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Personnel-General

Military Awards

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7-10. Supply of unit award emblems, streamers, and other devices

a. Streamers will be supplied upon approval of requisitions submitted to Commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, Clothing and Heraldry Product Support Integration Directorate, Post Office Box 57997, Philadelphia, PA 19111-7997. Unit decorations, campaign streamers, and war Service streamers will be issued by the Commander, U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command, Product Support Integration Directorate, Philadelphia, upon verification of entitlement by the Force Structure and Unit History Branch (AAMH-FPO), U.S. Army Center of Military History (CMH). To obtain verification of entitlement, requisitions submitted for these items must show the specific designation of the requiring unit and the appropriate inscription (that is, name of the campaign, war) if applicable.

b. See AR 725-50 and AR 840-10 for additional information on supply and requisition of streamers.

7-11. Issue to primary next of kin

When it is determined by HRC, ADB (AHRC-PDP-A) or the NPRC, an issue of unit decoration emblems may be made posthumously to the primary next of kin as indicated by official military records. The following order of precedence will govern: surviving spouse; eldest surviving child (natural or adoptive); father or mother, unless legal exclusive (sole) custody was granted to a person by reason of a court decree or statutory provision; blood or adoptive relative who was granted legal custody of the person by a court decree or statutory provision; eldest surviving brother or sister; eldest surviving grandparent; or eldest surviving grandchild. Duplicate issue will not be made to a primary next of kin when the records indicate previous issue was made to the living Servicemember or previous primary next of kin.

Section III

U.S. Unit Decorations

7-12. Description

a. The following U.S. unit decorations, in order of precedence, have been established to recognize outstanding heroism or exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services:

- (1) PUC (Army and Air Force).
- (2) PUC (Navy and Marine Corps).
- (3) PUC (Coast Guard).
- (4) Joint Meritorious Unit Award.
- (5) VUA.
- (6) Navy Unit Commendation.
- (7) Air Force Gallant Unit Citation.
- (8) Coast Guard Unit Commendation.
- (9) MUC (Army).
- (10) MUC (Navy).
- (11) Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.
- (12) Coast Guard MUC.
- (13) ASUA.
- (14) Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.
- (15) Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendations.
- (16) Navy "E" Ribbon.
- (17) Air Force Organization Excellence Award.
- (18) Coast Guard "E" Ribbon.
- (19) Citation in Orders-Unit Recognition.

b. Refer to AR 670-1 for wear instructions for the PUC (Navy), PUC (Air Force), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Coast Guard Unit Commendation, MUC (Air Force), MUC (Navy), Navy "E" Ribbon, Air Force Organizational Excellence Award, Coast Guard MUC and Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation.

7-13. Presidential Unit Citation (Army)

a. The Distinguished Unit Citation is the predecessor of the PUC (Army). On 3 November 1966, the Distinguished Unit Citation was redesignated the PUC (Army). The PUC is awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States and cobelligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy occurring on or after 7 December 1941. The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same campaign. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of a DSC to an individual. Extended periods of combat duty or participation in a large number of operational missions, either ground

or air, is not sufficient. This award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time spans. It is not reasonable to presume that entire units can sustain DSC performance for extended periods except under the most unusual circumstances and a written justification for an exception must be provided for recognition of any length over 30 days. Only on a rare occasions will a unit larger than a BN qualify for award of this decoration. Units larger than a BN must submit a memorandum of justification for the recommendation through the HRC, ADB (AHRC-PDP-A) to the SECARMY.

b. Recommendations for award of the PUC to Army units will be submitted on a DA Form 7594 (Unit Award Recommendation) and processed through normal military command channels to Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Awards and Decorations Branch (AHRC-PDP-A), 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408. Recommendations will be initiated by a senior headquarters for the unit recommended for the award. Each recommendation will be submitted as promptly as practicable, supported by the following data:

- (1) Operational orders and reports.
- (2) Maps showing the terrain and the dispositions and actions of the opposing forces.
- (3) Casualties sustained on both sides.
- (4) A list of all units assigned and attached, actually present and participating in the action, and the inclusive dates of the period of service for each unit.
- (5) The complete official unit designation and unit identification code (UIC) must be included for each unit. Include designations and derivative UICs for subordinate elements of parent units and for all elements comprising the task force organization. When less than the entire unit is involved, but more than 65 percent of the modified table of organization and equipment (MTOE) strength, it should be indicated by a minus sign (-) next to the unit designation. When the percentage involved is less than 65 percent of a unit's MTOE strength, the unit should be listed as a detachment of the parent unit.
- (6) A statement from the commander certifying that more than 65 percent of each unit's MTOE strength participated in the action. If less than 65 percent participated, a detachment of the unit may be cited.
- (7) Any other pertinent material.
- (8) A proposed citation, naming all participating units, and the specific date and geographic location (map feature, town, province name, and so forth) of the action.

c. Each recommendation for the PUC unit award must be formally entered into official channels within 2 years from the date of the heroism or services performed. Recommendations made after the 3-year window will be submitted in accordance with the 10 USC 1130 process. Refer to paragraph 1-14 and appendix F.

(1) Recommendations for award of a unit decoration to a unit of the Armed Forces of the United States or a cobelligerent nation serving in a joint command will be submitted through command channels to the commander or military department having authority to make the award. When a recommendation covers more than one military Service, all or a portion of which were performed while the unit was operating under a joint commander; comments or a recommendation concerning the valorous actions of that unit will be obtained from the joint commander concerned.

(2) Intermediate level commanders will recommend approval or disapproval for each recommendation and forward it to the next higher headquarters. If disapproval is recommended, the reasons for disapproval will be cited.

d. The SECARMY, on behalf of the President of the United States, is the final approval authority for the PUC.

e. Recommendations for award of the PUC to a unit of another military Service permanently or temporarily assigned to the Army may be approved with written concurrence of that Service. The award must be approved prior to obtaining concurrence.

f. The award elements for the PUC (Army) are as follows: PUC Streamer (Army); Presidential Unit Emblem (Army); certificate and citation; and DAGO.

7-14. Valorous Unit Award

a. The VUA may be awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States and cobelligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party for actions occurring on or after 3 August 1963.

b. The VUA requires a lesser degree of gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps than that required for the PUC. Nevertheless, the unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous conditions in accomplishing its mission to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same conflict. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of the SS to an individual. Extended periods of combat duty or participation in a large number of operational missions, either ground or air, is not sufficient.

c. This award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time spans, not to exceed 6 months (a month is considered 30 calendar days). It is not reasonable to presume that entire units can sustain SS performance for extended periods except under the most unusual circumstances. Only on a rare occasion will a unit larger than a BN qualify for award of this decoration. Units larger than a