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Chapter One

GENERAL

1-1. **PURPOSE.** This Directive prescribes the policy for the issue and replacement of awards issued in support of the missions of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA), the New Jersey National Guard (NJNG), the New Jersey Naval Militia (NJNM), and the New Jersey State Guard (NJSJG), collectively labeled the New Jersey Organized Militia (NJOM).

1-2. **APPLICABILITY.** Applies to all active members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard (NJARNG/NJANG), the NJNM, the NJSJG, civilian employees of DMAVA, active and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States, civilian members of advisory boards for DMAVA / NJNG / NJNM / NJSJG, and specified individuals designated by The Adjutant General (TAG) only.

1.3. **REFERENCES:**

- a. Title 38A, New Jersey Revised Statutes Annotated.
- b. United States Army Regulation 600-8-22.
- c. United States Air Force Instructions 36-2803, The Air Force Awards and Decorations Program.

1-4. **OBJECTIVE.** The awards program was created to recognize outstanding contributions or performance on behalf of the DMAVA, the NJOM, or the State of New Jersey.

1-5. **RESPONSIBILITY.**

- a. The NJARNG G-1 is responsible for the management of the NJOM awards program for the Army National Guard.
- b. The Director of Personnel NJANG is responsible for the management of the NJOM awards program for the Air National Guard.
- c. The Director of Veterans Services, DMAVA is responsible for the management of the NJOM awards program for all eligible Veterans and Veterans organizations.
- d. Military commanders at all levels, DMAVA Staff and Directors (State and Federal) and State Chief Executive Officers are responsible for the implementation of the DMAVA / NJOM awards program.

1-6. PROCEDURES.

a. Orders will be published for the NJOM personnel by the final approving authority, who will insure that all criteria have been met. The distribution of all orders will conform to all applicable United States Army, United States Air Force, National Guard Bureau and State directives and regulations.

b. Application for individual New Jersey State Military and Civilian Awards will be made on DMAVA Form 200.61R (Figure 1).

c. Application for individual New Jersey Veterans Service and Campaign Awards will be made on DMAVA Form 416 (Figure 2).

d. Service awards and ribbons are administratively awarded to military personnel who qualify under criteria announced in this Directive.

e. Final authority to ensure the criteria have been met and approved in the issue of an award in this regulation will be as follows:

- (1) The Adjutant General (TAG) has the authority to approve all awards.
- (2) General Officers in the grade of 07 and above have authority to approve:
 - (a) New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal (NJDSM).
 - (b) New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal (NJMSM).
 - (c) New Jersey Civilian Meritorious Service Medal (NJCMSM).
 - (d) New Jersey Medal of Valor (NJMV).
 - (e) New Jersey Civilian Commendation Medal (NJCCM).
- (3) The Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs has the authority to approve:
 - (a) New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal (NJDSM).
 - (b) New Jersey Civilian Meritorious Service Medal (NJCMSM).
 - (c) New Jersey Civilian Commendation Medal (NJCCM).
 - (d) New Jersey POW / MIA Medal (NJPWM)
 - (e) New Jersey Desert Storm Medal (NJDSSM)
 - (f) New Jersey Vietnam Commemorative Medal (NJVCM)

- (g) New Jersey Korean War Commemorative Medal (NJKWCM)
- (4) Commanders in the grade of O6 and above have the authority to approve:
 - (a) New Jersey Commendation Medal (NJCM).
 - (b) New Jersey State Service Ribbon (NJSSR).
 - (c) New Jersey Recruiting Award Ribbon (NJRAR).
- approve:
 - (5) Unit (Company/Flight/Squadron/Battalion) Commanders have the authority to
 - (a) New Jersey Ribbon of Honor (NJRH).
 - (b) New Jersey Merit Award (NJMA).
 - (c) New Jersey Good Conduct Ribbon (NJGCR).
 - (d) New Jersey Desert Storm Service Medal (NJDSSM).
 - (e) New Jersey Desert Storm Support Ribbon (NJDSSR).
 - (4) The JDOMS and Commanders in the grade of O6 and above have the authority to approve:
 - (a) New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon (NJHGR)

1-7. **PRESENTATION.** Awards will be presented at an appropriate ceremony whenever possible.

1-8. **STATE SERVICE AWARDS.**

a. There are three military awards (New Jersey Ribbon of Honor, New Jersey Good Conduct Ribbon, New Jersey Merit Award) which have their basis on specific periods of service. While not automatic, they will be initiated by the NJARNG G-1 or the Military Personnel Flight, NJANG.

b. The recommendations will be sent to the Detachment / Company / Flight / Squadron / Battalion Commander for signature of approval or disapproval and returned to the initiating office for updating the personnel records.

c. Upon approval, the commander may issue copies of the awards to the recipients in the unit at an appropriate ceremony.

1-9. **SUPPLY OF AWARDS AND DECORATIONS.**

a. Awards may be maintained in small quantities at the approving authority level.

(1) State military service awards shall be bulk issued to the approving authority at two-year intervals. No more than one ribbon shall be awarded to any person, except if a ribbon is lost, destroyed or rendered unfit for use without fault or neglect on the part of the person to whom it was issued, it may be replaced.

(2) State military ribbons shall be issued initially in bulk to the approving authority. Thereafter, a letter to IASD-ASB and copies of orders will be required to replace the initial issue. Replacement for the New Jersey State medals is not authorized.

