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SECTION I - GENERAL

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this regulation is to provide the guidance, implementing the West Virginia National Guard Awards and Decorations Program authorized by West Virginia Code, Article 1G, Chapter 15 as amended on 28 March 1988 and became effective on 26 June 1988.

2. MILITARY AWARDS BOARD.

a. A permanent board of awards to be known as the Military Awards Board of the State of West Virginia will be appointed. The Board will consist of three members, at least two of whom shall be active members of the West Virginia National Guard. The term of office for these members shall be four years, or until their successors are appointed. One of the members will be selected as secretary and assigned the responsibility of maintaining a complete record of all Board proceedings. This record is to be maintained in the Office of the Adjutant General as part of the permanent military records of the State of West Virginia. The Board will review all recommendations for the award of the following:

(1) West Virginia Distinguished Service Medal (WVDSM)

(2) West Virginia Legion of Merit (WVLOM)

b. The affirmative vote of two members of the Board is necessary for submitting recommendations for the WVDSM or the WVLOM to the Governor for final approval/disapproval. Any recommendation failing to receive the Board's recommendation for approval on two separate occasions shall not be acted on again.

c. The Board shall design, or have designed, the WVDSM, the WVLOM and other West Virginia awards and decorations that might be approved by the Adjutant General of West Virginia under the provisions of Section II, paragraph 11 of this regulation. Subsequent to agreeing upon the design of these awards and decorations, the Board shall submit the designs and bids, together with its recommendations thereon, to the Governor for final approval.

d. In addition to the items mentioned above, the Board has the authority to:

(1) Originate recommendations for awards.

(2) Disapproval or downgrade recommendations for awards.

3. WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD AWARDS BOARDS.

a. The Adjutant General will appoint two separate and distinct West Virginia National Guard Awards Boards. They are as follows:

(1) West Virginia Army National Guard (WVARNG) Awards Board.

(2) West Virginia Air National Guard (WVANG) Awards Board.

b. Each of the above mentioned Boards will consist of ten members (i.e., six officers and four enlisted members) assigned to Headquarters, West Virginia State Area Command (HQ WV STARC) and Headquarters, West Virginia Air National Guard (HQ WVANG) respectively.

c. The WVARNG and WVANG Awards Boards are responsible for reviewing recommendations for all of the State awards and decorations that have been, or will be, established in accordance with the provisions of Code of West Virginia, Article 1G, Section 4 and paragraph 11, Section II of this regulation. The boards will recommend the approval/disapproval or downgrade of same to the Adjutant General.

d. Recommendations for all State awards and decorations will be processed through appropriate military channels to TAG, WV, Attn: Military Personnel Management Officer (MILPO) for WVARNG or TAG, WV, Attn: Executive Support Staff Officer (ESSO) for WVANG. If the recommendation is for the award of the WVDSM or the WVLOM, the MILPO or ESSO will forward the recommendation package to the Military Awards Board for necessary action. If the recommendation is for any of the other State awards or decorations listed in paragraph 11, Section II below, the MILPO or ESSO will select any three of the ten individuals who have been appointed to serve on the WVARNG or WVANG Awards Board, respectively, and request that they act on the package. The senior individual selected will act as President and the junior individual will act as Recorder of the Board. Only officers will be selected to serve on an Awards Board considering a recommendation for an award or decoration for an officer. An Awards Board considering an award or decoration for an enlisted member may consist of all officers; one officer and two enlisted personnel; or all enlisted personnel as deemed appropriate by the MILPO or ESSO.

e. The WVARNG or WVANG Awards Board will

convene at the earliest opportunity after receipt of the recommendation package from the MILPO or ESSO. Three members are necessary to have a quorum. A majority vote will decide all actions of the Board. Decisions of the Board are considered to be recommendations to the Adjutant General, whose decision is final and may not be appealed.

4. RECOMMENDING AUTHORITY. It is the responsibility of West Virginia National Guard commanders or any other individual having personal knowledge of an act, achievement, or service believed to fall within the criteria for authorized awards or decorations to submit recommendations for consideration.

