. With no radar coverage and still under Red conditions, SGT Rock moved to the Special Forces compound and completely assembled and activated their Counter Mortar Radar. This provided Camp Bravo with temporary Radar coverage for 12 hours until the main generators were repaired. SGT Rock's dedication and devotion to duty is in keeping with the finest traditions of the Army and reflects great credit upon himself, the Strike First Battalion, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

For vital support of the USAENTAC fiscal year 2007 closeout. As the Supply NCOIC for Dental Clinic #1, you provided critical technical support to the organization by $800,000. Your contributions serve as a sterling example of the effective and judicious use of organizational funds and resulted in continuous proactive solutions ensuring expendable supplies and equipment. Your actions produced a positive balance of all funds prior to Army mandated fiscal year closeout and ensured the continued success of the mission of the USAENTAC. Your actions as Supply NCOIC, Dental Clinic #1, bring great credit upon yourself, the U.S. Army Materiel Command, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

This citation is presented to SSG Manning, United States Army, who distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations against terrorist aggression in the Republic of Afghanistan. During this period, he singlemindedly surmounted extremely adverse conditions to obtain consistently superior results. Through diligence and determination, he accomplished every task quickly and efficiently. His unparalleled loyalty, initiative, and perseverance brought him wide acclaim and maximum achievement. Sallenly working long and arduous hours, he has contributed greatly to the success of the multinational effort. His commendable performance was in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects credit upon himself and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

Master Sergeant Albert C. Cunningham distinguished himself by meritorious service as Support Operations Sergeant for the 3d Corps Support Command (COSCOM), V Corps, Germany. As Support Operations Sergeant, he deployed in support of both OPERATIONS IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM. Displaying great courage and mission focus, he personally led reconnaissance teams on several missions into enemy territory by ground and air to locate and identify high-value, non-mission capable equipment requiring retrograding. In addition, his leadership and expertise was integral to the relocation of V Corps Headquarters over 1,000 kilometers with no loss in communication or contact. Furthermore, he spearheaded the analysis of severe damage to several of the Attack Helicopter Regiment's aircraft after a major enemy attack, coordinated the delivery of critical repair parts and arranged the required depot maintenance deployment which led to 100% mission restoration in less than five days. The distinctive accomplishments of Master Sergeant Cunningham reflect credit upon himself, V Corps, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal

Sergeant Roger A. Daltry distinguished himself by meritorious service as an Information Systems Analyst, 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawaii, from 11 December 2003 to 30 April 2006. During this period, Sergeant Daltry's outstanding professionalism, technical expertise, and dedication to duty contributed greatly to the overall mission accomplishment of this highly diversified division. Sergeant Daltry repaired more than 200 small computers base-wide and saved the government over 100,000 dollars in repair costs. He excelled at providing 12 software classes to joint service members saving the government an estimated costs. Sergeant Daltry's assistance to an Air Force engineering and installation team communications center's switching systems, which routed critical command and control
message traffic, ensured a successful conversion with zero downtime. In addition, his efforts in tracking and removing several computer viruses isolated the loss of data and saved the entire installation from a catastrophic communications outage. SGT Daltry's performance brings great credit upon himself, the 25th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal
As Team Leader, Charlie Company, 2-275th Infantry, SGT Smith displayed leadership and competence by taking the initiative to research and implement a program to outfit the company's vehicles with long range antennas. The antennas were vital to improving communication between vehicles on combat logistic patrols across dangerous and unsecured terrain. With the regulation antennas, communications between vehicles, across distances as great as three miles, were intermittent. SGT Smith spent more than 100 hours testing and configuring antennas until a practical solution was found. The long range antennas improved Charlie company logistic patrols communications and ensured personnel safety and mission accomplishment. SGT Smith's performance brings great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Army Commendation Medal
For exceptionally meritorious service as a Communication Electronics Staff Officer and Headquarters Company Commander, 214th Engineer Combat Battalion (Heavy) from 11 November 2001 to 14 May 2003. CPT Crunch's astute guidance resulted in excellent communications support to his battalion during an ARTEP, CPX, and an eleven month construction project. His outstanding management skills ensured continued mission accomplishment of this diverse company and its consolidated dining facility. His ability to balance his responsibilities as Commander, CESO, and Dining Facility Supervisor resulted in maximum readiness for the unit. CPT Crunch's performance of duty brings great credit upon himself, the 22nd Engineer Brigade, and the United States Army.
MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL CITATION EXAMPLES

