

Personnel

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

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Summary. This regulation provides policy, criteria and administrative procedures concerning individual state military decorations, service medals and service ribbons; certificates, letters, unit awards and other awards.

Applicability. This pamphlet applies to all personnel (active, former and retired) of the Rhode Island Army & Air National Guard, service members of the Armed Forces and the Rhode Island Militia (the Independent Chartered Companies, Civil War period units, and the Naval Militia).

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CHAPTER 1

GENERAL

1-1 REFERENCES:

- a. AR 635-8, Separation Processing and Documents, dated 17 September 2019
- b. AR 672-20, Incentive Awards, dated 17 September 2020
- c. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 5 March 2019
- d. AFI 36-2803, The Air Force Awards and Decorations Program, dated 27 March 2006
- e. AFI 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel, dated 7 February 2020
- f. AFI 36-3203, Service Retirements, dated 29 January 2021
- g. NGR 600-200, Enlisted Personnel Management, dated 25 March 2021.
- h. NGR 601-1, Army National Guard Strength Maintenance Program, dated 1 January 2019
- i. NG PAM 601-1, Army National Guard Strength Maintenance Program, dated 4 August 2006
- j. AFI 36-2608, Military Personnel Records System, dated 16 April 2021
- k. AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, dated 26 January 2021
- l. AR 1-100, The Army Gift Program, dated 7 February 2019
- m. DoD 1348.33-M, Manual of Military Decorations & Awards, dated 21 December 2016
- n. State of Rhode Island, General Laws, Chapter 30-8, Decorations

1-2 **PURPOSE:** To prescribe the awards program for the Rhode Island National Guard.

1-3 **SCOPE:** This pamphlet applies to all units of the Rhode Island Army and Air National Guard.

1-4 GENERAL:

a. Military decorations are awarded on an individual basis, in recognition of, and as a reward for heroic, extraordinary, outstanding, and meritorious acts, achievement and service. It should be noted that the awards system does not presuppose that an individual is entitled to a meritorious service/achievement award upon departure from an assignment or retirement unless his/her achievements have significantly improved his/her organization's ability to accomplish its mission. Certificates of Achievement and Letters of Commendation or Appreciation are appropriate alternative means to recognize departing personnel.

b. Recommendations for awards must be tied to specific achievements. Accordingly, three questions should be asked when an individual is being considered for an award:

(1) What has the individual done to significantly improve the Rhode Island National Guard or the unit's ability to accomplish its mission more effectively?

(2) What has the individual done to significantly improve the morale, welfare, discipline and

overall effectiveness within the unit?

(3) Was the individual's contribution based upon State or Federal mission?

c. Individuals should be recommended for awards only if the answers to any of the questions above show conclusively that the individual made contributions with significant impact.

d. Awards will not be based upon the grade of the intended recipient, rather the award should reflect the individual's level of responsibility, the manner of performance and the enhanced level of unit effectiveness.

e. Military awards should not be used as prizes in contests.

f. Flagged records: Individuals on who favorable personnel actions have been suspended should neither be recommended for nor receive awards during the period of suspension.

Flags for APFT/weight control, do not preclude the recommendation of awards for valor or heroism and for length of service retirements; however, a waiver is required. Waivers for weight control will be processed as separate and distinct actions from the award recommendation and will be submitted prior to the submission of the award recommendation. The approval authority for all such waivers is the first O-7 in the respective chain of command. All waivers will be addressed to Commander, Rhode Island National Guard, ATTN: NGRI-MPO-OPM.

1-5 **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:**

a. Presentation of military awards will be accomplished as soon as practical following the publication of orders announcing the award. Except when the situation prevents, each presentation to military personnel will be formal, and whenever possible, in the presence of troops with which the recipient was serving at the time of the awarded deed.

b. Presentation to former military personnel will be made at their convenience, and in accordance with their desires, at a type of ceremony deemed to be most appropriate by the presiding officer.

c. Military decorations will not be presented to individuals during social functions.