5. SUBMISSION PROCEDURES.

a. WVARNG: All recommendations for a State award or decoration, except for the West Virginia State Service Ribbon and the West Virginia Service Ribbon will be submitted through channels on an AGO Form 638 (Appendix A) to TAG, WV - Attn: MILPO. Separate recommendations for different awards and decorations are required; however, several individuals may be included on an AGO Form 638-1 (Appendix B) for the award of the West Virginia State Service Ribbon, or on an AGO Form 638-2 (Appendix C) for the award of the West Virginia Service Ribbon. The MILPO will forward all recommendations for the WVDSM or the WVLOM to the Military Awards Board for consideration. All other recommendations will be referred to the WVARNG Awards Board.

b. WVANG:

(1) Recommendations for the WVMSM and the WVLOM will be submitted through channels on an AGO Form 638 (Appendix A) to TAG, WV - Attn: ESSO. The ESSO will forward all such recommendations to the Military Awards Board for consideration.

(2) Recommendations for the approval of all other State awards and decorations (i.e., those established by the Adjutant General in accordance with the provisions of West Virginia Code, Article 1G-4, Chapter 15 and paragraph 11, Section II below) will be submitted in military letter format through channels to TAG, WV - Attn: ESSO. Complete justification for the award should be included in the letter (See Appendix D for sample letter).

6. METHOD OF ANNOUNCING AWARDS. State awards and decorations that are approved by the Governor, based upon the recommendation of the Military Awards Board, or by the Adjutant General, based upon their commendation of the WVARNG

or WVANG Awards Board, will be announced on Permanent Orders (for WVARNG personnel) or Special Orders (for WVANG personnel) published by the Adjutant General's Department.

7. PRESENTATIONS. Awards and decorations will be presented at an appropriate ceremony. When the Adjutant General or a member of his staff cannot make the presentation, the awards and decorations, to include copies of appropriate orders, will be forwarded to the commander of the recipient for presentation.

8. BUDGETING FOR FUNDS. The Adjutant General shall annually submit to the Legislature a request for an appropriation sufficient to cover the cost of all West Virginia awards and decorations established in accordance with the provisions of the West Virginia Code and this Regulation that are to be procured during the next fiscal year. The MILPO and ESSO are responsible for ensuring that the Adjutant General is provided with the necessary information to budget for the awards and decorations required each fiscal year for their respective service.

9. MAINTENANCE OF INVENTORY. The inventory of awards and decorations purchased by the Adjutant General will be maintained by the MILPO.

SECTION II - STATE AWARDS

10. AWARDS ESTABLISHED BY WEST VIRGINIA CODE:

a. WEST VIRGINIA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (WVDSM):

(1) **DESCRIPTION:** The WVDSM is a 14K Gold Cross with the State Seal in the center of the face encircled by the words "Distinguished Service". On the back, the name of the recipient will be engraved with the inscription "For Distinguished Service". The Medal is suspended from a ribbon with a center band of gold flanked by equal bands of blue. The blue bands are flanked by equal bands of gold with blue borders. The ribbon bar is as described for the ribbon above.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD:** The WVDSM may be awarded as follows:

(a) To former governors who are now alive, present and future governors of the State of West Virginia as commanders-in-chief of the West Virginia National Guard;

(b) To such officers and enlisted personnel in the West Virginia National Guard as may have, or may hereafter

render conspicuous or distinguished service in the line of duty, or who have displayed, or may hereafter display conspicuous courage and gallantry while on duty with the West Virginia National Guard;

(c) To persons serving in the West Virginia National Guard who are holders of Congressional Medals of Honor, United States Distinguished Service Medals, United States Distinguished Service Cross, or equivalent awards of the United States Army; the United States Navy; or the United States Air Force;

(d) To persons of West Virginia who served, or shall hereafter serve in the armed forces of the United States in time of war and who may have rendered or shall hereafter render conspicuous or distinguished service in the line of duty;

(e) To not more than two civilians in any one year who shall have rendered, in the judgment of the military board of the State of West Virginia, conspicuous or distinguished service to the West Virginia National Guard;

(f) The Military Awards Board of the State of West Virginia shall be empowered to recommend the WVDSM posthumously for presentation to the next of kin of any officer or enlisted person entitled thereto under the foregoing paragraphs. No posthumous award shall be made in the case of a civilian.

