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SUMMARY: This regulation provides guidance on the request for award of and wear of decorations, awards, and honors of the Tennessee National Guard. It establishes criteria for award of state awards and defines criteria for federal awards, which may be approved by the Tennessee Army National Guard. This regulation relies on AR 600-8-22 for federal award recommendations and procedures.

APPLICABILITY: This regulation applies to all soldiers of the Tennessee Army National Guard. The male gender "he" will apply equally to "she" where used in this regulation.

SUPPLEMENTATION: Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited.

INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS: This regulation does not include internal control provisions under AR 11-2.

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These changes to regulation change the requirement for award if the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

1. Change paragraph 1-3a(2) from "AR 600-8-22 Para 3.16 ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (ARCM)" to read: "AR 600-8-22 Para 3.16 ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL (ARCM)."
2. Change paragraph 1-3a(3) from "AR 600-8-22 Para 4.14 ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (AR-COMP-ACHVMT-MDL) For a member of an Army National Guard or Reserve Component Troop Program unit who has completed four (4) consecutive years of qualifying service" to read: "AR 600-8-22 Para 4.14 ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (AR-COMP-ACHVMT-MDL) For a member of an Army National Guard or Reserve Component Troop Program unit who has completed three (3) consecutive years of qualifying service."
3. Change paragraph 1-2a(3) from "AR 600-8-22 Para 2.10 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (NTL-DEF-SVC-MDL) For all members of the National Guard, who were part of the Active National Guard in good standing during the period beginning 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined." to read: "AR 600-8-22 Para 2.10 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (NTL-DEF-SVC-MDL) For all members of the National Guard, who were part of the Active National Guard in good standing during the period beginning 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995."
4. File this change sheet in front of the publication for reference purposes.
5. The proponent agency of this regulation is the Division of Personnel (AGTN-DPER). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to The Adjutant General, HQ, TNARNG (STAR), ATTN: AGTN-DPER, P.O. Box 41502, Houston Barracks, Nashville, TN 37204-1502.

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6. Reference Change 1, paragraph 3 should read as follows: Change paragraph 1-3a(3) from "AR 600-8-22 Para 2.10 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (NTL-DEF-SVC-MDL) For all members of the National Guard, who were part of the Active National Guard in good standing during the period beginning 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined." to read: "AR 600-8-22 Para 2.10 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (NTL-DEF-SVC-MDL) For all members of the National Guard, who were part of the Active National Guard in good standing during the period beginning 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995."
7. Change 1 to the Decorations, Awards and Honors Regulation referred to the incorrect regulation number. It should read Change 1, TARNGR 600-8-22.
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9. The proponent agency of this regulation is the Division of Personnel (AGTN-DPER). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to The Adjutant General, HQ, TNARNG (STARC), ATTN: AGTN-DPER, P.O. Box 41502, Houston Barracks, Nashville, TN 37204-1502.

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These changes to regulation change the requirement for award if the Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.

10. Change paragraph 1-3.a.(2) to include award of the Good Conduct Medal (GCMDL-ARMY). Approved only by the TAG.

11. Change paragraph 1-3.a.(2). Battalion/Brigade Level Commanders are authorized to approve award of the Army Commendation Medal (ARCM) and Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

12. Change paragraph 2-2.b to read: "Awarded by a Battalion Level Commander, Field Grade Commander, or Director at State Headquarters to any Tennessee Army National Guard member under his command or direction to recognize those members whose exceptional performance might otherwise go unnoticed or unrewarded. The TNGCR shall be awarded for high achievement or outstanding performance, although more than that required for the Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon.

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CHAPTER 1
GENERAL

1-1. Purpose.

This regulation is established to prescribe the decorations and awards for service which has been performed in the Tennessee Army National Guard.

1-2. Scope.

This regulation applies only to decorations, awards, and honors presented by the Tennessee Army National Guard. Tennessee Air National Guard (TNANG) decorations and awards policy is published in a separate TNANG regulation

1-3. Federal Awards.