1-6 **RECORDING OF AWARDS:** Recording of awards on appropriate records will be IAW AR 600-8-104 and AFI 36-2608. It is recommended that the awarding of service medals and ribbons at the unit level be announced in memorandum format (Appendix A) and filed permanently in the Soldier's IPERMs. Federal awards (MSM and lower) for Airmen are automatically recorded in the Personnel Records Display Application (PRDA); recording of higher federal awards and all state awards must be coordinated with the 143d Force Support Squadron (FSS).

CHAPTER 2

MILITARY DECORATIONS

2-1 **MILITARY DECORATIONS:** The following are Federal and State decorations that may be recommended on behalf of members of the Rhode Island Army and Air National Guard.

a. Under the provisions of AR 600-8-22 (Table 3-1) and AFI 36-2803:

- Legion of Merit
- Soldier's Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal

b. Under the provisions of Chapter 30-8, Decorations, State of Rhode Island General Laws:

- Rhode Island Cross
- Rhode Island Star
- Rhode Island Commendation Medal

2-2 **APPROVAL AUTHORITY:**

a. AR 600-8-22 (Table 3-2) and AFI 36-2803 provides authority for the following:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>APPROVAL AUTHORITY</u>	<u>AIR</u>
Legion of Merit	<u>ARMY</u> Director, ARNG	NGB/CF
Meritorious Service Medal	First GO in the chain	NGRI-LCC/DJS
Commendation Medal	Brigade Commander	Group Commander
Achievement Medal	Battalion Commander	Squadron Commander

b. An awards board is not required before a Commander makes an award decision.

c. In lieu of board action, recommendations for awards for The Assistant Adjutant General and Land Component Commander approval will be sent to NGRI-MPO-OPM for review for ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for ANG.

2-3 **FEDERAL DECORATIONS:** May be submitted by ANY individual having knowledge of an act, achievement or service believed to warrant the awarding of the decoration. All Army recommendations of federal decorations will be submitted on a DA Form 638 through command channels. AR 600-8-22, Chapter 3, gives criteria, detailed instructions and examples for completing DA Form 638. Recommendation for Air Force decorations will be submitted IAW AFI 36-2803.

2-4 **STATE DECORATIONS:** May be submitted by ANY individual having knowledge of an act, achievement or service believed to warrant the awarding of the decoration.

a. Rhode Island Cross:

(1) The Rhode Island Cross may be awarded, in the name of the Governor, to any individual who, while a commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted person of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Reserve Components thereof, or the Rhode Island National Guard, while on active state or federal service, distinguishes themselves conspicuously by extraordinary heroism.

(2) Standards: The act of bravery must be above and beyond the call of duty and must be of a nature that failure of its performance would not justly submit the individual to censure for shortcomings or failures in the performance of individual's duty.

(3) Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze oak leaf cluster.

b. Rhode Island Star:

(1) The Rhode Island Star may be awarded, in the name of the Governor, to any individual who, while a commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted person of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Reserve Components thereof, or the Rhode Island National Guard, while on active state or federal service, distinguishes themselves conspicuously by exceptionally meritorious service to the state or federal government.

(2) Standards: The meritorious act, while of a lesser degree than required for the Rhode Island Cross, must nevertheless have been performed with marked distinction.

(3) Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze oak leaf cluster.

c. Rhode Island Commendation Medal:

(1) The Rhode Island Commendation Medal may be awarded in the name of the Governor to any individual who, while a commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted person of the Armed Forces of the United States, including the Reserve Components thereof, or the Rhode Island National Guard, while on active state or federal service, distinguishes themselves conspicuously by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service to the state or federal government in a position of responsibility.

(2) Standards: The achievement cited must be performed with marked distinction but to a lesser degree than required for the Rhode Island Star. Recommendations must reflect contributions to our state mission.