(3) ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY: The establishing authority for the WVDSM is West Virginia Code, Article 1G, Section 1, Chapter 15.

b. WEST VIRGINIA LEGION OF MERIT (WVLOM):

(1) DESCRIPTION: The WVLOM is a round, gold colored medal with the words "West Virginia Legion of Merit" along the outside rim. A square is superimposed within the circle and the State Seal is superimposed upon the square. The medal is suspended from a ribbon which is 11/16" in width and consists of a center band of blue flanked by equal bands of gold. The gold bands are flanked by equal bands of blue. The ribbon bar is the same as described above for the ribbon on the medal.

(2) CRITERIA FOR AWARD: The WVLOM may be awarded for exceptional meritorious service, achievement or bravery:

(a) To present or former officers and enlisted members of the West Virginia National Guard;

(b) To present or former members of active military components, national guard members of other states

and other reserve components;

(c) To civilians who have rendered conspicuous or distinguished service to the West Virginia National Guard, the State of West Virginia or the United States of America.

(3) ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY: The establishing authority for the WVLOM is West Virginia Code, Article 1G, Section 2, Chapter 15.

c. AWARD APPROVING AUTHORITY: The Governor of West Virginia is the award approving authority for the WVDSM and the WVLOM based upon an affirmative recommendation from the Military Awards Board. If deemed appropriate, the Governor may approve the downgrade of a WVDSM to a WVLOM. The Governor may also downgrade a recommendation for a WVLOM to a West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal.

11. AWARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE ADJUTANT GENERAL:

a. WEST VIRGINIA MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (WVMSM):

(1) DESCRIPTION: The WVMSM is a round, bronze plated medal with the words "West Virginia Meritorious Service" along the outside rim. A square is superimposed within the circle and the State Seal is superimposed upon the square. The medal is suspended from a ribbon 11/16" in consisting of a centered band of blue flanked by equal narrow bands of gold. The gold bands are flanked by equal bands of blue with borders of gold. The ribbon bar is the same description above for the ribbon.

(2) CRITERIA FOR AWARD: The WVMSM may be awarded to any civilian or member of the West Virginia National Guard or of the Armed Forces of the United States who, on or after 1 July 1990, shall distinguish himself/herself by acts of heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service rendered over a period of time that is of sufficient importance to the State of West Virginia to merit significant recognition, but of a lesser degree than that required for the award of the WVLOM.

(3) ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY: The establishing authority for the WVMSM is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 2, dated 15 October 1990. (APPENDIX E).

b. WEST VIRGINIA COMMENDATION MEDAL:

(1) **DESCRIPTION.** The WVCM is round, bronze plated medal with the words "West Virginia State Commendation" along the outside with a square superimposed within the circle and the State Seal upon the square. The medal is suspended from a ribbon which is 11/16" in width and consists of a narrow band of gold centered in the middle of the ribbon. This gold band is flanked by a narrow bands of blue which are flanked by a narrow bands of gold. These bands of gold are flanked by narrow bands of blue which are also flanked by narrow bands of gold. These bands of gold are flanked by large bands of blue. The ribbon bar is the same as described above.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD.** The WVCM may be awarded to any person who, on or after 15 October 1990, shall distinguish himself herself by performing especially meritorious public service or achievement or display exceptional bravery that is of sufficient importance to the State of West Virginia to merit significant recognition, but of a lesser degree than that required for the award of the WVMSM.

(3) **ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY:** The establishing authority for the WVCM is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 3, dated 15 October 1990. (APPENDIX F)

c. WEST VIRGINIA ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON (WVAR):

(1) **DESCRIPTION.** The WVAR has a wide white center, flanked on each side by a narrow red and white band with a wide green band at each end.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD:** The WVAR may be awarded to any member of the West Virginia National Guard who shall distinguish himself/herself by service or act(s) that are of sufficient importance to merit significant recognition of a lesser degree than that required for the award of the WVCM.

