

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
APPLICATION FOR STATE MEDALS

NJ Distinguished Service Medal

NJ Vietnam Service Medal

NJ Meritorious Service Medal

NJ Desert Storm Medal

NJ Korean Service Medal

NJ POW/MIA Medal

NJ Global War on Terrorism Medal

Please see back page for medal eligibility and mailing instructions

1. Name of Veteran (*Last, First, Middle Initial*)

Street: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

2. Rank/Grade held upon Honorable Discharge/
Retirement

2A. Branch of Service

*Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force,
Coast Guard, Merchant Marines (WWII ONLY)*

3. War Time Service (*Check all that apply*)

- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Desert Shield/Storm
- Enduring Freedom
- Iraqi Freedom

4. Type of Combat (*Check one*)

- Ground
- Air
- Sea
- CONUS

5. Theater of Operations: (*Check all that apply*)

- European-African-Middle Eastern
- Asiatic Pacific
- Southeast Asiatic
- Southwest Asiatic
- Other: _____

POSTHUMOUS AWARD – Contact Information for Next of Kin

Name: _____ Relationship to Deceased Veteran: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

NJ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM) <i>The awarding of DSM usurps MSM.</i> <i>MSM is not awarded simultaneously with DSM</i>	If the person was a resident upon entry into service or has been a resident of this State for at least 20 years in the aggregate, honorably discharged, and served in a combat theater of operations during a time of war. (Campaign & Expeditionary Medals must appear on DD214).
NJ MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MSM)	If the person was a resident upon entry into service or if the person has been a resident of this State for at least five years in the aggregate, honorably discharged and served in the organized militia, or the Armed Forces of the US or a Reserve component.
NJ VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL (VSM)	All residents of the State who were honorably discharged and served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the US in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos or Cambodia or the contiguous waters or airspace thereof on or after December 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975. (Vietnam Campaign & Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal must appear on DD214)
NJ KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL (KSM)	All residents of the State who were honorably discharged and served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the US in Korea, Japan, or the contiguous waters or airspace thereof on or after June 23, 1950 and on or before January 31, 1955. (Korean Service Medal must appear on DD214).
POW/MIA MEDAL**	The NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will determine each case on its merits. Must have been officially listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the US Department of Defense.
DESERT STORM SERVICE MEDAL (DDS)	May be awarded to a resident of the State of NJ on active duty or assigned to other service components of the Armed Forces of the US who was honorably discharged and served in theater from 1 August 1990 to 1 October 1991. (Kuwait Liberation Medal & Southwest Asia Service Medal must appear on DD214).
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL (GWOT)	If the person was a resident of the State upon entry into service or has been a resident of this State for at least 20 years in the aggregate; as attested by the awarding of honorable discharge and the federal DD214 served in at least one of the following Operations: Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, Nomad Shadow, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, Freedom's Sentinel, and Odyssey Lightning.

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.

DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS but copies of the following:

- **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**
- **Copy of Death Certificate for posthumous awards**
- **Evidence of status as POW or MIA**

Mail completed application and supporting copied documents to:

NJ Department of Veterans Affairs
ATTN: DVS-VBB (Awards)
PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

For questions please call (609) 530-6875 - FAX: (609) 530-6970 or email: Jennifer.Glazewski@dva.nj.gov