(3) Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze oak leaf cluster.

d. Recommendations for the Rhode Island Cross, Rhode Island Star and the Rhode Island Commendation Medal will be submitted using RING Form 638-1 (Appendix B) through command channels to NGRI-MPO-OPM for ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for ANG, and will contain detailed examples of the acts or services for which the award is recommended. Recommendations for the Rhode Island Cross and the Rhode Island Star will include a one-page enclosure consisting of a biographical summary of the Soldier's or Airman's duties and contributions in state duty.

2-5. Approval Authority for State Awards: The below represents the Approval authority for all State Awards:

<u>AWARD</u>	<u>APPROVAL AUTHORITY</u>	
	<u>ARMY</u>	<u>AIR</u>
Rhode Island Cross	NGRI-TAG	NGRI-TAG
Rhode Island Star	NGRI-TAG	NGRI-TAG
RI Commendation Medal	NGRI-LCC/DJS	NGRI-LCC/DJS or NGRI-JFH-DIR

2-6 **SUBMISSION OF AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS.**

a. Recommendations for RIARNG federal and state awards that are processed through NGRI-MPO-OPM, must be submitted at least 60 days prior to the desired date of presentation to allow time for processing. All award recommendations need to have a proposed date of presentation.

b. Recommendations for RIANG federal awards, MSMs and lower, will be processed in accordance with RI ARNG Awards SOP through the Integrated Personnel Pay System - Army Homepage. Higher federal awards and recommendations for state awards will be processed through NGRI-LCC/DJS.

c. If an impact award is presented, by the appropriate approving authority, to any member of the Rhode Island National Guard, that member's supervisor is responsible for completing the appropriate paperwork (DA Form 638 or RING FORM 638-1) and processing it through the appropriate channels. Timely processing will insure that a certificate is typed, a permanent order is assigned and the individual's military personnel record is annotated properly.

d. The individual recommending the award is responsible for ensuring that the name, grade, SSN, organization and previous awards are correct.

CHAPTER 3

SERVICE MEDALS

3-1 MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS AND SERVICE RIBBONS.

a. Military service medals denote honorable performance of military duty within a specified period of time.

b. The following federal service medals and ribbons are authorized to be earned by members of the Rhode Island National Guard:

- Good Conduct Medal
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
- Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
- NCO Professional Development Ribbon
- Army Service Ribbon
- Overseas Service Ribbon
- Air Force Overseas Ribbon (short tour)
- Air Force BMT Honor Graduate Ribbon
- Air Force Small Arms Expert/Marksmanship Ribbon
- Air Force Training Ribbon
- Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon
- NATO Medal
- Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

c. Under the provisions of Chapter 30 – 8, Decorations, State of Rhode Island General Laws, the following state service medals and ribbons are authorized to be earned by members of the Rhode Island National Guard:

- RI Defense Service Ribbon
- RI National Guard Service Medal
- Militia Service Medal
- RI National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon
- RI National Guard Recruiting Ribbon
- RI National Guard First Sergeant Ribbon (Air)
- RI National Guard Emergency Service Pendant
- Gubernatorial Unit Citation

3-2 AWARD OF FEDERAL SERVICE MEDALS.

a. Those service medals cited under AR 600-8-22 and AFI 36-2803 are administratively awarded to individuals who qualify under the criteria established in the regulation. Orders are not required. However, records will be annotated IAW paragraph 1-6 and Appendix A of this regulation.

b. The issue of federal medals and appurtenances is prescribed in the NGRI-PFO SOP.

c. Federal service medals and the criteria for the award thereof are described in AR 600-8-22, Chapter 2 and AFI 36-2803.

d. Award of the National Defense Service Medal to members of the Rhode Island National Guard, in good standing, for service after 11 September 2001 is authorized if they were on Federal Active Duty after that date. Exceptions are if the Soldier or Airman was on Active Duty for Training, on short tours of Active Duty to serve on boards, courts, commissions and the like or on Active Duty solely to get a physical exam. Soldiers and Airmen in the Inactive National Guard are not eligible (Refer to paragraph 2-11b and c, AR 600-8-22). Commanders may award the National Defense Service Medal to their Soldiers and Airman using the procedures in paragraph 1-6 and Appendix A. The National Defense Service Medal for members of the ANG is awarded by the 143d FSS using USAF criteria.