(3) **ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY:** The establishing authority for the WVAR is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 4, dated 15 October 1990. (APPENDIX G)

d. WV EMERGENCY SERVICE RIBBON (WVESR):

(1) **DESCRIPTION.** The WVESR has a center band of yellow flanked by equal bands of blue. The blue bands are flanked by equal bands of white with blue borders.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD.** The WVESR may be awarded to any member of the West Virginia National Guard who shall serve in the active military service of the state in the aid of civil authorities in upholding the law and preserving order, protecting lives and property, in the aid and relief of citizens in disaster, or other similar service, duly ordered by the Governor, or who shall honorably serve for thirty days in the armed forces of the United States as a member of the National Guard of this State called or ordered to service therein by the President of the United States, shall, upon recommendation of the West Virginia National Guard Awards Board and approval by The Adjutant General of West Virginia, be awarded the WVESR.

(3) **ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY:** The establishing authority for the WVESR is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 5, dated 15 October 1990 (APPENDIX H)

e. WEST VIRGINIA STATE SERVICE RIBBON (WVSSR):

(1) **DESCRIPTION.** The WVSSR is an equally divided yellow and blue ribbon. The yellow will be worn to the wearer's right.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD.** The WVSSR shall be presented to all members of the West Virginia National Guard who are ordered to any period of active service of the State pursuant to West Virginia Code, Article 1D, Chapter 5.

(3) **ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY:** The establishing authority for the WVSSR is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 6, dated 15 October 1990 (APPENDIX I)

f. WEST VIRGINIA SERVICE RIBBON (WVSR):

(1) **DESCRIPTION.** The WVSR is an equally divided red and black ribbon. The red will be worn to the wearer's right.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD.** The WVSM may be awarded to all officers and enlisted personnel and to all former officers and enlisted personnel of the West Virginia National Guard who have five years of honorable service with the West Virginia National Guard. For each succeeding five years of honorable service, there shall be awarded an oak leaf cluster. (See paragraph 12 below)

(3) **ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY:** The establishing

authority for the WWSR is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 8, dated 1 October 1990 (APPENDIX J).

g. WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD MINUTEMAN RIBBON (WVNGMR).

(1) **DESCRIPTION.** The WVNGMR is solid yellow in color.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD:** The WVNGMR will be awarded to any member of the West Virginia National Guard who is solely responsible for the enlistment of five individuals in the West Virginia National Guard (Army or Air) during any consecutive 180-day period. Three of the five enlistees must be non-prior service.

(3) **ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY:** The establishing authority for the WVNGMR is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG/WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 9, dated 15 October 1990 (Appendix K).

h. WEST VIRGINIA DISTINGUISHED UNIT AWARD (WVDUA):

(1) **DESCRIPTION.** The WVDUA consists of a streamer and an emblem (i.e., ribbon). The streamer is a ribbon 1 3/5 inches in width and two feet in length with a shallow tail fly end, and embroidered in gold with the name of the action, if awarded for military operations, or area, if awarded for meritorious service or achievement. The ribbon for the WVDUA is an alternating diagonal purple and white ribbon with a gold frame of wheat design. The frame will be worn with the wheat design in the normal direction in which wheat grows.

(2) **CRITERIA FOR AWARD:** The WVDUA will be awarded to units or organizations, not larger than squadron/battalion, which have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious achievement or meritorious service in support of military operations (heroism may be involved, but is not essential), or by exceptionally meritorious achievement or service of great state or national significance, not involving combat operations against an enemy. In all instances the achievement or service must be of such a nature as to clearly set the unit or organization above and apart from similar units/organizations. Requirements for the award will parallel those established for the award of the West Virginia Meritorious Service to an individual. Normally, among similar units/organizations,

only one unit/organization will be awarded the WVDUA for participation in a specific activity or for a certain achievement or period of service. The WVDUA may also be awarded to any West Virginia National Guard unit or organization serving in an active status with the Armed Forces of the United States.