Awards which may be awarded to National Guard members, if they meet the criteria, are shown with the applicable paragraph from AR 600-8-22.

a. Medals. Award of federal medal may be made in peacetime by the Secretary of Defense or Secretary of the Army to members of the Reserve Components of the Army who are not in active federal military service. Service medals that require presence in a specific theater or war for award are not listed. These can be found in AR 600-8-22.

(1) Active Component Approval. Award of these medals requires submission of DA Form 638 and accompanying justification for approval through HQ, Tennessee Army National Guard, STARC (-), ATTN: AGTN-DPER (with letter of transmittal), through HQ, Second Army to HQ, Forces Command (FORSCOM) or HQDA.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.8

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

For any member who has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. Not for exceptional performance of normal duty.

AR 600-8-22 Para 2.4

DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL (DSSM)

For assignment to joint staffs and other joint activities of the Department of Defense, while in a position of significant responsibility has rendered superior meritorious service.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.10.

LEGION OF MERIT (LM)

For exceptional meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievement. For exceptional meritorious service in a succession of important positions. Not for performance of duties normal to grade, branch, etc.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.11 **DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS (DFC)**
For heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. For volunteer action above and beyond the call of duty. Not for sustained operations against an enemy force.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.12 **SOLDIER'S MEDAL (SM)**
For heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. For involvement in personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life. Not for awarding solely on the basis of having saved a life.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.15 **AIR MEDAL (AM)**
For meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. For single acts of heroism or merit.

(2) TAG Approval. Award approval of these medals requires submission of DA Form 638 for approval by the Adjutant General. Staff Reviews are not necessary for awards approved below TAG-level.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.14 **MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MSM)**
For meritorious service not involving combat. May be awarded for outstanding meritorious service not less than two (2) years or for meritorious achievement.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.16 **ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (ARCM)**
For heroism, meritorious service not less than one (1) year, or for achievement. For acts of valor. For acts of non-combat related heroism.

AR 600-8-22 Para 3.17 **ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (AAM)**
For non-combat meritorious service not less than six (6) months or for meritorious achievement.

(3) Commander Approval. Award of the following medals requires submission of a memorandum from the unit commander identifying the soldiers who have met the criteria for award. Order will be published for the GCM only.

AR 600-8-22 Para 4.1 **GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (GCMDL-ARMY)**
For exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity in active Federal military service for three consecutive years.

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ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (AR-COMP-ACHVMT-MDL)

For a member of an Army National Guard or Reserve Component Troop Program unit who has completed four (4) consecutive years of qualifying service.

AR 600-8-22 Para 2.10 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (NTL-DEF-SVC-MDL)

For all members of the National Guard, who were part of the Active National Guard in good standing during the period beginning 2 August 1990 to a date to be determined. Even those Guard members who were not called to Active Duty, but continued to train in order to be ready for mobilization, if required, are awarded the NDSM.

AR 600-8-22 Para 2-16 MILITARY OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE MEDAL (MOVSM)

For performance of outstanding volunteer service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature to the civilian community which is significant in nature and produces tangible results which reflect favorably on the Army and the Department of Defense

AR 600-8-22 Para 5.7 ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL (ARMED-FCS-RES-MDL)

For honorable and satisfactory service as a member of former member of one or more of the Reserve Components for a period of ten (10) years which must be performed within a period of twelve (12) consecutive years.

b. Ribbons. Award of these ribbons requires submission of a memorandum from the unit commander identifying the soldiers who have met the criteria for award. Posting to DA Form 2-1 is the evidence of award. No orders are published.

AR 600-8-22 Para 5.6 NCO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON (NCO-PROF-DEV-RBN)

For members of the US Army who have successfully completed a designated NCO Professional Development Course: Primary, Basic, Advanced, First Sergeants Course, and US Army Sergeant Major Academy.

AR 600-8-22 Para 5.7 ARMY SERVICE RIBBON (ARMY-SVC-RBN)

For members of the US Army who have successfully completed initial entry training. Basic/orientation or higher level course for officers or initial MOS producing course for enlisted.