3-3 AWARD OF STATE SERVICE MEDALS/RIBBONS.

a. Rhode Island National Guard service ribbons, with authorized appurtenances thereto, will be issued automatically by NGRI-MPO-OPM (ARMY), NGRI-LCC/DJS (AIR) upon receipt of a memorandum in the format shown in Appendix A. Each Soldier and Airman is authorized only one initial ribbon.

b. Rhode Island Defense Service Ribbon

(1) Members of the National Guard ordered, called or drafted to active duty under the constitution and laws of the United States during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm call-up and all members of the National Guard who were part of the Selected Reserve and in good standing between 2 August 1990 and 30 November 1995; and from September 11, 2001 to date to be determined or any Federal call ups subsequent thereto, or those serving on full time National Guard training duty (AGR) during such a Federal call up may be awarded the Rhode Island Defense Service Ribbon.

(2) Succeeding awards: No more than one (1) Rhode Island Defense Service Ribbon shall be awarded to any person, but for each succeeding award, a bronze oak leaf cluster shall be awarded in lieu thereof.

(3) Recommendations: Submit in memorandum format to NGRI-MPO-OPM for ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for ANG approval and issue of ribbons.

c. Rhode Island National Guard Service Medal

(1) The Rhode Island National Guard Service Medal will be awarded to each commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member now or hereafter who has rendered seven (7) years of continuous honorable service in the Rhode Island National Guard.

(2) The Rhode Island National Guard Service Medal, with "X" device, will be awarded to each commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member who has rendered honorable service in the Rhode Island National Guard for a period of ten (10) years, at least seven (7) of which shall have been continuous.

(3) Succeeding awards: For each additional five (5) years of such service, whether continuous or not, an appropriate clasp shall be awarded to be worn on the ribbon. (Reference paragraph 6-1.c)

(4) Recommendations: Submit in memorandum format (Appendix A) to NGRI-MPO-OPM for ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for ANG for approval and issue of ribbons.

d. Militia Service Medal

(1) The Militia Service Medal will be awarded to every commissioned officer, warrant officer and enlisted member now or hereafter in the Rhode Island Militia, other than the National Guard, who has rendered seven (7) years of continuous honorable service.

(2) The Militia Service Medal, with "X" device, will be awarded to each commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member who has rendered honorable service in the Rhode Island Militia, other than the national guard, or a period of ten (10) years, at least seven (7) of which shall have been continuous.

(3) Succeeding awards: For each additional five (5) years of such service, whether continuous or not, an appropriate clasp shall be awarded to be worn on the ribbon. (Reference paragraph 6-1)

e. Rhode Island National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon

(1) The Rhode Island National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon will be awarded to any commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member of the Rhode Island National Guard who serves honorably during any part of a state emergency. Any commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member who assisted with the emergency, but who was not placed on State Active Duty can also be credited with the service. Those periods of official state emergency service operations are identified in Appendix C.

(2) Succeeding awards: For each succeeding service sufficient to justify the award, a bronze oak leaf cluster shall be awarded in lieu thereof.

(3) The Service member's personnel record will be annotated using the procedures outlined in paragraph 1-6, authorizing the ribbon based upon the commander's or Emergency Operations/Military Support Officer's verification that the individual was in a State Active Duty status or assisted during the operations listed.

(4) Award of the Rhode Island National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon will be made administratively to individuals who perform State Active Duty or who worked in support of any operation listed in Appendix C. Memorandums will be sent to NGRI-MPO-OPM for ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for ANG for approval and award of the ribbon.

f. Rhode Island National Guard Recruiting Ribbon

(1) The Rhode Island National Guard Recruiting Ribbon will be awarded to any commissioned officer, warrant officer, enlisted member, state employee of the Executive Military Staff, Title 5 or Title 32 Military technician, or retiree of the Rhode Island National Guard who has demonstrated significant support to Recruiting and Retention efforts (whether it be Army or Air).