(3) **WEAR OF WVDUA.** Soldiers/Airmen may wear the unit award permanently if the individual was assigned to and present for duty with the unit anytime during the period cited or attached by competent orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period. Temporary wear of the award is not authorized

(4) **ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY:** The establishing authority for the WVDUA is WEST VIRGINIA PERMANENT ORDERS (WVARNG WVANG - JOINT SERIES) NUMBER 10, dated 15 October 1990. (APPENDIX L)

i. AWARD APPROVING AUTHORITY: The Adjutant General of West Virginia is the Award Approving Authority for all of the awards/decorations listed in paragraphs 11a through 11h above.

12. MULTIPLE AWARDS. In the event any officer or enlisted member of the West Virginia National Guard shall render service or perform an act which would entitle him/her for subsequent awards or decorations as described above (i.e., paragraphs 10 or 11 of this regulation) he/she shall wear on the ribbon of the medal and on the ribbon bar a bronze oak leaf cluster denoting ownership of such medal/ribbon. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn denoting ownership of six awards (i.e., the medal/ribbon for the first; a bronze oak leaf cluster for the second through the fifth award, and a silver oak leaf cluster for the sixth award). For the West Virginia Service Ribbon, the basic ribbon will be issued for five years of service; a bronze oak leaf cluster will then be awarded for each succeeding five year periods representing 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service. A silver oak leaf cluster will be awarded as the fifth device representing 30 years of service. A silver oak leaf cluster with 1, 2, or 3 bronze oak leaf clusters will represent 35, 40, or 45 years of service respectively.

13. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE. West Virginia awards and decorations will be worn after or below those awarded by the United States of America and before or above all foreign decorations. They will be worn in the order of precedence as listed on the following page:

<u>ORDER OF PRECEDENCE</u>	<u>ABBREV</u>	<u>AUTH</u>	<u>COLOR TO WEARER'S RIGHT</u>
West Virginia Distinguished Service Medal	WVDSM	WVC	
West Virginia Legion of Merit	WVLOM	WVC	
West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal	WVMSM	TAG	
West Virginia State Commendation Medal*	WVSCM	-	
West Virginia Commendation Medal	WVCM	TAG	
West Virginia Achievement Ribbon	WVAR	TAG	
West Virginia Emergency Service Medal**	WVESM	-	
West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon	WVESR	TAG	
West Virginia State Service Ribbon	WVSSR	-	Yellow
West Virginia Service Medal**	WVSM	TAG	Red
West Virginia Service Ribbon	WVSR	TAG	Red
West Virginia Army Guard Minuteman Ribbon***	WVAGMR	TAG	
West Virginia National Guard Minuteman Ribbon	WVNGMR	TAG	
West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award w/streamers	WVDUA	TAG	


* This medal has been discontinued and is no longer authorized for issue. Individuals who have been awarded this medal previously may continue to wear both the medal and the ribbon in the order of precedence noted above.

** This award has been changed from a medal to a ribbon. Existing medals that are currently on hand in the Adjutant General's Department may continue to be issued to new recipients of this award until they are depleted. Subsequently, only the ribbon will be issued. The ribbon is the same as the ribbon from which the former medal was suspended. Individuals who have been awarded this medal previously may continue to wear it in the order of precedence noted above.

*** This award was previously authorized for issue to WVARNG personnel only. The name of the award has been changed from "Army Guard Minuteman Ribbon" to "National Guard Minuteman Ribbon". Accordingly, WVANG personnel are now eligible for this award. Accordingly, personnel who have previously been awarded this ribbon may continue to wear it in the same order of precedence noted above.

14. **AWARD CERTIFICATES.** An appropriate certificate will be developed by TAG, WV and presented to individuals who are awarded the WVDSM, WVLOM, WVMSM, WVCM and WVAR. See Appendix M for sample of the WVAR certificate. Certificates for all of the other West Virginia National Guard awards will be similar except that they will refer to the appropriate award and will have the appropriate colors of the ribbon above the seal.