1-10. **APPURTENANCES.**

a. Appurtenances are devices affixed to service or suspension ribbons or worn in lieu of the subsequent award of medals or ribbons.

b. **Oak Leaf Clusters**

(1) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be awarded for subsequent awards of the NJDSM, NJMV, NJCM, NJRH, NJRAR and the NJSSR.

(2) A silver oak leaf cluster will be awarded in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.

c. **Stars:**

(1) A bronze service star will be awarded for subsequent awards of the NJMSM.

(2) A silver service star will be awarded in lieu of five bronze service stars for the NJMSM.

(3) A bronze service star will be awarded for subsequent awards of the NJHGR for completion of 130 missions within a (2) two year period.

(4) A silver star will be awarded for subsequent awards for the NJHGR for completion of 200 missions within a (3) three year period.

d. **Numerals:** Arabic numerals, 3/16 inches in height, will be issued for subsequent awards of the NJMA, NJGUA and the NJUSA.

e. **Clasps:** These are loops or knots denoting three-year periods of service for the award of the NJGCR.

(1) Bronze clasps will be issued for the second to fifth award.

(2) Silver clasps will be issued for sixth to tenth award.

(3) Gold clasps will be issued for the eleventh to fifteenth award.

Chapter Two

CRITERIA

2-1. ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

a. The New Jersey State Medals and Ribbons will be worn by New Jersey Organized Militia personnel in the order of precedence (Appendix A) as indicated and in accordance with regulations in AR 600-8-22 or AFI 36-2903, or applicable state regulations:

- | | | |
|-----------|-------------|------------|
| (1) NJDSM | (7) NJMA | (13) NJHGR |
| (2) NJMV | (8) NJPWM | (14) NJSSR |
| (3) NJMSM | (9) NJDSSM | (15) NJRAR |
| (4) NJCM | (10) NJDSSR | (16) NJGUA |
| (5) NJRH | (11) NJVCM | (17) NJUSA |
| (6) NJGCR | (12) NJKWCM | |

b. When state awards from other states are worn, all New Jersey awards will be displayed first in the order of precedence as described above in paragraph 2-1a. Other states awards will follow in alphabetical order by state. The other states awards will be worn in order of precedence according to the awarding state regulation.

2-2. **NEW JERSEY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (NJDMAVA Form 200-61-2)** (Figure 3) may be presented by the Governor under the authority of Title 38A, Chapter 15-2, New Jersey Statutes Annotated, in the name of the State of New Jersey to:

a. Member of the New Jersey Organized Militia who, while serving in any capacity in the organized militia or while in Federal service, is cited for distinguished service by the Governor or appropriate Federal authority.

b. A resident of New Jersey who:

(1) Has seen active military service in the Armed Forces of the United States of America in a combat theater of operations during time of war or emergency as attested to by the awarding of an Honorable Discharge (DD 214 or WD 53), if deceased while on active duty (DD1300), issued by the respective Armed Force.

(2) Had been a resident of the State of New Jersey at the time of entry into active military service.

c. Applications from veterans who are not currently residents of New Jersey but otherwise qualify, shall be forwarded to TAG for approval/disapproval.

d. A surviving spouse, child or sibling of a deceased veteran meeting the criteria in paragraph 2-2b.

e. The Distinguished Service Medal for a deceased person or a person absent as a prisoner of war or missing in action shall be issued to the parent, spouse, sibling or other relative who submits all of the required forms and documentation on behalf of that person. (38A:15-2(d))

2-3. **NEW JERSEY MEDAL OF VALOR (NJDMAVA Form 200-61-4)** (Figure 4) may be awarded to a member of the NJOM who has distinguished himself/herself by heroism. The performance must have involved personal hazard or danger and a voluntary risk of life in a life-saving act on behalf of others.

2-4. **NEW JERSEY MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (NJDMAVA Form 200-61-3)** (Figure 5) may be awarded to a member of the NJOM, who has distinguished himself/herself by meritorious achievement or service in support of the NJDMAVA/NJOM.

a. Meritorious achievement must have resulted in an accomplishment that was not life saving, but which was so exceptional and outstanding as to set the individual apart from his/her peers or from another person in similar circumstances.

b. Meritorious service shall be in the performance of a special requirement or of an extremely difficult duty performed in a clearly exceptional manner.

2-5. **NEW JERSEY CIVILIAN MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (NJDMAVA 200-61-3)** (Figure 5) may be awarded to a civilian employee of NJDMAVA, a civilian member of an advisory board in support of the VA/NJOM, or any resident of New Jersey who has distinguished himself/herself by exceptional meritorious achievement or service in support of NJOM/VA. The criteria for issuing the award are the same as paragraph 2-4a and b.

2-6. **NEW JERSEY COMMENDATION MEDAL (NJDMAVA Form 200-61-5)** (Figure 6) may be awarded to a member of the NJOM who has distinguished himself/herself by outstanding achievement of service in support of the NJDMAVA/NJOM. Outstanding achievement or service must have resulted from an act that significantly contributed to the readiness or effectiveness of the unit or organization.

2-7. **NEW JERSEY CIVILIAN COMMENDATION MEDAL (NJDMAVA Form 200-61-5)** (Figure 6) may be awarded to a civilian employee of NJDMAVA, a civilian member of an advisory board in support of NJDMAVA/NJOM/VA or any resident of New Jersey who has distinguished himself/herself by outstanding achievement or service in support of NJDMAVA/NJOM/VA. The criteria for issuing the award are the same as paragraph 2-6.