(2) Succeeding awards: Succeeding awards will be awarded for each qualified enlistment.

(a) For those personnel awarded the ribbon prior to 1 December 2001, succeeding awards will be awarded in increments of five (5); such as the numeric device 5 to denote five qualified enlistments and a numeric device 10 to denote ten qualified enlistments.

(b) For those personnel awarded the ribbon on or after 1 December 2001, a bronze oak leaf cluster shall be awarded for those qualified enlistments between the numeric 5 and 10. Upon the 5th and 10th qualified enlistment, the numeric devices 5 and 10 shall be awarded accordingly.

(3) Description: The Rhode Island National Guard Recruiting Ribbon will be of standard width, having a field of green, black and blue (each stripe being one-third the width of the ribbon).

(4) How worn: Members of the Army National Guard will wear the ribbon with the field of green to the wearer's right. Members of the Air National Guard will wear the ribbon with the field of blue to the wearer's right.

(5) Recommendations: For the RIARNG, the process for recommending a Soldier for the award will be in memorandum format from the unit commander through the RRBN commander and approved by The Adjutant General. The format for the orders publication to be used for the award will be identical to that of the format 320, found in AR 600-8-105, Military Orders. The only exception will be in the standard name line (SNL) the social security number will be omitted. Therefore, allowing several individuals being awarded the same award on one order. The RIANG, will use the guidance in ANGI 33-101, Air National Guard Administrative Orders. NGRI-LCC/DJS will use the RING State Orders Log held by the TAG's office to issue a state order series number.

g. Rhode Island National Guard Emergency Service Pendant

This pendant is only authorized for wear by Service Members who were placed on State. Active Duty during Operation Snow Blow/Snow Blow II and the IMH strike 1979 (see Appendix C). The pendant may be worn on all service and dress uniforms, with the exception of the Army green shirt, as follows:

(1) Male personnel: The pendant will be worn centered on the left breast pocket between the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket, except when a federal award, decoration or medal conflicts with it, in which case, the federal or foreign award will take precedence.

(2) Female personnel: The pendant will be worn centered on the left side of the uniform, with the bottom edge of the pendant collinear with the bottom edge of the third button from the top.

h. The Rhode Island First Sergeant Ribbon (AIR)

(1) The Rhode Island First Sergeant Ribbon (AIR) is awarded to Air National Guard enlisted members who are currently or have been assigned to a First Sergeant position for at least three years. Acting First Sergeants are not eligible. The award of the ribbon is retroactive for those who have previously served, provided they comply with the criteria outlined below.

(2) Standards: This ribbon is not automatic upon completion of the three year assignment. It is established for meritorious service for a member in the First Sergeant Career Field, Special Duty Identifier 8F000. The individual must be recommended based upon important contributions as an NCO and demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities as a First Sergeant.

(3) Succeeding awards: No more than one Rhode Island First Sergeant Ribbon is awarded to any person.

(4) Recommendations: Submit in memorandum format (Appendix A) to NGRI-LCC/DJS for approval and issue of ribbons.

3-4 RHODE ISLAND UNIT DECORATIONS.

a. The Gubernatorial Unit Citation (GUC)

(1) The Gubernatorial Unit Citation (GUC) will be awarded to units, both TDA and MTOE organizations of company, battery or flight size or higher, to recognize their exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of outstanding service during peacetime or wartime in the conduct of difficult and challenging missions. The ribbon will be issued by the Office of The Adjutant General to each individual permanently awarded the citation and to those individuals authorized temporary wear.

(2) Criteria: Effective 29 September 2000, circumstances may be deemed to be extraordinary when they do not represent the typical day-to-day circumstances under which the unit normally performs, or may reasonable be expected to perform, its peacetime mission. The unit must display outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set the unit apart from and above other units with similar missions.