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 29 DECEMBER 1994 TO 29 DECEMBER 2014 CULMINATING AS SENIOR FIRE CONTROL SERGEANT, 2-319TH AIRBORNE FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, 2D BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, FORT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA. THROUGHOUT HIS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE, SERGEANT FIRST CLASS HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE IN POSITIONS OF ESCALATING IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY. DURING HIS CAREER, SERGEANT FIRST CLASS ENHANCED THE READINESS OF NUMEROUS UNITS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES ARMY. UPON RETIREMENT, SERGEANT FIRST CLASS IS RECOGNIZED FOR DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE OF DUTY THAT REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, 2-319TH AIRBORNE FIELD ARTILLERY REGIMENT, THE 82D AIRBORNE DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal
SFC Holmden distinguished himself in the conduct of meritorious service in multiple roles including the Recon NCO and the Unit Training NCO of the 51st Civil Support Team (WMD) spanning a nearly thirteen year period. His contributions fostered an organizational culture of teamwork and made maximum use of the diverse talents of all team members. He accepted great responsibility for a high operations-tempo joint service unit. SFC Holmden's service reflects great credit upon himself, his family, the 51st CST, the Michigan National Guard, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING AS THE 320TH CSSB CSM. CSM Dwyer has continuously demonstrated exceptional service, professionalism, technical expertise and outstanding performance throughout his tenure as the BN CSM. His steadfast integrity, maturity, and sound judgment have earned him the respect and loyalty of those with whom he served. CSM Dwyer is recognized for his exemplary service to the soldiers of the 320TH COMBAT SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT BATTALION. These distinctive accomplishments reflect great credit upon himself, the 320TH COMBAT SUSTAINMENT SUPPORT BATTALION, 89TH SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal
FOR EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS SERVICE DURING OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HIS PROFESSIONALISM AND DEDICATION TO DUTY WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS OF THE UNIT'S MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT. HIS ACTIONS ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPS-IRAQ, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS THE COMPANY COMMANDER FOR ALPHA COMPANY, 414TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION, COMBINED JOINT TASK FORCE BORNEO OF AFRICA, CAMP LEMONNIER, DJIBOUTI, FROM OCTOBER 2008 TO OCTOBER 2009. MAJOR GATES' LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE COMPANY'S MISSIONS WHILE OPERATING IN DJIBOUTI, KENYA, TANZANIA, AND UGANDA. MAJOR GATES' ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 414TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BATTALION, CJTF-HOA, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES WITH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AND DEVOTION FOR TWENTY YEARS OF MILITARY SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HIS MILITARY CAREER POSITIVELY IMPACTED AND ENHANCED THE UNITED STATES ARMY'S MISSION AND WELL BEING. SSG SNOFFY'S OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE SPECIAL TROOPS BATTALION, 1ST SUSTAINMENT BRIGADE, 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE FROM 12 JULY 1985 THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 2012 WHILE SERVING IN A VARIETY OF POSITIONS CULMINATING AS THE BATTALION MORTARS SECTION SERGEANT. HIS EFFORTS, TACTICAL AND TECHNICAL COMPETENCE, AND PROFESSIONALISM WERE INSTRUMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF 1-32. IN HIS DEDICATION TO DUTY REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, 1ST BATTALION, 32ND INFANTRY REGIMENT, THE SPARTAN BRIGADE, THE 10TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING AS THE ROBOTICS SECTION SERGEANT AND INSTRUCTOR. SSG LIGINIHE'S EXTRAORDINARY LEADERSHIP, INTENSE DEVOTION TO DUTY AND STRONG SENSE OF PERSONAL EXCELLENCE CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE MISSION. HIS ACTIONS REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIM, THE 197TH INFANTRY BRIGADE, THE UNITED STATES ARMY MANEUVER CENTER OF EXCELLENCE, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal


Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE WHILE SERVING IN A VARIETY OF POSITIONS CULMINATING AS THE BATTALION 86 SECTION CHIEF. HIS LEADERSHIP EXPERTISE, AND PROFESSIONALISM IS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER AND DISTINCTION, AND THUS, IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR THAT WE RECOGNIZE THIS SOLDIER'S SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY OVER THE PAST 11 YEARS. STAFF SSG GREEN'S SELFLESS SACRIFICE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, THE 301ST BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION, THE READY FIRST COMBAT TEAM, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED AS A NCO ON RECRUITING DUTY WITH THE NORTH BAY RECRUITING COMPANY, SACRAMENTO RECRUITING BATTALION FROM 28 MAY 2009 TO 09 JUNE 2011. YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND UNCOMMON DEDICATION TO DUTY DEMONSTRATE A PERSONAL COMMITMENT THAT REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON YOURSELF, THE SACRAMENTO RECRUITING BATTALION AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
Citation to accompany the award of the Meritorious Service Medal

For meritorious service as Chief, Evaluation Reports branch, Personnel Services Division, Office of the Adjutant General, for the period 1 May 2008 to 20 July 2009. Warrant Officer Smith distinguished himself by assuming responsibility for the timely submission of the 2nd Infantry Division Officer Evaluation Reports during a period when the percentage of overdue reports exceeded all previous records. He developed a systematic and comprehensive system of review and timely notification of subordinate units thus ensuring the prompt submission of required reports. The 2nd Infantry Division now has the lowest percentage of overdue reports in the entire Eighth Army and continues to receive recognition from Higher Headquarters for sustaining this remarkable achievement. Warrant Officer Smith's devotion to duty, perseverance, and exemplary performance reflect great credit upon himself, the 2nd Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

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RETIREMENT AWARD CITATION EXAMPLES

EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE as Platoon Sergeant, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, Defense Language Institute and Foreign Language Center, Freddio of Monterey, California, Sergeant First Class XXXXXX served with distinction in positions of ever greater responsibility in locations throughout the world contributing to both national security and the development of the next generation of Soldiers. His distinguished performance and dedication to duty represents outstanding accomplishments in the most cherished traditions of the Army and reflect the utmost credit upon him, the Defense Language Institute and Foreign Language Center, and the United States Army.

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE FROM 2 OCTOBER 1975 THROUGH 30 APRIL 2010. SSG SMITH'S ACTIONS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER RESULTED IN EXCEPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND WERE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS AND MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE UNITS SHE SERVED WITH. SSG SMITH EXEMPLIFIED THE ARMY VALUES BY STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE AND BY PLACING THE MISSION AND THE WELLBEING OF HER SOLDIERS BEFORE HERSELF. HER CONDUCT AND DEDICATION OVER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE IS IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HERSELF, HER UNIT, THE FLORIDA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD, AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.

FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE SERVING IN VARIOUS POSITIONS OF INCREASING RESPONSIBILITY, CULMINATING AS STATION COMMANDER FOR THE XXXX ZERO RECRUITING STATION. YOUR EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP, EXPERTISE, AND PROFESSIONALISM IS OF THE HIGHEST CALIBER AND DISTINCTION, AND THUS, IT IS WITH GREAT HONOR THAT WE RECOGNIZE SFC JOHNSON'S SERVICE TO HIS COUNTRY OVER THE PAST 22 YEARS. YOUR SELFLESS SACRIFICE AND DEDICATION TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY, AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON YOU, THE UNITED STATES ARMY RECRUITING COMMAND AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY.
For over 16 years of meritorious service to the United States Army and the Georgia Army National Guard. Throughout his military career, Staff Sergeant Patton has served with honor and distinction in numerous positions, from those associated with his primary MOS as a Aviation Maintenance Technician/Crew Chief, to his role as a Military Police Team Leader, Southern Command Drug Enforcement Task Force. His unwavering dedication to duty and unparalleled professionalism have consistently earned the respect of subordinates, peers, and superiors alike. An innovative and relentless troubleshooter, his vast technical knowledge greatly aided in the company’s success while deployed, with little material support, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. His experience gained from serving on multiple deployments around the globe, also 3 combat deployments including support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom proved invaluable as he mentored junior soldiers and platoon leadership on a wide spectrum of theater and cultural topics, increasing their readiness for deployment and ultimately, unit effectiveness. His long and illustrious career has been marked by humility and service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Georgia Army National Guard, and the United States Army.

For Exceptionally Meritorious Service, while assigned to the 1st Logistics Support Battalion, 43rd Regiment as the Battalion Executive Officer. Her loyalty, professionalism and outstanding care for soldiers were paramount to overall mission accomplishment. Maj Doe was the one constant through seven changes of command, three battalion reorganizations and mission changes. She ensured that the battalion was consistently one of the best in the brigade. Her actions reflect great credit upon herself, the 86th Training Command and the United States Army.

For Exceptionally Meritorious Service, while serving as Platoon Sergeant, 555th Signal Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Field Artillery Regiment. Sgt Hicks’ commitment to excellence and professionalism contributed tremendously to the successful accomplishment of the unit’s mission. Sgt Hicks’ actions reflect distinct credit upon him, the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, the 25th Infantry Division and the United States Army.

For Exceptionally Meritorious Service and performance while serving in a variety of positions, culminating as the Assistant S6 NCO for the "xxxxxx" battalion. Staff Sergeant xxxxxx has continuously demonstrated exceptional service, professionalism, technical expertise, and outstanding performance throughout his twenty year career. His steadfast integrity, maturity, and sound judgement have earned him the respect and loyalty of those with whom he served. Upon his retirement, Staff Sergeant xxxxxx is recognized for his exemplary service to the nation, which is keeping with the finest traditions of the xth Battalion, xth Infantry Regiment, the xth Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Exceptionally Meritorious Service while serving in leadership positions spanning over twenty-one years, culminating as the G4 Senior Maintenance Management NCO with the 37th Theater Support Command. Sergeant First Class Wilkins has continuously demonstrated dedication, exceptional service, professionalism, technical expertise and outstanding performance throughout his career. His steadfast integrity, sound judgment and consummate professionalism earned him the highest level of trust, loyalty and
dedication from those who have worked with and for him. Upon retirement Sergeant First Class Wilkins is recognized for distinguished performance of duty that represents exemplary service in the finest traditions for the United States Army.

For exceptional meritorious service from 23 May 1980 to 30 August 2006 culminating as Director, Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, Camp Roberts, CA. Throughout his 26 years of service, Lieutenant Colonel Smith distinguished himself by exceptional duty performance in positions of increasing responsibility. During his career, in peace and in combat, Lieutenant Colonel Smith, by extraordinary leadership, integrity, and skill improved every unit to which he belonged and put soldiers first. Upon retirement, Lieutenant Colonel Smith is recognized for distinguished performance of duty that reflects great credit upon himself, and the United States Army.

For exceptional meritorious service from 21 April 1998 to 30 August 2003 culminating with the Second United States Army as a Senior Enlisted Advisor, Ordnance Team, Readiness Group Redstone, Huntsville, Alabama. Throughout his twenty four years of service, Master Sergeant Carter has distinguished himself by exceptional duty performance in positions of importance and responsibility. During his career, Master Sergeant Carter demonstrated extraordinary leadership, technical, and training skills thereby enhancing the readiness of numerous units in the total army. His career has been marked by true professionalism and dedication and reflects great credit upon himself, the Readiness Group Redstone, and the United States Army.