2-8. **NEW JERSEY RIBBON OF HONOR** may be awarded to an active member of the NJOM who has served not less than ten consecutive years of active and faithful service in the NJOM. Subsequent awards may be made at five-year consecutive intervals.

a. Members who entered active service with the Armed Forces of the United States of America in time of war or national emergency are entitled to credit for time served as if such service had been rendered to or for the State of New Jersey.

b. This military award will be issued in accordance with the prescribed procedures for military state service awards as specified in paragraph 1-8 of this Directive.

2-9. **NEW JERSEY GOOD CONDUCT RIBBON** may be awarded to an enlisted member of the NJOM who has demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency, and the capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior is such as to deserve emulation for any period of three (3) years within a period of five (5) years, such service to commence on or after 1 January 1951.

a. Members who served with honorable active service with the Armed Forces of the United States of America in time of war or national emergency are entitled to credit for time served as if such service had been rendered to or for the State of New Jersey. This credit may be used once.

b. Credit for service based on faithful and exact performance of duty requires the member to have acquired the following:

- (1) Attendance at 95 percent of all training assemblies and annual training periods.
- (2) Favorable completion of the physical fitness tests and weight control standards.
- (3) Favorable completion of all service schools.

2-10. **NEW JERSEY MERIT AWARD RIBBON** may be issued to an active member of the NJOM for attendance at 100 percent of all ordered duty during the member's training year (ends with member's retirement ending date).

2-11. **NEW JERSEY POW / MIA COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL :**

a. Is awarded to veterans who are current residents of New Jersey /or were a resident of New Jersey upon entry on Active Duty and served in a combat theater and were officially listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the US Dept of Defense.

b. Posthumous -- The surviving spouse or immediate family member of any resident of the State who meets the requirements for the medal and was killed on active duty or died after receiving an honorable discharge from the armed services.

2-12. **NEW JERSEY DESERT STORM SERVICE MEDAL WITH BRONZE SERVICE STAR** (Figure 7) may be awarded to a member of the NJOM or a resident of the State of New Jersey on active duty or assigned to other reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States who was called to active military service in time of national emergency during the period 1 August 1990 to 1 October 1991 in support of Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

a. Application for the award may be made with a copy of DD Form 214 to the approving authority.

b. This is a one-time issue.

2-13. **NEW JERSEY DESERT STORM SUPPORT RIBBON** may be awarded to active members of the NJOM who served in support of Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield in time of national emergency during the period 1 August 1990 to 1 October 1991.

2-14. **NEW JERSEY VIETNAM COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL** (Figure 8):

a. Is awarded to veterans who are current residents of New Jersey and who were on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos or Cambodia or the contiguous waters or airspace on or after December 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975 and have been given an honorable discharge for their service and who served in a combat zone.

b. Posthumous -- The surviving spouse or immediate family member of any resident of the State who meets the requirements for the medal and was killed on active duty or died after receiving an honorable discharge from the armed services.

2-15. **NEW JERSEY KOREAN WAR COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL** (Figure 9):

a. Is awarded to veterans who are current residents of New Jersey and who were on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States in Korea, Japan or the contiguous waters or airspace on or after June 23, 1950 and on or before January 31, 1955 and have been given an honorable discharge for their service and who served in a combat zone.

b. Posthumous -- The surviving spouse or immediate family member of any resident of the State who meets the requirements for the medal and was killed on active duty or died after receiving an honorable discharge from the armed services.

2-16. **NEW JERSEY HONOR GUARD RIBBON** may be awarded to active members of the New Jersey National Guard, Honor Guard retiree members and contracted civilian buglers who have served as Honor Guard team members; and Honor Guard personnel working at BG William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, who have performed a minimum of thirty missions with one program or a collaboration of a minimum of thirty missions with either of these programs.

a. Honor Guard administrative support personnel may receive the Honor Guard Ribbon when they complete a minimum of nine months of service in support of the Honor Guard Program.

b. A Bronze service star shall be awarded for subsequent total of 130 Honor Guard services / missions completed within a two-year period. The award shall be displayed to the left of the Honor Guard Program symbol on the Honor Guard Ribbon.

c. A silver star shall be awarded for subsequent total of 200 Honor Guard services missions completed within a three-year period. The award shall be displayed to the right of the Honor Guard Program symbol on the Honor guard Ribbon.

d. The NJ Honor Guard Program Manager will be the recommending authority on all applications for award of the New Jersey Honor Guard Ribbon (NJHGR)

2-17. **NEW JERSEY STATE SERVICE RIBBON** may be awarded to a member of the NJOM who on or after 1 July 1963 has been ordered into State Active Duty by the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

2-18. **NEW JERSEY RECRUITING AWARD RIBBON** may be awarded to members of the New Jersey Organized Militia for obtaining five (5) recruits for the NJOM.

2-19. **GOVERNOR'S UNIT AWARD RIBBON** may be issued to a unit of the NJOM that has distinguished itself by outstanding achievement in a manner that clearly sets it above similar units. The award is presented annually based on activities during the period 1 October to 30 September.

a. Each company/battery/troop/flight size unit will be rated with its parent unit as a single entity. A headquarters detachment of a headquarters in a battalion for squadron size unit may also be considered.

b. As an exception to policy, other units identified by The Adjutant General that bring significant credit or recognition to the State of New Jersey or the NJOM may be considered.

c. A unit may be considered to receive this award if they have met the following criteria:

(1) The unit is required to maintain an average of 90 percent of the authorized strength during the qualifying year.

