

Individual status	Direct to
Personnel in active Federal military service or in Reserve components.	Unit commander.
All requests for medals in behalf of individuals having no current Army status or deceased.	Commanding Officer, U.S. Army Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, Mo., 63132
Personnel receiving retirement pay, except general officers.	Same as above.
Retired general officers .....	The Adjutant General, Washington, DC 20310

(b) *Discharged Personnel.* All requests for medals in behalf of individuals having no current Army status, or deceased, will be forwarded to the Commanding Officer, United States Army Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., 63132.

(c) *Miscellaneous.* (1) Supply action for the Medal of Honor will be accomplished only by The Adjutant General.

(2) The Medal for Merit has not been awarded since 1952; therefore, no requirements exist for this item except for replacements.

(3) The Gold Star Lapel Button is authorized for issue to next of kin of deceased personnel.

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**§ 578.22 Exhibition.**

(a) *Government agencies.* Upon approval by the Secretary of the Army, samples of military decorations may be furnished, without charge, for one display at the headquarters of each Army and higher field commander, in the offices of the chiefs of governmental agencies not under military jurisdiction where opportunity for the public to view the display is assured, and in each office of the Department of the Army the functions of which include matters pertaining to decorations.

(b) *Civilian institutions.* Upon approval of the Secretary of the Army, samples of military decorations may be furnished, at cost price (including the cost of engraving, packing, and shipment), to museums, libraries, numismatic, and military societies and institutions of such public nature as will assure an opportunity for the public to view the exhibits under circumstances beneficial to the Army. All decorations furnished to civilian institutions for exhibition purposes will be engraved with the words "For Exhibition Purposes Only."

(c) *Requests.* Letter requests for decorations for exhibit or display will be made to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310. Shipment is made direct from the Philadelphia Quartermaster Depot, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**§ 578.23 Certificates for decorations: Issuance for prior awards.**

Those individuals to whom United States military decorations have been awarded subsequent to December 7, 1941, and to whom an appropriate certificate for decoration has not been issued may make application for such certificate by submitting a written request to the appropriate office as indicated in § 578.21. Each request should indicate a reference to the number, date, and headquarters of issue of the order announcing the award.

**§ 578.24 Certificate of appreciation.**

As a token of appreciation and in recognition of patriotic civilian service contributing to the accomplishment of the mission of an installation, command, or Staff Agency of the Army, or to the welfare of Army personnel, a Certificate of Appreciation has been established. This certificate, together with a brief citation may be awarded by commanders of major commands and heads of Headquarters, Department of the Army Staff agencies on behalf of the Secretary of the Army for services rendered to elements of the Army under their respective jurisdictions. The accompanying citation should conform to § 578.3(b)(2) and will be made a matter of record in the headquarters of issue, or, when issued by a Headquarters, Department of the Army Staff agency, will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310, Attn: AGAO-N, for file.

(a) *Awards to individuals.* The award may be made to civilians who are not employed by the Department of the Army and were not so employed during the period for which the services are being recognized. It is intended that this certificate be used when the services to be recognized do not fulfill all the requirements for a decoration, but are outstanding to a degree which merits public recognition by the Army in the local area. When this certificate is presented as an individual award the recipient will be furnished with the Patriotic Civilian Service lapel button.

(b) *Awards to organizations, companies, etc.* The award may be made to business firms, fraternal organizations, quasi-military units, etc., on the same basis as stated above for individual awards. No lapel button or other device accompanies the certificate and citation when presented to organizations.

(c) *Supply.* This is a standard Department of the Army certificate which may be obtained by a written request to The Adjutant General, Department of the Army, Washington, DC 20310, Attn: AGPS-AD. The certificates when provided will bear the signature of the Secretary of the Army in the lower right and will be countersigned on the left by the major commander or head of a Headquarters, Department of the Army Staff agency making the award. Patriotic Civilian Service Lapel Buttons will be obtained in the same manner. Not more than a 6-month supply of certificates and lapel buttons will be maintained by using agencies.

[22 FR 9693, Dec. 4, 1957]

**§ 578.25 Accolade and Gold Star lapel button.**

(a) As a token of appreciation and in recognition of services rendered by those who died in the service of their country, an Accolade signed by the President is issued to the next of kin of record of all military personnel whose death occurred in line of duty during World War II, December 7, 1941, to July 25, 1947, both dates inclusive, and in Korea during military operations from June 27, 1950, to July 27, 1954, inclusive. The Accolade is also issued to the next of kin of civilians who died overseas or as a result of injury or disease contracted while serving in a civilian ca-

capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States during the dates and/or in the areas prescribed above in connection with military personnel.

(1) The Accolade reads as follows:

In grateful memory of----- who died in the service of his (her) country at----- He (she) stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live and grow, and increase its blessings. Freedom lives, and through it he (she) lives—in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men. (Facsimile signature) President of the United States.

(2) Accolades will be issued by The Adjutant General upon receipt of reports of death.

(b) In order to provide an appropriate identification for widows, parents, and certain next of kin of members of the Armed Forces of the United States who lost their lives in World War I, April 6, 1917 to March 3, 1921; World War II, September 8, 1939 to July 25, 1947; Korean operations, June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954; or during any subsequent war or period of armed hostilities in which the United States may be engaged, a Gold Star lapel button was established by an Act of Congress on August 1, 1947.

(1) The Gold Star lapel button consists of a gold star on a purple circular background, bordered in gold and surrounded by gold laurel leaves. On the reverse is the inscription "United States of America, Act of Congress, August 1947," with space for engraving the initials of the recipient.

(2) One Gold Star lapel button will be furnished without cost to the widow or widower and to each of the parents of a member of the Armed Forces who lost his or her life while in the active military service during the periods indicated above. The term "widow or widower" includes those who have since remarried, and the term "parents" included mother, father, stepmother, stepfather, mother through adoption, father through adoption, and foster parents who stood in loco parentis.

(3) One Gold Star lapel button will be furnished at cost price to each child, stepchild, child through adoption, brother, half brother, sister, and half sister of a member of the Armed Forces