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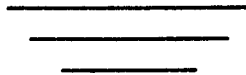

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Major General, WVARNG
The Adjutant General

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RECOMMENDATION FOR STATE AWARD (For use of this form see WVMR (Army) 672-5)		___ Heroism		___ Meritorious Achievement or Service	
FOR: (Include Zip Code)			FROM: (Include Zip Code)		
PART I - PERSONAL DATA					
NAME					
1. Last - First - Middle		2. SSN	3. Grade	4. Branch/PMOS	
5. Organization and Station					
6. Recommended Award (Include Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star, Silver Star, etc)			7. Posthumous Award: ___ Yes ___ No		
			a. Date and Place of Death		
8. Desired Date of Presentation			b. Name, Relationship and Address of NOK		
PART II - RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE					
9. Inclusive Dates for which Recommended			10. Inclusive Dates of Assignment to Unit Shown in Item 5. State Reason for End Date (Retire, PCS, etc.)		
11. All Previous Awards to Individual					
PART III - PROPOSED CITATION					
12. Describe the Individual's Performance in the Space Provided Below.					
PART IV - OTHER INSTRUCTIONS AND AUTHENTICATION					
13. List Attachments			14. Related Position of Person Initiating Recommendation to Person being Recommended.		
			15. Type Name-Grade, Branch & Title of Person Initiating Recommendation.		
16. If Approved, Forward Award to:			17. Signature		18. Date

FOR GUIDANCE ONLY

(Use Appropriate Letterhead)



SUBJECT: Recommendation for State Award

TO: HQ, WVANG/CC
TAG, WV (Attn: ESSO)
IN TURN

1. Under the provisions of WVMR (Air) 900-2, recommended (Grade, Full Name, SSAN, Unit for the award (Name of Award and Device, if any) for the period of (inclusive dates of award).
2. Individual distinguished himself/herself during the period indicated as shown on the attached description (Enclosure 1).
3. A citation to accompany the award is assed as Enclosure 2. (This statement is applicable only if the WV Meritorious Service Medal or the West Virginia Commendation Medal is being recommended*.)
4. It is desired that if the award is approved it be forwarded for presentation to (indicate CBPO of appropriate unit) no later than (Requested Presentation Date..allow a minimum of 45 days).

(signature only - no "signed stamps")

Signature Block of Initiator

2 Attachments*

1. Narrative
2. Citation

*NOTE - Use same narrative/citation format established for Federal decorations. - No citation is required when submitting a recommendation for the award of the West Virginia Achievement Ribbon.

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TO: Subsequent endorsements with appropriate comments must have signature element of the commander.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT
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PERMANENT ORDERS
(ARNG/ANG - JOINT SERIES)
NUMBER 1

15 October 1990

1. The Order of Precedence for West Virginia Awards and Decorations shall be as described below. West Virginia Awards and Decorations will be worn after or below those awarded by the United States of America and before or above all Foreign Decorations.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE	ABBREV	AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH
West Virginia Distinguished Service Medal	WVDSM	Chapter 15, WVC 1939, 1988
West Virginia Legion of Merit	WVLOM	Chapter 15, WVC 1988
West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal	WVMSM	General Order #1, 5 Mar 70 superseded by Permanent Orders #2, 15 Oct 90
West Virginia State Commendation Medal*	WVSCM	Chapter 15, WVC 1965
West Virginia Commendation Medal	WVCM	Permanent Order #3, 15 Oct 90
West Virginia Achievement Ribbon	WVAR	Permanent Order #1, 1 Jul 83 superseded by Permanent Order #4, 15 Oct 90
West Virginia Emergency Service Medal**	WVESM	Chapter 15, WVC 1965
West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon	WVESR	Permanent Order #5, 15 Oct 90
West Virginia State Service Ribbon	WVSSR	Chapter 15, WVC 1961 superseded by Permanent Order #6, 15 Oct 90
West Virginia Service Medal**	WVSM	Chapter 15, WVC 1939
West Virginia Service Ribbon	WVSR	Permanent Order #7, 15 Oct 90
West Virginia Army Guard Minuteman Ribbon***	WVAGMR	VOCO, TAG-WV, 1 Sep 1976
West Virginia National Guard Minuteman Ribbon	WVNGMR	Permanent Order #8, 15 Oct 90
West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award w/streamers	WVDUA	Permanent Order #9, 15 Oct 90


* This Medal has been discontinued and is no longer authorized for issue. Individuals who have been awarded this medal previously may continue to wear both the medal and the ribbon in the order of precedence noted above.