(2) The unit should have attained a constructive attendance rate of not less than 90 percent for all training assemblies to include split unit training assemblies, equivalent training assemblies and annual training.

d. An application initiated by the unit commander in letter format will be sent through major command channels to The Adjutant General.

e. Members of the honored unit may wear the ribbon in accordance with the following criteria:

(1) A service member may wear the award permanently if they served with the honored unit for at least three (3) months.

(2) A service member who does not meet the criteria above may only wear the ribbon while assigned to the unit.

2-20. **UNIT STRENGTH AWARD RIBBON** may be awarded annually to a unit of the NJOM, if the unit has achieved and maintained 100 percent strength during the period 1 October to 30 September.

a. A unit may be considered for this award if it has met the following criteria:

(1) The unit is required to maintain 100 percent of the authorized strength during the qualifying year.

(2) The unit should have attained a constructive attendance rate of not less than 80 percent for all training assemblies to include split unit training assemblies, equivalent training assemblies and annual training.

(3) The unit is required to maintain a reenlistment rate of 75 percent during the qualifying year.

b. An application initiated by the unit commander in letter format will be sent through major command channels to The Adjutant General.

c. Members of the honored unit may wear the ribbon in accordance with the criteria indicated in paragraph 2-19e.

Chapter Three

CERTIFICATES

3-1. **CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION (NJDMAVA Form 200-61-7)** (Figure 10) may be awarded for not less than ten years in support of the mission of the DMAVA / NJOM / VA with faithful and dedicated service or any act of service which supports or is helpful to the DMAVA / NJOM / VA.

a. A certificate may be awarded to:

- (1) An active or former member of the NJOM;
- (2) An active or former member of the Armed Forces of the United States
- (3) A Federal/State civilian employee of the DMAVA / NJOM.
- (4) A civilian, designated by The Adjutant General, who contributed significantly to the mission of DMAVA / NJOM / VA.

b. The Certificate will not be prepared by the recommending organization until processed for approval through:

- (1) Chief of Staff-Army for NJARNG units.
- (2) Chief of Staff-Air for NJANG units.
- (3) Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for all Veterans activities.
- (4) NJ National Guard J1 for Federal civilian employees.
- (5) Director of Human Resources for State employees.
- (6) Chief of the Joint Staff for NJ State Guard units.

3-2. **CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT (NJDMAVA FORM 200-61-8)** (Figure 11) may be awarded for an act or an achievement that significantly contributed to the readiness or effectiveness of DMAVA / NJOM / VA.

- a. Recipients of the certificate are indicated in paragraph 3-1a.
- b. The certificate will be processed in accordance with paragraph 3-1b.

3-3. **CERTIFICATE OF COMMISSION (NJDMAVA Form 200-61-9)** (Figure 12). The Governor under the authority of Title 38A, Chapter 5-1, New Jersey Statutes Annotated, may appoint and commission officers (W2 - O8) upon recommendation of The Adjutant General in the name of the State of New Jersey. The NJARNG G-1 and the Director of Personnel, NJANG are responsible for completing the form.

The proponent of this Directive is the Information and Administrative Services Division, Administrative Services Bureau. Users are invited to submit comments and suggested improvements directly to NJDMAVA, ATTN: IASD-ASB, P.O. Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340.

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| <i>PART C- RECOMMENDATIONS / APPROVALS/ DISAPPROVALS</i> | | |
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| 19. IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR/ UNIT COMMANDER/ STAFF OFFICER/ CEO RECOMMENDATION | | |
| a. TO: | b. FROM: | c. DATE: |
| d. RECOMMEND (SELECT ONE) APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| e. NAME: | f. TITLE (Position) | g. Signature |
| | | h. Rank |
| i. Comments | | |
| 20. CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY AND DATA | | |
| I certify that this individual is eligible for this award IAW NJ Departmental Directive 200.61, and the information contained in part A is correct. | | a. SIGNATURE: |
| | | b. DATE |
| 21. INTERMEDIATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY | | |
| a. TO: | b. FROM: | c. DATE |
| d. RECOMMEND (SELECT ONE) APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| e. NAME | f. TITLE (Position) | g. Signature |
| | | h. Rank |
| i. Comments | | |
| 22. NJCM/NJHGR APPROVAL AUTHORITY | | |
| a. TO: | b. FROM: | c. DATE |
| d. RECOMMEND (SELECT ONE) APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| e. NAME | f. TITLE (Position) | g. Signature |
| | | h. Rank |
| i. Comments: | | |
| 23. NJDSM/ NJMSM/ NJCMSM/ NJMV/ NJCCM/ APPROVAL AUTHORITY: | | |
| a. TO: | b. FROM | c. DATE |
| d. RECOMMEND (SELECT ONE) APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> UPGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNGRADE TO <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| e. NAME | f. TITLE (Position) | g. Signature |
| | | h. Rank |
| i. Comments | | |
| <i>PART D ORDERS DATA</i> | | |
| 24a. ORDERS ISSUING HQ: | 24b. PERMANENT ORDERS NUMBER | 24c. APPROVED AWARD |
| 25a. Name or Orders Approving Authority: | 25b. Title (Position) | 26. DISTRIBUTION: 1 - Indiv 1 - MPRJ |
| 25c. SIGNATURE: | 25d. RANK: | 1 - Unit 1 - File |

Reverse NJDMAVA Form 200.61 R. dated 1 Jan 11

Figure 1 (cont'd)

APPENDIX A

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS
APPLICATION FOR AWARD / PROGRAM

INSTRUCTIONS

The Department holds medal presentation ceremonies, across the state and throughout the year, to honor our veterans. By completing this application, you are agreeing to attend a ceremony, in proximity to your residence, to personally receive your decoration(s). In the event you are unable to attend the ceremony when scheduled, your decoration(s) will be presented at the state Veterans Service Office that is closest to you. Medals will not be sent by mail.