AR 600-8-22 Para 5.4 **OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON (OS-SVC-RBN)**
For successful completion of normal overseas active duty tour and special tours announced by HQDA. This award can only be presented for periods of Title 10 service.

AR 600-8-22 Para 5.3 **ARMY RESERVE COMPONENT OVERSEAS TRAINING RIBBON (ARCOTR)**
For successful completion of Annual Training for a period of not less than ten (10) consecutive days on foreign soil.

c. Federal Award Criteria. Award of any Federal decoration listed in paragraph 1-3.a.2 above may be made to recognize acts of exceptionally meritorious conduct or achievement in the performance of valorous acts, outstanding service or single incidents of accomplishment connected with or related to membership in the Tennessee Army National Guard or directly related to attendance on occasion of military duty.

(1) Full-time National Guard duty is considered to be active Federal service for award purposes. AGR personnel are entitled to all Federal awards and decorations authorized to drilling Guardsman, including service medals and ribbons, e.g., the Good Conduct Medal (GCMDL-ARMY), effective 1 September 1982.

(2) AGR personnel are eligible to receive and wear State awards and decorations; however, no portion of service for the GCMDL-ARMY may be included for any period of service for which the AR-COMP-ACHVMT-MDL has been awarded.

1-4. State Awards.

a. Governor of Tennessee Awards. Awards of the Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Service Medal (TNGDSM) and the State of Tennessee Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation (SOTGMUC) may be made to members or units of Tennessee National Guard or any member of the U.S. Armed Forces associated with the Tennessee Army National Guard. These awards are signed by the Governor of the State of Tennessee.

b. Adjutant General of Tennessee Awards. Award of the State of Tennessee Adjutant General's Ribbon of Valor (TAGRFV), Tennessee Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal (TAGDPM), Tennessee National Guard Recruiting Merit Ribbon (TNGRMR), Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Unit Commendation (TNGDUC), Tennessee National Guard Outstanding Unit Performance Commendation (TNGOUPC) and Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Recruiting and Retention Unit Citation (TNGVRRUC) will be made by order of the Adjutant General to members or units of the Tennessee Army National Guard or any military personnel assigned to the Tennessee Army National Guard. These awards are signed by the Adjutant General.

c. Commanding Officer Awards. Award of the Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon (TNGCR) and Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon (TNGIAR) will be presented by the unit commander or Staff Director as prescribed by this regulation. These awards are signed by the recommending commanding officer or Staff Director.

d. Service Awards. Service awards are awarded by unit commanders based upon establishing eligibility for the award. The Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Service Ribbon will be awarded by the Director of the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Division.

e. Eligibility for Award. Eligibility for any state award may be accomplished as stated in this regulation. Award of decorations may be made to recognize acts of exceptionally meritorious conduct or achievement, outstanding excellence and distinction in the performance of duties, or singular acts of accomplishment related to membership in the Tennessee Army National Guard. State awards may be made for any service to the State of Tennessee provided the individual meets the criteria for award. The Adjutant General may bestow an award to any deserving individual without approval of a Staff Review; however, a Staff Review will consider most requests for federal awards when they must be approved by the Adjutant General.

CHAPTER 2

STATE MEDALS AND RIBBONS

2-1. Authorized State Medals.

a. Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Service Medal (TNGDSM). Awarded by the Governor to any member of the Tennessee National Guard, any member of the United States Armed Forces associated with the Tennessee National Guard, or any civilian associated with the United States Armed Forces who has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of extremely difficult service or actions which benefit the State of Tennessee or the Tennessee Army National Guard. The performance must be of the highest distinguished character, clearly superb and normally is for acts which merit the highest military recognition of the State of Tennessee and the thanks of the people of Tennessee. Upon retirement this decoration may be awarded on a one-time service career basis. Long and faithful service shall be defined as any period of service of a greater length than twenty (20) consecutive years in the Tennessee Army National Guard. The period of service for this award shall reflect the entrance date and the retirement date from the Tennessee National Guard, and the citation shall reflect the number of years served in the Tennessee National Guard. The proposed award must meet each requirement strictly for this paragraph to be applicable.