** This award has been changed from a medal to a ribbon. Existing medals that are currently on hand in the Adjutant General's Department may continue to be issued to new recipients of this award until they are depleted. Subsequently, only the ribbon will be issued. The ribbon is the same as the ribbon from which the former medal was suspended. Individuals who have been awarded this medal previously may continue to wear it in the order of precedence noted above.

*** This award was previously authorized for issue to WVARNG personnel only. The name of the award has been changed from "Army Guard Minuteman Ribbon" to "National Guard Minuteman Ribbon". Accordingly, WVANG personnel are now eligible for this award. Accordingly, personnel who have previously been awarded this ribbon may continue to wear it in the same order of precedence noted above.

2. Authority: Chapter 15, West Virginia Code (WVC) and WVMR (Army) 672-5 and WVMR (Air) 900-2.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR:


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Major General, WVARNG
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PERMANENT ORDERS
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NUMBER 2

15 October 1990

1. An award to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL" is hereby established. The West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal will be awarded to any civilian, member of the West Virginia National Guard or member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, on or after 15 October 1990 and while serving under competent authority shall distinguish himself/herself by heroism, meritorious achievement, or meritorious service.
2. Awards may be made for acts of heroism or service performed under circumstances which are of a lessor degree than required for the award of the West Virginia Legion of Merit.
3. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or meritorious service rendered over a period of time. The achievement or service, while of a lessor degree than that required for the award of the West Virginia Legion of Merit, must nonetheless be of sufficient importance to merit significant recognition.
4. The West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal, as previously designed by the Military Awards Board, will be utilized and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.
5. This order supersedes General Order Number 1, dated 5 March 1970.

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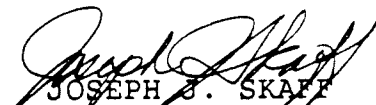
15 October 1990

1. An award to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA COMMENDATION MEDAL" is hereby established. The West Virginia Commendation Medal will be awarded to any member of the West Virginia National Guard or civilian who on or after 15 October 1990 and while performing under competent authority, shall distinguish himself/herself by heroism, outstanding achievement or meritorious service to the West Virginia National Guard or to the State of West Virginia.

2. Awards may be made for acts of heroism or service which are of a lesser degree than required for the award of the West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal.

3. The West Virginia Commendation Medal will be designed by the Military Awards Board and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.

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1. An award to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON" is hereby established. The West Virginia Achievement Ribbon will be awarded to any member of the West Virginia National Guard who, on or after 15 October 1990, shall distinguish himself/herself by significant achievement or service of sufficient importance to merit special recognition.
2. Awards may be made for acts or accomplishments that are of a lesser degree than those required for the award of the West Virginia Commendation Medal, yet exceed the criteria used for the award of certificates of achievement or letters of commendation.
3. The West Virginia Achievement Ribbon will be designed by the Military Awards Board and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.

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1. An award to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA EMERGENCY SERVICE RIBBON" is hereby established. The West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon will be awarded to any member of the West Virginia National Guard who, on or after 15 October 1990 shall serve in the active military service of the State for a period of seven days or longer in the aid to civil authorities in upholding the law and preserving order, protecting lives and property, in the aid and relief of citizens in a disaster, or other similar service or duty ordered by the Governor, or who shall honorably serve for thirty days in the armed forces of the United States as a member of the National Guard of this State called or ordered to service therein by the President of the United States, shall, upon the recommendation of the West Virginia National Guard Awards Board and approval by the Adjutant General be awarded the West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon.