- Print or type information. • Attach a copy of DD Form 214 or WD Form 53 • Attach a copy of death certificate (if applicable)
- Mail to: NJ Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs, ATTN: DVS-VBB (Awards), PO Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340
- For further information - Phone 609-530-7035
- Any missing information on your request will not be processed

Program or Award Requested: (Check all that apply)

- NJ Distinguished Service Medal
 NJ Vietnam Service Medal
 NJ POW/MIA Service Medal
 NJ Meritorious Service Medal
 NJ Korean Service Medal

VETERAN'S INFORMATION

1. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) 2. Service Number / SSN 3. Rank/Grade Held Upon Honorable Discharge

4. Address: Street: Apt City: State Zip Code County Home Phone: (.....) Business phone: (.....) Cell Phone: (.....) E-Mail Address: 5. Residency Upon Entry on Active Duty: City: State:

MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION

6. Branch of Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine)
 7. War Time Service (Check all that apply)
 World War I World War II Korean War Vietnam War Desert Shield/Storm Enduring Freedom Iraqi Freedom
 8. Type of Combat
 Ground Air Sea
 8a. Theater of Operations: (Check all that apply)
 European-African-Middle Eastern Asiatic Pacific North Atlantic American Southeast Asiatic Southwest Asiatic
 9. What Veteran's Organizations do you belong to? (If any)

POSTHUMOUS AWARD YES NO (If YES - Complete the following) (Attach copy of Death Certificate)

10. Name of Person to Receive Award (Last, First, Middle Initial) Relationship to Deceased Veteran
 11. Address
 Street City State Zip Code
 Home Phone: (.....) Business Phone: (.....) Cell Phone: (.....)
 E-Mail Address:

SIGNATURE: Date

For Use by Approving Authority: NJ Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs:

Figure 2

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| NJ Distinguished Service Medal | -Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who served time of war or national emergency in a combat theater of operation. -Proof of New Jersey current residency for a minimum of 20 years. -Resident of NJ upon entry on Active Duty. -Posthumous award authorized. |
| NJ Vietnam Service Medal | -Proof of New Jersey current residency. -Served on Active Duty on or after Dec. 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975 in Vietnam; Thailand, Laos, Cambodia (or contiguous waters or airspace). -Posthumous award authorized. |
| NJ Meritorious Service Medal | -Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States who served time of war or National emergency in a combat theater of operation. -Current Resident of NJ, having resided in NJ for at least the past 20 years. -Posthumous award authorized. |
| NJ Korean Service Medal | - Proof of New Jersey current residency. -Served on Active Duty on or after June 23, 1950 and on or before January 31, 1955 in Korea, or contiguous waters or airspace thereof. -Posthumous award authorized |
| NJ POW/MIA Service Medal | - Proof of New Jersey current residency. -Resident of New Jersey upon entry on Active Duty -Served in a combat theater and was officially listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the US Dept of Defense. -Posthumous award authorized |

NOTE: An honorable discharge is a mandatory requirement for any New Jersey state award.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

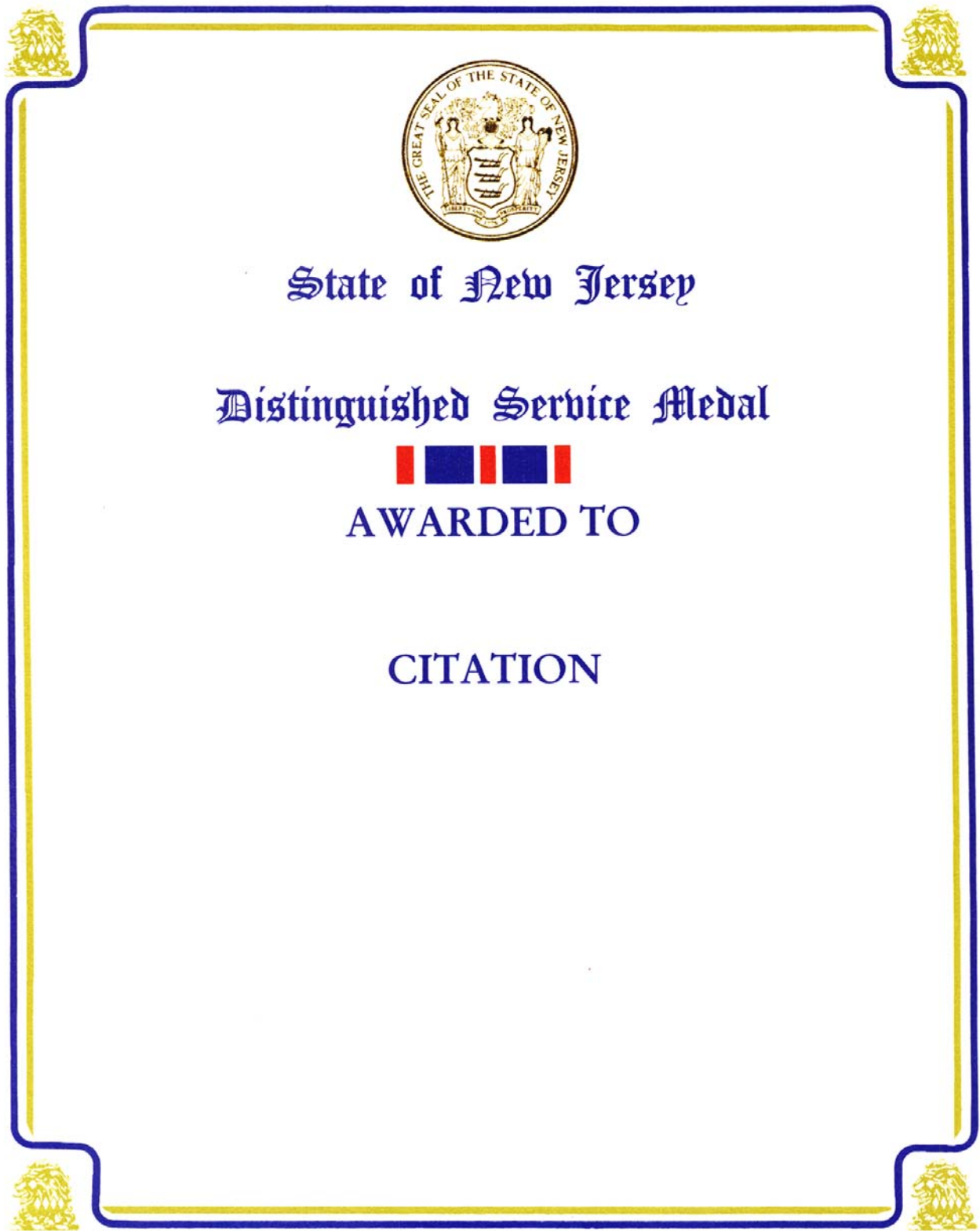
Complete and sign application on front side of this form.