(1) Recommendation for award will be made by submitting a completed DA Form 638 through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for final processing, publication of award orders, issue of medal set and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

(2) An award certificate will be presented to all recipients of the medal without additional request. The certificate will identify the individual, unit of assignment, time period and award purpose.

(3) The presentation of this medal should be made by the Governor of Tennessee or in the name of the Governor by no less than a Major Command Commander. This authority should not be further delegated.

(4) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be worn to indicate successive TNGDSM awards. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters.

(5) Only the initial TNGDSM decoration set with medal will be presented to the individual at no charge.

b. Tennessee Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal (TAGDPM). Awarded personally by the Adjutant General to any member of the Tennessee Army National Guard, to any member of the U.S. Armed Forces, or any civilian who boldly distinguishes himself by a significant patriotic act or contribution to State or Nation which serves to promote patriotism and preservation of either State or National heritage. The Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal is not awarded for retirement or for appreciation of a period of commendable service.

(1) Recommendation for award will be made by submitting a completed DA Form 638 through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for final processing, publication of award orders, issue of medal set and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

(2) An award certificate will be presented to all recipients of the medal without additional request. The certificate will identify the individual, unit of assignment, if applicable, and a brief description of individual's act or contribution.

(3) Presentation of this medal should be made by the Adjutant General of Tennessee or in the name of the Adjutant General by no less than a Major Command Commander.

(4) The Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal is only awarded once.

c. National Emergency Service Medal State of Tennessee (NESMSOT). Awarded to members of the Tennessee National Guard by the Governor. Authorized by the Governor's Executive Order, dated 15 June 1962, pursuant to Public Law 887-117 and Presidential Executive Order 10957, dated 15 August 1961, in recognition of honorable and faithful active Federal service for thirty (30) days or more during the Berlin Crisis national emergency. Although originally approved as a medal, one was never constructed. This award is represented by a distinctive ribbon and a bronze service clasp with the words "BERLIN CRISIS" inscribed.

2-2. Authorized State Ribbons.

a. Tennessee Adjutant General's Ribbon for Valor (TAGRFV). Awarded by the Adjutant General to any soldier in the Tennessee Army National Guard or to any member of the U.S. Armed Forces associated with the Tennessee Guard who distinguished himself in an act of saving or attempting to save another person's life. Whether or not serving on duty in training status or whether or not in personal danger; the act nevertheless bestows great credit upon the individual and upon the Tennessee Army National Guard. The act may be less meritorious than that required for the Soldier's Medal (SM) or awarded for acts in situations when the soldier would not be eligible for award of the SM, but the performance should be clearly an unselfish reaction to an emergency.

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(1) Recommendation for award will be made by submitting a completed DA Form 638 through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for final processing, publication of award orders, issue of ribbon and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

(2) An award certificate will be presented to all recipients of the award without additional request. The certificate will identify the individual, unit of assignment, and a brief description of the individual's act or contribution.

(3) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be worn to indicate successive TAGRFV awards. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters.

b. Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon (TNGCR). Awarded by a Major Command Commander or Director at State Headquarters to any Tennessee Army National Guard member under his command or direction to recognize those members whose exceptional performance might otherwise go unnoticed or unrewarded. The TNGCR shall be awarded for high achievement or outstanding performance, although more than that required for the Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon.

(1) A memorandum signed by the awarding officer identifying the person or personnel awarded shall be the authorization for wear of this award.

(2) Receipt of a letter of commendation signed by a Tennessee Army National Guard general officer which does not specifically award the TNGCR may be used as the sole supporting criteria for award of this ribbon. Awards under this paragraph may be made upon petition to AGTN-AAG and verification of the letter or certificate of commendation.

(3) The memorandum awarding the TNGCR shall be forwarded through channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for distribution of ribbons and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

(4) It shall be the responsibility of the awarding officer to ensure that the award is made for deserving service. In the case of awards being made that are considered to be undeserving or out-of-character with the purpose of the award, the Adjutant General may order that the award be rescinded.

(5) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be worn to indicate successive TNGCR awards. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters.