2. The West Virginia Emergency Service Ribbon will be designed by the Military Awards Board and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.

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15 October 1990


1. An award, to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA STATE SERVICE RIBBON", is hereby established. The West Virginia State Service Ribbon will be presented to all members of the National Guard who, on or after 15 October 1990 are ordered to active service of the state pursuant to Section 15, Article 1D-1, Military Code of West Virginia. Award of the West Virginia State Service Ribbon shall be made retroactively for all periods of duty in service to the State subsequent to 1 January 1956.

2. The West Virginia State Service Ribbon will be awarded only when an individual is ordered to active service of the state for an emergency or potential emergency. More than one call to active service for the same emergency shall be considered as only one call to state active service for the award of this ribbon.

3. This award has been changed from a medal to a ribbon. Existing medals that are currently on hand in the Adjutant General's Department may continue to be issued to new recipients of this award until they are depleted. Subsequently only the ribbon will be issued. The ribbon is the same ribbon from which the former medal was suspended. Individuals who have been awarded this medal previously may continue to wear it.

4. The West Virginia State Service Ribbon will be designed by the Military Awards Board and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.

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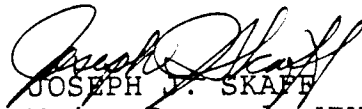
1. An award, to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA SERVICE RIBBON", is hereby established. The West Virginia Service Ribbon will be awarded to all officers and enlisted personnel and to all former officer and enlisted personnel of the West Virginia National Guard who, on or after 15 October 1990, have five years of honorable service in the West Virginia National Guard. For each succeeding five year period of honorable service there shall be awarded an oak leaf cluster as noted below:

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| a. Ten years service | - One bronze oak leaf cluster |
| b. Fifteen years service | - Two bronze oak leaf clusters |
| c. Twenty years service | - Three bronze oak leaf clusters |
| d. Twenty-five years service | - Four bronze oak leaf clusters |
| e. Thirty years service | - One silver oak leaf cluster |
| f. Thirty-five years service | - One silver and one bronze oak leaf cluster |
| g. Forty years service | - One silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters |

2. This award has been changed from a medal to a ribbon (same as) Previously "X" devices were awarded for succeeding 5 year periods.

3. The West Virginia Service Ribbon will be designed by the Military Awards Board and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.

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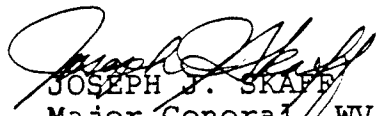
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15 October 1990

1. An award, to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA NATIONAL GUARD MINUTEMAN RIBBON" is hereby established. The West Virginia National Guard Minuteman Ribbon will be awarded to any person in the National Guard who, on or after 15 October 1990, is solely responsible for the enlistment of five individuals over any consecutive 180-day period. At least three of these individuals must be non-prior service.

2. The West Virginia National Guard Minuteman Ribbon will be designed by the Military Awards Board and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.

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15 October 1990

1. An award to be known as the "WEST VIRGINIA DISTINGUISHED UNIT AWARD" is hereby established. The West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award will be awarded to units or organizations, not larger than squadron/battalion, which have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious achievement of service in support of military operations, or by exceptionally meritorious achievement or service of great state or national significance, not involving combat operations against an enemy. Heroism may be involved but is not essential.

2. In all instances, the achievement or service must be of such a nature as to clearly set the unit or organization above and apart from similar units/organizations. Requirements for the award will parallel those established for the award of the West Virginia Meritorious Service Medal to an individual. Normally, among similar units/organizations, only one unit/organization will be awarded the West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award for participation in a specific activity or for a certain achievement or period of service. The West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award may also be awarded to any National Guard unit of the state serving in an active status with the Armed Forces of the United States.

3. The West Virginia Distinguished Unit Award will be designed by the Military Awards Board and procured as determined by the Adjutant General, State of West Virginia.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR:


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STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL HAS AWARDED

THE WEST VIRGINIA ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON

TO

FOR

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON

THIS DAY OF 19