Provide a copy of: **(DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS)**

- _____ Proof of residency (Any document showing name and home address)
- _____ DD Form 214 indicating Honorable Discharge
- _____ Evidence of active duty service in qualifying areas or contiguous waters or airspace
- _____ Evidence of status as POW or MIA

Submit completed application and documents to:

The Adjutant General
New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
ATTN: DVS-VBB (Awards)
PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340



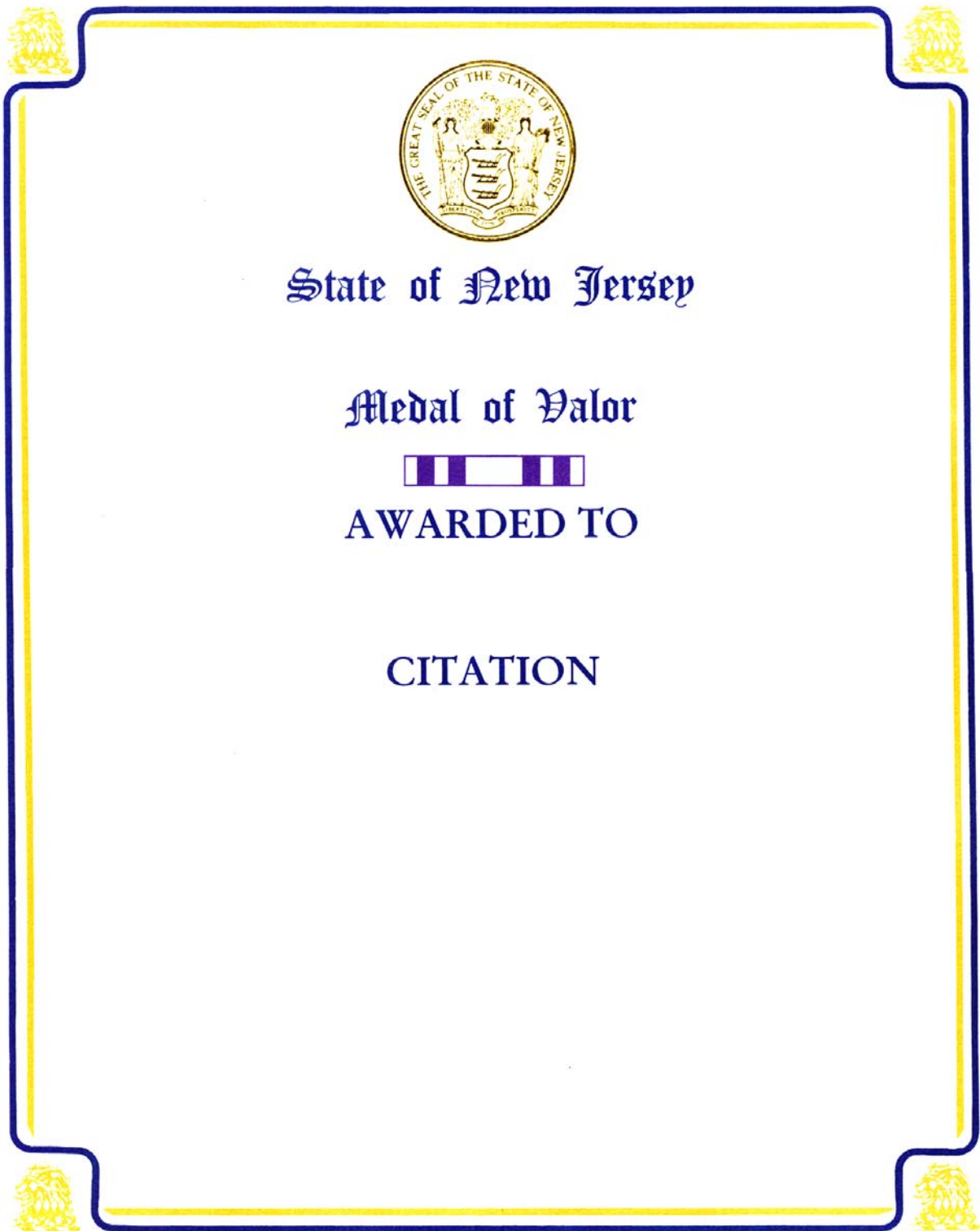


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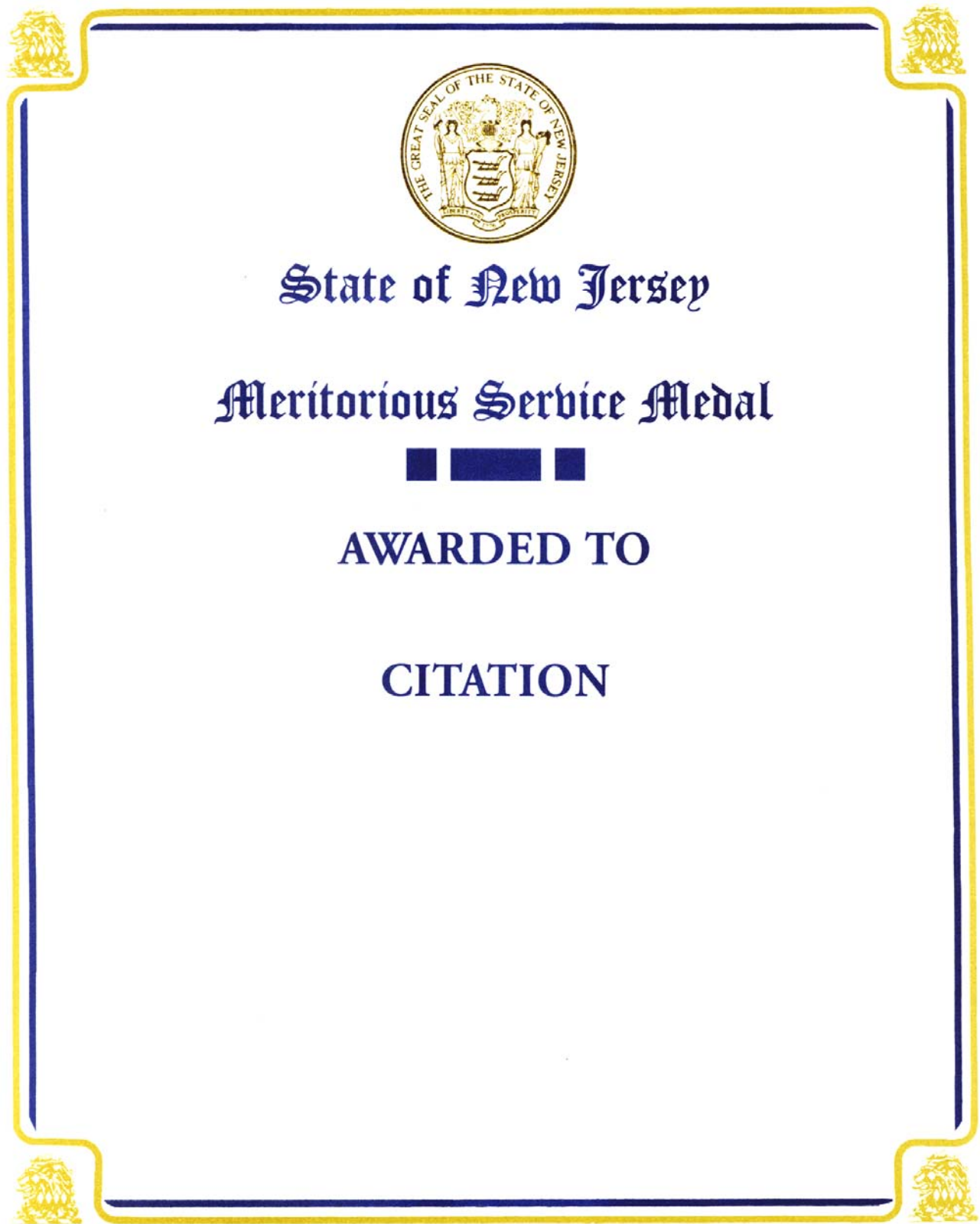