(3) Description: An appropriately designed ribbon outlined with a gold frame, which encloses the ribbon having a field of yellow and green (each color being one-half the width of the ribbon).

(4) How worn: Members of the Army National Guard will wear the ribbon with the field of green to the wearer's left and the with the laurel leaves of the frame pointing upward. This award will be worn on the right side of the uniform in the order of precedence from the wearer's right to left after Federal awards. IAW AFI 36-2903, members of the Air National Guard are not authorized to wear the ribbon on the right side and they cannot place it in their ribbon rack because the gold frame doesn't allow proper wear.

(5) Recommendations: Recommendations for the GUC will be initiated by a senior or parent headquarters to the unit recommended for the award. Recommendations will be forwarded through NGRI-MPO-OPM (RIARNG) or NGRI-LCC/DJS (RIANG) to NGRI-TAG and will be submitted as promptly as practical, supported by the following data:

- Narrative outlining the period of service and basis for the award
- List of tasks performed during the period
- Record of Absent Without Leave (AWOL)
- List of personnel assigned to the unit during the period of service
- Any other pertinent information

(a) Time limits: Each recommendation must be formally entered into official channels within two (2) years from the date of the service performed.

(b) Channels for submission: Recommendation for the award of the GUC to a unit of the Rhode Island National Guard will be submitted through the chain of command. All intermediate commanders will either recommend approval or disapproval and forward it to the next higher headquarters, to NGRI-MPO-OPM (RIARNG) or NGRI-LCC/DJS (RIANG) for final approval by The Adjutant General.

(c) Award approval authority: The award approval authority is The Adjutant General. This authority will not be further delegated.

b. Award elements

(1) The Gubernatorial Unit Citation will be issued by the Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Upon receipt of the GUC from the Governor's Office, NGRI-MPO-OPM (RIARNG) or NGRI-LCC/DJS (RIANG) will publish State Orders with an attached list of all persons assigned to the unit during the citation period.

(2) All Soldiers assigned to HHC, 43d Military Police Brigade and all its assigned units for the period 13 May 1968 thru 29 September 2000, are entitled to the award of the GUC. As an exception to paragraph 3 – 4 (1) above, state orders with an attached roster will not be published for Soldiers assigned during this time frame. Soldiers eligible to receive the GUC, must provide appropriate service documents (to be determined by the G1) before permanent inclusion in their official military personnel record.

(3) The Gubernatorial Unit Citation is permanently awarded to all commissioned officers, warrant officers and enlisted members of the unit during the cited period. Individuals assigned to a decorated unit who were not assigned to the unit during the cited period will only wear the award temporarily until their transfer from the assignment.

(4) Succeeding awards: Bronze oak leaf cluster.

CHAPTER 4

ARMY IDENTIFICATION BADGES

4-1 **CAREER COUNSELOR BADGE.** As prescribed for wear by paragraph 8-36, AR 600-8-22.

4-2 **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITER BADGE.**

a. As prescribed for wear by NGR 601-1.

b. Request for Orders for those individuals who meet the criteria of NGR 601-1 will be submitted through NGRI-RR to NGRI-MPO-OPM.

4-3 **MARKSMANSHIP AND ATTENDANCE BADGES.** The Adjutant General may issue to members of the Rhode Island Militia, appropriate badges and insignia for excellence in marksmanship and for drill attendance as per section 30-8-5, State of Rhode Island General Laws. However, AR 670-1 prohibits the wear of such awards on any Army uniform.

CHAPTER 5

CERTIFICATES AND LAPEL BUTTONS

5-1 CERTIFICATES OF SERVICE AND APPRECIATION.

Certificates of service: See Appendix D for consolidated eligibility chart.

a. **Certificate of Service**, (NGB Form 35) is available to Soldiers or Airmen upon their retirement or transfer from the Rhode Island National Guard in recognition of more than Twenty (20) years of honorable and faithful service in the Armed Forces of the United States, at least ten (10) of which were in the National Guard.

b. **Certificate of Retirement**, (DD Form 363A), is forwarded to the Soldier at the time of their transfer to the Retired Reserves.

