







Award Recommendation Procedures



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References

- AR 600-8-22 Military Awards
- <u>https://www.hrc.arm</u> <u>y.mil/content/Awards</u>
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Award Types:

<u>Achievement Award</u> – An achievement award and a service award should not be the same, as an achievement award is a specific accomplishment. It is not a service award because it is not about the entirety of the Soldier's contribution to the Unit while occupying a position.

<u>Service Award</u> – is a more position focused award that could contain multiple contributions to the organization. It can't overlap other service award time-frames, but can over an achievement award if it does not duplicate. This is often end of tour awards.

<u>Retirement Award</u> – the culminating assignment of that Soldier, it will contain contributions throughout their career and current assignment. However, it can't include information outside of the time frame (10 years). This is different from a service award because it can include information from old assignments. Be careful about dates with this one. Soldier only gets one...etc.



Downgrading Awards:

- If an MSM has been recommended to be downgraded to an ARCOM it must still go through the ORIGINAL approval authorities of that award. An ARCOM that has been recommended to be downgraded to an AAM will not be approved by a LTC/O-5 because they can't be an approval authority to an ARCOM.
- An LTC/O-5 or COL/O-6 Commander will never be the approval authority for a downgraded MSM. It will continue with the ORIGINAL authorities because it has only been recommended for a downgrade. The final say on a downgrade for any award stays with the ORIGINAL approval authority of the original recommended award level.

Commanders and principal officials of HQDA agencies	May award	То
CSA (delegated to Vice CSA)	DSM and all lesser decora- tions ⁴	All U.S. Army personnel and personnel of other Services ¹
General or civilian equivalent	LM ^{1, 2} MSM, AM, ARCOM, AAM ⁵	 U.S. Army personnel assigned or attached for duty to their command or agency Servicemembers of the other U.S. Services in the rank of COL/O-6 and below who are assigned or attached to their command or agency¹
LTG or civilian equivalent	LM ^{1, 2} MSM, AM, ARCOM, AAM ⁵	 U.S. Army personnel assigned or attached for duty to their command or agency in ranks of COL/O–6 and below Servicemembers of other U.S. Services in the rank of COL/O–6 and below who are assigned or attached to their command or agency¹
Major general (MG/O–8) or civilian equivalent	LM ^{1, 2, 3} MSM, AM, ARCOM, AAM ⁵	 U.S. Army personnel assigned or attached for duty to their command or agency in ranks of COL/O–6 and below Servicemembers of other U.S. Services in the rank of COL/O–6 and below who are assigned or attached to their command or agency¹
BG/O-7	MSM, AM, ARCOM, AAM⁵	 U.S. Army personnel assigned or attached for duty to their command or agency in ranks of COL/O–6 and below Servicemembers of other U.S. Services in the rank of COL/O–6 and below who are assigned or attached to their command or agency¹
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LTC/O-5	AAM ⁵	 U.S. Army personnel assigned or attached for duty to their command or agency in ranks of COL/O–6 and below Servicemembers of other U.S. Services in the rank of COL/O–6 and below who are assigned or attached to their command or agency

Filling out achievement blocks / common issues

Duplicate awards:

 Only one decoration will be awarded to an individual or unit for the same act, achievement, or period of meritorious service. (Cannot mention previous achievements from an award already awarded to a Soldier)

Period of award:

- For meritorious <u>service</u> awards, the cited period is limited to the period of service during which the individual served under the recommending command. Meritorious service is characterized by distinguished service and performance above that normally expected, over a sustained period.
- For meritorious <u>achievement</u> awards, the length of time is not a primary consideration; however, the act or achievement should have a clearly discernible beginning and ending date. In addition, the speed of accomplishment of a time sensitive task could be an important factor in determining the value of the achievement or act.



Filling out achievement blocks / common issues

- Spell out number one through nine, above that (>10) use the number
- Avoid repetition of words, use synonyms.

*Example: the word meritorious is already used in the first sentence. Consider

other words instead such as: exemplary, commendable, impeccable, etc.*

• Proof-read and fix grammar, spelling, and punctuation errors. Once the PAR is initiated only the S-1 Pool are allowed to make any changes. If it gets to an approver and the approver notices an error, the PAR is pushed back to the initial S-1 Pool. This can impact the timeliness of an award being approved by the proposed presentation date. Especially if the award must go through multiple command levels (i.e., Unit, BN, BDE, State HQ).