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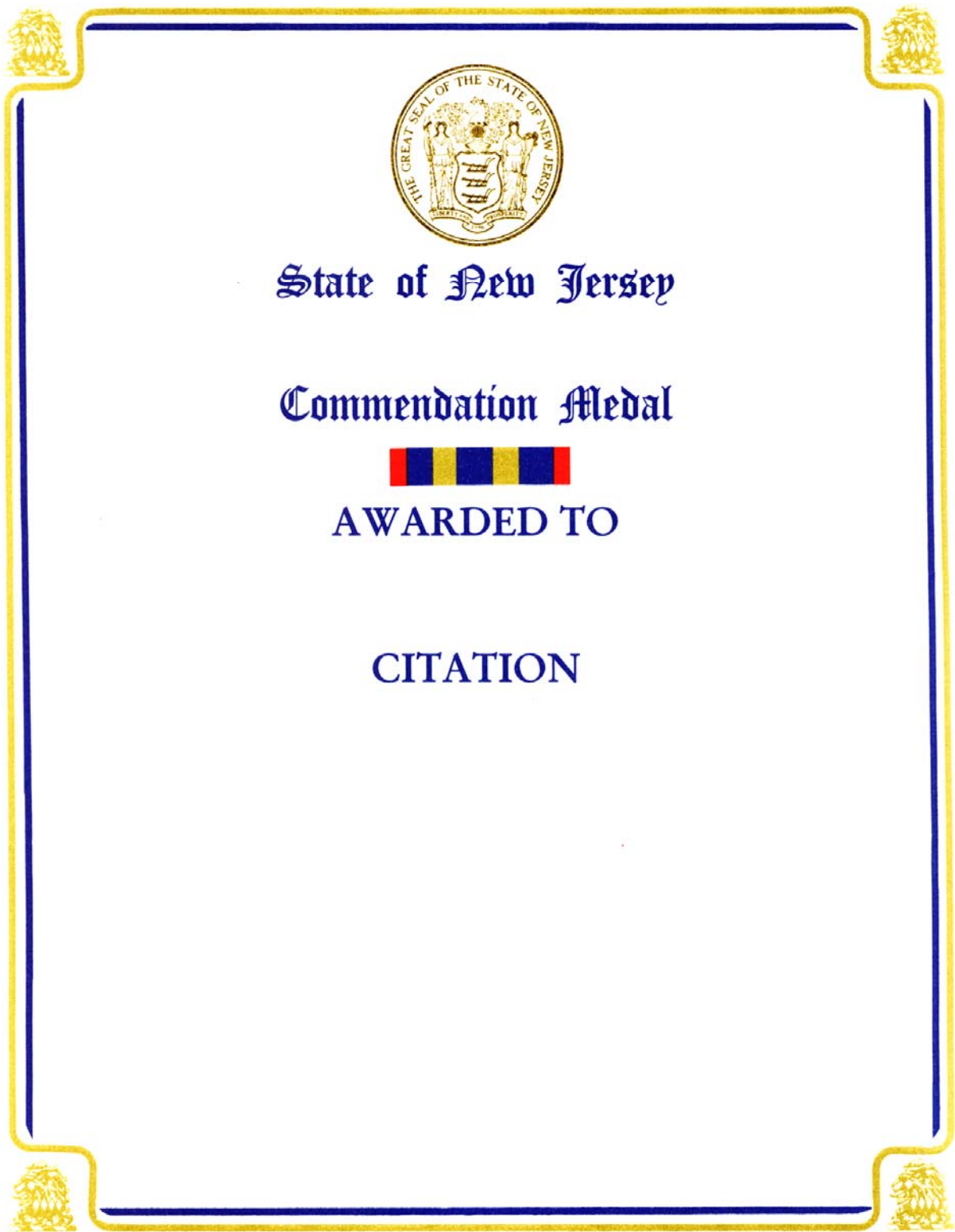


Figure 6



THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETINGS: THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER 29 DATED 20 MARCH 1991 HAS AWARDED

THE DESERT STORM MEDAL

TO

TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEMORATE HONORABLE SERVICE AS A CITIZEN OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR PARTICIPATION ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES DURING OPERATION DESERT SHIELD / DESERT STORM.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
THIS DAY OF



THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

GOVERNOR

Figure 7



State of New Jersey



Vietnam

25th Anniversary Commemorative Medal



is awarded to

In recognition of your patriotic and dedicated service in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam Conflict (31 December 1960 to 7 May 1975).

The citizens of the State of New Jersey are forever grateful.

The Adjutant General

Figure 8



State of New Jersey



Korean War Commemorative Medal



is awarded to

Pursuant to **NJSA 38A: 15-3** and **P.L. 2003, c. 16**

In recognition of your patriotic and dedicated service
in the Korean War 23 June 1950 to 31 January 1955.
The citizens of the State of New Jersey are forever grateful.

The Adjutant General

Figure 9

State of New Jersey



Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



Certificate of Appreciation

is awarded to

in recognition of

The Adjutant General

Figure 10

New Jersey
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs



Certificate of Achievement

is awarded to

In recognition of

Date

The Adjutant General

Figure 11

The State of  **New Jersey**

To all who shall see these presents, greetings:

Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity, and abilities of

I do hereby appoint _____ as _____ in
the _____

National Guard of New Jersey

to rank as such from the _____ day of _____, two thousand _____

This Officer will therefore carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the office to which appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I do strictly charge and require those officers and other personnel of lesser rank to render such obedience as is due an officer of this rank and position. And, this officer is to observe and follow such orders and directions as may be given by the Governor of New Jersey or other superior officers acting in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

This commission is to continue in force during the pleasure of the Governor of the State of New Jersey, for the time being, under the provisions of the New Jersey Statutes Annotated relating to the officers of the New Jersey National Guard, under which this appointment is made.

*Given under my hand as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of all the Military and Naval forces of the State of New Jersey and under the Great Seal of the State at the City of Trenton,
this day of _____ in the year of our Lord, two thousand _____
and of the Independence of the United States of America,
the two hundred and _____ year.*

The Adjutant General

Governor

Figure 12

New Jersey National Guard Awards



Distinguished Service Medal



Medal of Valor



Meritorious Service Medal



Commendation Medal



Ribbon of Honor



Good Conduct Award



Merit Award



POW - MIA Medal



Desert Storm Medal



Desert Storm Ribbon



Vietnam Service Medal



Korean Service Medal



Honor Guard Ribbon



State Service Award



Recruiting Award



Governor's Unit Award



Unit Strength Award

These awards are displayed in the correct order of precedence.

The Governor's Unit Award and the Unit Strength Award are worn above the nameplate on NJARNG uniforms.

25 January 2011

APPENDIX A ILLUSTRATION OF RIBBONS