Requests for signed certificates showing total number of years in the Armed Forces of the United States and the actual number of years which were in the National Guard, will be submitted to NGRI-MPO-RPM for ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for ANG personnel.

c. **Certificate of Appreciation for Service in the Armed Forces of the United States** (DD Form 2542) signed by the President of the United States will be presented to each Soldier or Airman who retires whether it is for length of service or permanent disability from the National Guard when they have completed fifteen (15) or more years of creditable service for retired pay. RIANG personnel will be issued the certificate via myPERS during retirement processing.

Requests for signed certificates will be forwarded to NGRI-MPO-RPM for the RIARNG.

d. **Certificates of Appreciation to the Spouse** (DA Form 3891 & 3891-1, Army, AF Form 1344/1346, Air Guard, for AGR Soldiers and Airmen and DA Form 5332 & 5332-1, Army, for M-day Soldiers) will be presented after a Soldier transfers to the retired reserve or is discharged after attaining twenty (20) or more years of qualified service for retired pay. RIANG personnel will be issued the certificate via myPERS during retirement processing.

Requests for these certificates to include the spouse's full name, will be forwarded to NGRI-MPO-RPM for the RIARNG.

e. **A Letter of Appreciation for Service**, signed by the President of the United States will be presented to each Soldier and Airmen who retires from the Rhode Island National Guard after they have completed thirty (30) or more years of creditable service for retired pay.

Request for this letter will be forwarded to NGRI-MPO-RPM for the ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for the ANG, NLT 120 days prior to the retirement date.

f. **Rhode Island National Guard Certificate of Appreciation for Retirees** will be prepared for all Soldiers and Airmen who retire with twenty (20) or more years of service in the Rhode Island National Guard creditable for retired pay.

Request these certificates from NGRI-MPO-RPM for the ARNG and NGRI-LCC/DJS for the ANG.

5-2 CERTIFICATE OF PROMOTION (DA FORM 4872, 4874). Certificates of Promotion will be prepared by the promotion authority for any Soldier promoted to the rank of Specialist or above. DA Form 4874 will be used for Specialist and DA Form 4872 for Non Commissioned Officers (NCOs).

5-3 THE ARMY LAPEL BUTTON. The Army Lapel Button is authorized for wear by any Soldier who completes nine (9) months of active federal service after 1 April 1984. The lapel button will be issued to those Soldiers who qualify, during the New Soldier's Orientation School by NGRI-RR. The Army Lapel Button is only authorized for wear on the left lapel of civilian clothing.

5-4 THE AIR FORCE RETIRED LAPEL BUTTON. The Air Force Retired Lapel Button is authorized for wear by individuals when they retire with more than 20 years of service.

CHAPTER 6

APPURTENANCES

6-1. **APPURTENANCES.** Appurtenances are devices affixed to service or suspension ribbons in lieu of medals or ribbons. They are worn to denote additional awards, participation in a specific event or other distinguished characteristics of an award.

(1) Federal decorations and awards: Chapter 6, AR 600-8-22, RIARNG or AFI 36-2803, RIANG gives guidance on appurtenances for federal awards.

(2) State decorations and awards:

(a) Bronze oak leaf cluster. Given in lieu of a medal for succeeding awards of the Rhode Island Cross, the Rhode Island Star, the Rhode Island Commendation Medal, the Rhode Island Defense Service Medal and the Rhode Island Emergency Service Ribbon.

(b) Silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters (6th award).

(c) Numeric devices. Arabic numerals 3/16 of an inch in height are issued instead of a medal or ribbon for the fifth award and succeeding increments of five (5) for the Rhode Island Recruiting Ribbon.

(3) Devices to denote years of service: The below listed devices will be affixed to the Rhode Island National Guard Service Medal and the Militia Service Medal to denote succeeding awards for years of service:

(a) *X device*: for ten (10) years but less than fifteen (15) years of service.