Filling out citation block / common issues



 In the citation, spell out SM's rank, first and last name only for the first time used. After that, spell out rank then last name only

Example; Major John Doe (used first time), Major Doe (after that)

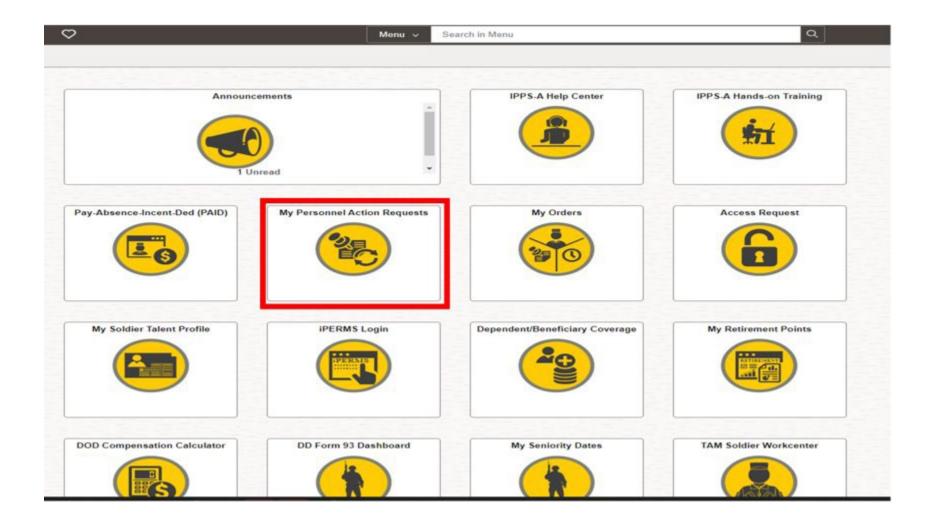
- Abbreviations are allowed within the citation block. However, the abbreviation and/or acronym should be spelled out the first time and followed by the abbreviation and/or acronym in parenthesis
- The recommended Soldier needs to be recognized in the <u>third</u> <u>person</u> throughout the citation (i.e., Him, Her, His, Hers) (NOT-You, Your)



IPPSA Awards Submission Process

IPPS-A Landing Page (army.mil)

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- Adjust effective date as necessary (this is not the period of award start date)

- Select the "Award Recommendation" item in the list

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- Select the appropriate "Reason" from the dropdown list

Keep in mind:

- "Expiration of Term of Service", "Permanent Change of Station", "Retirement" and "Service" are all considered a <u>Service award</u>.
- "Achievement" is for an <u>Achievement award</u>.
- "Heroism" is for <u>Heroism and Valor awards</u>. (rare)

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- Fill out the period of award From and To dates. Do not overlap previous award dates

- Fill out the Proposed Presentation Date, State Approved awards require a 45 day out presentation date (MSM and below)

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- AAM 2 Achievements
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- MSM 4 Achievements
- LOM Separate Narrative and Citation

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- Previous awards are displayed at the bottom of the PAR recommendation. Ensure these are correct prior to Award PAR submission.
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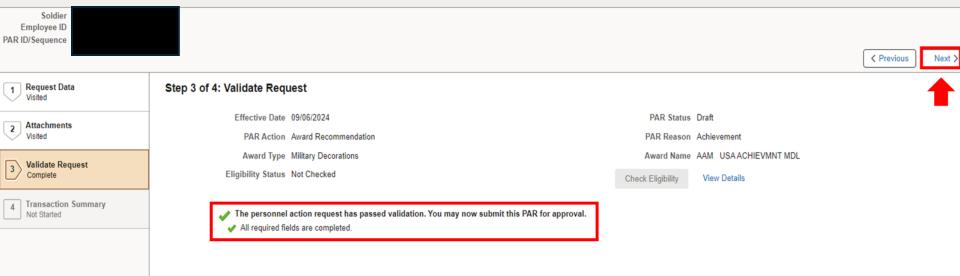
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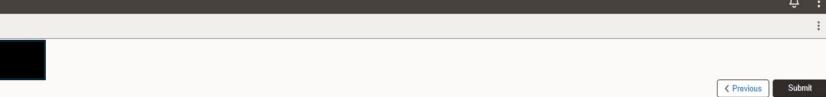


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Citation Page

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Final Comments



Questions/Comments