(6) Awards made to individuals outside the State of Tennessee shall be published on award orders. Submit request for award through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing of award, publication of orders, and issue of ribbon.

c. Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon (TNGIAR). Awarded by a company level commander or division or branch chief in State Headquarters to any Tennessee Army National Guard soldier under his command or direction to recognize those personnel whose exceptional performance might otherwise go unnoticed or unrewarded. The TNGIAR shall be awarded for high achievement or outstanding performance, although less than that required for the Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon.

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(1) Eligible persons for this award include rank E-1 through E-6 (to include E-6), W-1 through W-2 (to include W-2), and O-1 through O-3 ((to include O-3) provided that the officer is not a commander of a company size unit or larger).

(2) A memorandum signed by the awarding officer identifying the person or personnel awarded shall be the authorization for wear of this award.

(3) Receipt of a letter of commendation signed by a Tennessee Army National Guard general officer which does not specifically award the TNGIAR may be used as the sole supporting criteria for award of this ribbon. Awards under this paragraph may be made upon petition to AGTN-AAG and verification of the letter or certificate of commendation.

(4) The memorandum awarding the TNGIAR shall be forwarded through channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for distribution of ribbons and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

(5) It shall be the responsibility of the awarding officer to ensure that the award is made for deserving service. In the case of awards being made that are considered to be undeserving or out-of-character with the purpose of the award, the Adjutant General may order that the award be rescinded.

(6) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be worn to indicate successive TNGIAR awards. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters.

(7) Awards made to individuals outside the State of Tennessee shall be published on award orders. Submit request for award through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing of award, publication of orders, and issue of ribbon.

d. Tennessee National Guard Recruiting Merit Ribbon (TNGRMR). Awarded to recognize members of the Tennessee Army National Guard who recruits or initiates recruitment of persons into the Tennessee National Guard. Full time recruiters may receive the TNGRMR for ten (10) persons recruited, provided individual is the initial contact of the prospect. Soldiers other than full time recruiters may receive the TNGRMR for recruiting or initiating recruitment of five (5) persons into the Tennessee National Guard.

(1) If a Tennessee Army National Guard member introduces a prospect to a Tennessee National Guard recruiter resulting in a recruitment of that person into a unit of the Tennessee National Guard, the credit for recruitment shall be assigned to the Guard member who initially introduced the prospect, regardless of the fact that the full time recruiter later made further contact, testing and other pre-swearing-in duties. Credit will not be given to more than one person for the same recruit.

(2) To award credit for a recruitment, an entry will be made by the introducing Guard member's unit records clerk on the TN ML Form 0170, Request for Award of the Tennessee National Guard Recruiting Merit Ribbon, listing the new recruitment's name, grade, unit to which assigned and date of recruitment. Upon attainment of the required entries, the form shall be authenticated by signature of the unit commander and forwarded through channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-RRM) as a recommendation for award. The RRM will forward request to AGTN-AAG for final processing, publication of award order, issue of ribbon and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

(3) The TN ML Form 0170 may be retained in the MPRJ as action pending until required entries have been made.

(4) The unit commander is responsible for the assignment of proper credit to each Guard member in his unit or under his command. No more than one Guard member may receive credit for the introduction of any one recruitment. A Guard member receives equal credit for recruiting either officer or enlisted personnel.

(5) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be worn to indicate successive TNGRMR awards. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters. Upon attainment of fifty (50) persons recruited into the Tennessee National Guard (or 10 awards), the bronze numerals "50" shall be centered on the ribbon; further awards will be reflected by the attachment of bronze numerals indicating the number of persons recruited in increments ten (10).

(6) A proposed citation is not required for the TNGRMR certificate.

e. Tennessee National Guard War Service Ribbon (TNGWSR). Awarded by the unit commanding officer to any member of his unit or to any U.S. military personnel serving in any capacity with the Tennessee National Guard who entered Federal service with the Tennessee National Guard unit called up during a declared National emergency, provided such emergency has been called for the purpose of conducting war against a real or potential aggressor.