For exceptional meritorious service from 11 February 2008 to 30 April 2010 culminating with his assignment to the 199th Regional Training Institute, as acting First Sergeant, Warrior Leadership Course, 199th Regiment, Leesville, Louisiana. SFC John Hancock's exemplary performance throughout his 25 year career of service showed great pride in his duties ranging from administrative clerk to acting First Sergeant. SFC Hancock ensured that all soldiers in his charge were well versed in their individual duties and provided meaningful and productive mentorship to each of them. His career is a sterling example of dedication and professionalism and reflects great credit upon himself, the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and the United States Army.

For exceptional meritorious service from 14 March 1995 to 30 January 2009 culminating with his service to the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade, as Team Chief of the Southern Province Reconstruction section, headquartered at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Throughout his 25 years of service, Master Sergeant Bond has distinguished himself by exceptional duty performance in positions of escalating importance and responsibility. During his career, Master Sergeant Bond, by extra ordinary leadership, integrity and technical skills enhanced the readiness of numerous units throughout the total army, at home and deployed. His career has been marked by true professionalism and reflects great credit upon himself, the 95th Civil Affairs Brigade and the United States Army.
For over 30 years of meritorious service to the United States Army and the Georgia Army National Guard. Throughout his military career, Staff Sergeant Smith has served with honor and distinction in numerous positions, from those associated with his primary MOS as a Maintenance Technician, to his career as a Military Police Team Leader. His unwavering dedication to duty and unparalleled professionalism have consistently earned the respect of subordinates, peers, and superiors alike. An innovative and relentless troubleshooter, his vast technical knowledge greatly aided the company's success while deployed, with little material support, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on. His experience, gained from serving on 3 combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom proved invaluable as he mentored junior soldiers and platoon leadership on a wide spectrum of leader and cultural topics, increasing their readiness for deployment and ultimately, unit effectiveness. His long and illustrious career has been marked by humility and service and reflects great credit upon himself, the Georgia Army National Guard, and the United States Army.

1-18. Period of award.
   a. For meritorious service awards, the cited period is limited to the period of service during which the individual served under the recommending command, except in the case of retirement awards. (See para 1-22.) Meritorious service is characterized by distinguished service and performance above that normally expected, over a sustained period. (AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, Para 1-18)

1-22. Recognition upon retirement.
   a. Period of service. Each individual approaching retirement may be considered for an appropriate decoration based on his or her grade, years of service, degree of responsibility, and manner of performance.

   b. Service awards. Meritorious service awards may be awarded, upon retirement, which may include periods of service longer than that served in the recommending command. It is recommended that such periods be limited to the last 10 years of service. This is not to imply that an extended period of service should be considered for every individual who retires. An extended period should only be considered in those cases where the length or nature of the individual's terminal assignment would not qualify him or her for an appropriate award. It is not necessary to consider an extended period of service when the length and character of service of the retiree's terminal assignment would qualify them for an appropriate award. When writing the citation, it is not necessary to indicate the time period again; it is only pertinent to mention the total number of years of service, for example, over 22 years or 30 years of service.

   c. Submissions. Award recommendations submitted for meritorious service based upon retirement will be submitted so that they may be processed to conclusion prior to the requested presentation date. In determining the presentation date, the recommendee must take into account the Soldier's requested retirement date, number of days of any transition leave, and authorized travel/transition processing time. Recommendations for awards being submitted to HQ, USA, HRC for final action will be initiated sufficiently in advance to arrive not less than 90 days before the desired presentation date. (AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, Para 1-22)
THE LEGION OF MERIT

NARRATIVE TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

LEGION OF MERIT

TO

LTC ALFRED J. PADDEN

Over his 31 year career, Lieutenant Colonel Alfred J. Padden has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of positions of great importance and responsibility to the Army and the Nation, culminating as the Strategy and Policy Branch Chief, Stability Operations Division, Strategy, Plans and Policy Directorate, Operations and Plans (G-3/5/7), Headquarters, Department of the Army for the past eighteen months. His previous positions of significant leadership included Chief of Current Operations J3, United States Forces-Iraq, Iraqi Army Rapid Transition Team Chief, Mosul; Inspector General, District of Columbia National Guard and Battalion Commander, 1st Battalion, 312th Regiment.