(b) *XV device*: for fifteen (15) years but less than twenty (20) years of service.

(c) *XX device*: for twenty (20) years but less than twenty five (25) years of service.

(d) *Gold Eagle device*: for twenty five (25) years but less than thirty (30) years of service.

(e) *Gold Eagle, with V device*: for thirty (30) years but less than thirty five (35) years of service.

(f) *Gold Eagle, with X device*: for thirty five (35) years but less than forty (40) years of service.

(g) *Gold Eagle, with XV device*: for forty (40) years but less than forty-five (45) years of service.

(h) *Gold Eagle, with XX device*: for forty-five (45) years but less than fifty (50) years of service.

CHAPTER 7

FOREIGN AND OTHER STATE DECORATIONS

7-1. **FOREIGN DECORATIONS.** Foreign decorations as described in paragraph 9, AR 600-8-22 or AFI 36-2903, may be accepted and worn with the approval of Commanding General, Human Resources Command.

7-2. **FOREIGN BADGES.** Foreign badges listed in Appendix D, AR 600-8-22, RIARNG or AFI 36-2803 and AFI 36-2903, RIANG may be approved for acceptance, retention and permanent wear by commanders overseas and CONUS serving in the rank of Colonel and above who exercise general court martial authority over the recipient. For Rhode Island National Guard members, the awarding authority is The Adjutant General, Rhode Island National Guard, ATTN: NGRI-MPO-OPM, RIARNG or NGRI-LCC/DJS, RIANG. When an individual receives a foreign decoration, he/she will immediately submit a letter through command channels to NGRI-MPO-OPM, RIARNG or NGRI-LCC/DJS, RIANG requesting authority to accept and wear the foreign decoration. The letter must be signed by the individual and contain the information outlined in paragraph 9-26 and 9-27 of AR 600-8-22 or AFI 36-2803.

a. Other badges: Honorary badges, identification devices and insignia not listed in Appendix D, AR 600-8-22, RIARNG are considered gifts. Such gifts will be reported IAW paragraph 8, AR 1-100, RIARNG and will not be authorized for wear nor entered in official military personnel records.

b. Foreign Airborne Training: Soldiers not airborne qualified by the United States Army are not permitted to attend foreign military airborne courses or participate in foreign airborne operations. Airborne qualified Soldiers not in an airborne position/unit may participate in such training only if approved by the commander exercising general court martial authority.

7-3. **APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO WEAR OTHER STATE NATIONAL GUARD AWARDS:** Soldiers and Airman who belong to the Rhode Island National Guard may request to wear decorations that reflect meritorious service or achievement of another state. Requests for wear of other state awards will be submitted to NGRI-MPO-OPM, RIARNG or NGRI-LCC/DJS, RIANG with sufficient information to prove the award of the decoration to the Soldier or Airman and justification. Soldiers or Airmen will not automatically wear other state awards until approved to do so.

CHAPTER 8

WEARING OF DECORATIONS

8-1. **ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.** Rhode Island military decorations will be worn by members of the Armed Forces in the following order, after decorations of the United States and authorized decorations:

- a. Rhode Island Cross
- b. Rhode Island Star
- c. Rhode Island Commendation Medal
- d. Rhode Island Defense Service Ribbon
- e. Rhode Island National Guard Service Medal
- f. Militia Service Medal
- g. Rhode Island National Guard Emergency Service Ribbon
- h. Rhode Island National Guard Recruiting Ribbon
- i. Rhode Island National Guard First Sergeant Ribbon (AIR)
- j. Other State National Guard decorations

k. Gubernatorial Unit Citation will be worn following any federal unit citations IAW AR 600-8-22 and RING PAM 600-8-22, and as prescribed in paragraph 3.4.a.(4) above.

8-2. **MANNER OF WEAR.**

General

- a. Awards, decorations and medals will be worn IAW AR 670-1, RIARNG, AFI 36-2903.
- b. When a state award, decoration or medal conflicts with a federal or foreign award, the federal or foreign award will take precedence.