

(b) *Description.* A bronze compass rose 1¹/₁₆-inches circumscribing diameter suspended by the pointer and charged with an eagle volant carrying two lightning flashes in its talons. The points of the compass rose on the reverse are modeled with the central portion plain. The medal is suspended from a moired silk ribbon 1³/₈ inches in length and 1³/₈ inches in width, composed of a band of ultramarine blue (1/8-inch), a band of golden orange (1/4-inch), a band of ultramarine blue (3/8-inch), a band of golden orange (1/4-inch), and a band of ultramarine blue (1/8-inch), by a ring engaging the pointer.

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§ 578.12a Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Department of Defense Directive 1348.14, 25 June 1963, established the Joint Service Commendation Medal. This decoration is awarded in the name of the Secretary of Defense and shall take precedence with, but before, the Army Commendation Medal when both are worn on the uniform. The decoration is not awarded to any individual for a period of service for which another meritorious decoration has been awarded.

(a) *Eligibility.* Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who distinguishes himself by meritorious achievement or service while serving in any assignment specified in paragraph (b) of this section after 1 January 1963 is eligible for this award. The required achievement or service, while of lesser degree than that required for award of the Legion of Merit, must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction.

(b) *Joint activities.* Military personnel assigned to the following joint activities are eligible for the award:

- (1) Office of the Secretary of Defense.
- (2) Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- (3) Defense Supply Agency.
- (4) National Security Agency.
- (5) Other Department of Defense agencies or joint activities reporting through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- (6) Headquarters, unified and special commands.

(7) Headquarters of joint task forces, joint commands or control groups, reporting through the Joint Chiefs of Staff, unified, specified or subordinate joint commanders, to include service components assigned to a joint command for exercise purposes (e.g., STRIKE Command).

(8) Other joint activities reporting to commanders of unified or specified commands (e.g., Military Assistance Advisory Groups or Joint Missions).

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§ 578.13 Army Commendation Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Army Commendation Medal established by the Secretary of War on December 18, 1945, and amended in Department of the Army General Orders 10, 1960, is awarded to any members of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after December 6, 1941, shall have distinguished himself by meritorious achievement or meritorious service. (See figure 1.)

(1) The required meritorious achievement or meritorious service while of lesser degree than that required for the award of the Legion of Merit must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction and must have been of the same degree as required for the award of the Bronze Star Medal or Air Medal. An award may be made when the operational requirements for the award of the Bronze Star Medal have not been fully met.

(2) An award may be made for acts of outstanding courage which do not meet the requirements for an award of the Soldier's Medal.

(3) An award for meritorious service will not normally be made for a period of service of less than 6 months' duration.

(4) The Army Commendation Medal will not be awarded to general officers.

(5) It is particularly desirable that emphasis be placed on the award of this decoration to outstanding company grade officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel whose achievements and services meet the prescribed standards.

(6) Awards may be made upon letter application to The Adjutant General to any individual commended after December 6, 1941, and prior to January 1,

1946, in a letter, certificate, or order of commendation, as distinguished from letter of appreciation, signed by an officer in the grade or position of a major general or higher.

(7) The Army Commendation Medal may be awarded in connection with military participation in the Department of the Army Suggestion Program.

(8) Awards of the Army Commendation Ribbon and of the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant are redesignated by Department of the Army General Orders 10, March 31, 1960, as awards of the Army Commendation Medal, without amendments of certificates or of orders previously issued.

(b) *Description.* On a 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch bronze hexagon, one point up, an American bald eagle with wings displayed horizontally grasping three crossed arrows and bearing on its breast a shield paly of 13 pieces and a chief. On the reverse between the words "For Military" and "Merit" a panel, all above a sprig of laurel. A moired silk ribbon 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width, composed of stripes of white ($\frac{3}{32}$ -inch), green ($\frac{25}{64}$ -inch), white ($\frac{1}{32}$ -inch), green ($\frac{1}{16}$ -inch), white ($\frac{1}{32}$ -inch), green ($\frac{25}{64}$ -inch), and white ($\frac{3}{32}$ -inch).

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§ 578.14 Purple Heart.

(a) *Criteria.* The Purple Heart, established by General George Washington at Newburgh, New York, on August 7, 1782, and revived by the President on February 22, 1932, is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States and to any civilian citizen of the United States serving with the Army who was wounded either in action against an armed enemy of the United States or as a direct result of an act of such enemy, provided the wound necessitated treatment by a medical officer. See figure 1.

(1) For the purpose of considering an award of this decoration, a "wound" is defined as an injury to any part of the body from an outside force or agent sustained while in action in the face of the armed enemy or as a result of a hostile act of such enemy. A physical

lesion is not required, provided the concussion or other form of injury received was directly due to enemy action and required treatment by a medical officer. Awards will not be made by reason of injuries due to frostbite or trenchfoot. Not more than one award of this decoration will be made for more than one wound or injury received at the same instant or from the same missile, force, explosion, or agent.

(2) Records of medical treatment for wounds or injuries received in action as prescribed above must have been made a matter of official record during the period of hostilities or within 6 months thereafter.

(3) Awards may be made, upon letter application, to those individuals who, as members of the Army, prior to December 7, 1941, were awarded Meritorious Services Citation Certificates by the Commander-in-Chief, American Expeditionary Forces, during World War I and/or were authorized to wear wound chevrons.

(4) Those individuals who, as members of the Army, on or after December 7, 1941, were awarded the Purple Heart for meritorious achievement or service in connection with military operations against the enemy may make application for the award of an appropriate decoration in lieu of the Purple Heart.

(5) A Purple Heart will be issued by The Adjutant General to the next of kin of each person entitled to a posthumous award. Issue will be made automatically as soon as possible after receipt by the Department of the Army of a report of death under circumstances indicating such entitlement, and notwithstanding the fact that the records indicate the presentation of a Purple Heart to the deceased person prior to death.

(b) *Description.* On a purple heart within a bronze border, a profile head in relief of General George Washington in military uniform. Above the heart is a shield of General Washington's coat of arms between two sprays of leaves in green enamel. On the reserve below the shield and leaves without enamel is a raised bronze heart with the inscription "For Military Merit." The entire device is 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ inches in length. The medal is suspended by a rectangular-