As the Strategy and Policy Branch Chief, Stability Operations Division, Lieutenant Colonel Padden positively and directly influenced Army and Department of Defense Policy and program recommendations to the Chief of Staff, Army; the Vice Chief of Staff, Army; and the DCS, O3/5/7 on a daily basis. His carefully communicated advice reflected the depth and breadth of his considerable experience and affected future programs and policy that will carry the Army through the end of sustained combat operations and into an Army focused on building the capacity of the partners of the United States.

Lieutenant Colonel Padden played a key role in the transition between Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation New Dawn by carefully managing over 250 External and Stability Transition Teams as the Chief of Transition Team Operations for the J3 in United States Forces-Iraq. His guidance and leadership were instrumental in navigating the complex and critical issues surrounding the Iraqi people’s realization of sovereignty and the Iraqi Security Forces being thrust into the lead role for security operations. Lieutenant Colonel Padden performed this task at a critical time in Iraq’s evolving history. His success was built upon his superb efforts in his previous post which saw him mentor, coach, train and lead by example what would become the best brigade in the 2nd Iraqi Army Division, in Mosul, then the most complex and lethal part of all Iraq.

As the Inspector General for the District of Columbia National Guard from 2005 until 2008, Lieutenant Colonel Padden was credited for restoring the positive command climate that had been missing from the command. He achieved this by first clearing the backlog of Inspector General cases that dated back to 2001 and then ensuring timely disposition of the 186 new cases that were presented to him during his tenure. Through integrity, compassion, equality, fairness and outstanding leadership, Lieutenant Colonel Padden earned his exceptional reputation as the go to guy for the entire District of Columbia National Guard force including commanders, staff, retirees and family members.

As a Training Support Battalion Commander in the early years of Operation Enduring Freedom, Lieutenant Colonel Padden employed the diverse characteristics and capabilities of the 1st Battalion, 310th Regiment to fully prepare National Guard and Army Reserve Brigades for deployment to Afghanistan for combat operations. As the vanguard in preparing deploying forces, Lieutenant Colonel Padden created and employed techniques for instruction, sequencing and evaluation that became the baseline for the next ten years of Army efforts to ready and deploy forces from the Reserve Component into combat.

His actions, over 31 years of military service, are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service.
The citation of the Legion of Merit to the DARNG is now in "Active Voice" (This example is for retirement):

Citation to accompany the award of the Legion of Merit
For exceptionally meritorious service while serving in positions of increasing responsibility and culminating as commander, 96th Troop Command. Throughout thirty-four years of service you have provided soldiers and families with unlimited support and care while leading by example without regard to personal hardship or risk and you displayed an exceptional ability to command infantry, armor, and support units alike. Your exemplary leadership is in keeping with the finest traditions of the military and reflects great credit upon yourself, the Washington Army National Guard, and the United States Army.

Citation to accompany the award of the Legion of Merit
For exceptional meritorious service from 1 June 2005 to 1 August 2011 culminating as Senior Intelligence Officer, Detachment 1, 2608th Military Intelligence Group, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Throughout her 28 years of service, Major Doe has distinguished herself by exceptional duty performance in positions of escalating importance and responsibility. During her career, Major Doe, by extraordinary leadership, integrity and technical skills enhanced the readiness of numerous units throughout the United States Army and deployed. Upon retirement, Major Doe is recognized for distinguished performance of duty that reflects great credit upon herself, the 2608th Military Intelligence Group and the United States Army.