(1) A memorandum signed by the unit commanding officer identifying the person or personnel by name, grade and SSN shall be the authorization for wear of this award. The memorandum will also include the unit name; date of entry into active service; and title of conflict, war or campaign.

(2) It shall be the responsibility of the awarding officer to ensure that the award is made for deserving service. In the case of awards being made that are considered to be undeserving or out-of-character with the purpose of the award, the Adjutant General may order that the award be rescinded.

(3) The memorandum awarding the TNGWSR shall be forwarded through channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for distribution of ribbons and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

(4) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be worn to indicate successive TNGWSR awards. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters.

f. Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Service Ribbon (TNGCDSR). Awarded by the Director of the Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug Division to officers, warrant officers, or enlisted personnel of the Tennessee National Guard who perform a minimum of fifteen (15) days duty in support of Tennessee National Guard Counterdrug operations. Duty must have been performed in an exemplary manner in one or more of the following categories; Eradication and Interdiction, Drug Demand Reduction, or Internal Prevention and Control.

(1) A memorandum signed by the awarding officer identifying the person or personnel awarded shall be the authorization for wear of this recognition.

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(2) This award may be made retroactively to reflect service from 1 January 1989.

(3) This is a one-time award and will not be duplicated or have appurtenances appended for multiple periods of eligibility.

(4) The memorandum awarding the TNGCDSR shall be forwarded through channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for distribution of ribbons and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

g. Tennessee National Guard Service Ribbon (TNGSR). Awarded by the Tennessee National Guard unit commanding officer to any member of the Tennessee National Guard for each five (5) year period of service with the Tennessee National Guard. Only service with the Tennessee National Guard may be counted for award.

(1) This award is authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA), Section 58-1-231

(2) A bronze service star (called a veteran's star) will be affixed to ribbons presented to personnel who were members of the military forces on the United State during any period of active hostilities and who received honorable discharge from such service. Only one bronze service star is authorized regardless of the number of armed conflicts in which a person participated. The single bronze service star, if authorized, will lead from the left, as seen by the viewer, of any oak leaf clusters awarded.

(3) Posting to the individual's DA Form 2-1 shall be sufficient for award for the TNGSR.

(4) A memorandum notifying award of the TNGSR will be signed by the unit commander and forward through channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for supply of ribbons.

(5) A bronze oak leaf cluster will be worn to indicate successive TNGSR awards. A silver oak leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze oak leaf clusters.

h. Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Ribbon (TNGVR). Awarded by a Tennessee National Guard unit commanding officer to any soldier of the Tennessee National Guard who has completed his minimum military service obligation (MSO) established by Congress and who has volunteered for continuous service with the Tennessee National Guard.

(1) An award will not be made to any person with a remaining military service obligation as defined under Public Law. The member must not have a MSO. An "obligor" is normally required to serve eight (8) years to complete his MSO. See Chapter 4, AR 135-90.

(2) This is a one-time award and will not be duplicated or have appurtenances appended for multiple periods of eligibility.

(3) Posting to the individual's DA Form 2-1 shall be sufficient for award of the TNGVR.

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(4) A memorandum notifying award of the TNGVR will be signed by the unit commander and forward through channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for supply of ribbons.

2-3. Authorized State Unit Awards.

a. State of Tennessee Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation (SOTGMUC). Established to reward units of the Tennessee National Guard for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of unusually difficult service while on State Active Duty. The unit must have been called to State Active Duty by the Governor in time of urgent or extreme need, emergency, or crisis. Any unit considered for the award must have displayed outstanding devotion and superior performance of duty beyond that normally required. The award, presented by the Governor, is intended to recognize those occasions when the Tennessee National Guard unit is called upon to perform special functions, conspicuously and meritoriously, above and beyond normal National Guard duties. This award may not be made to a unit for annual training, special active duty for training, overseas deployment training or other normal periods of duty, regardless of unit proficiency.

(1) Members of a unit awarded the SOTGMUC who perform State Active Duty with the unit during the period of time cited are authorized to wear the ribbon. Individuals who were not present with the unit during the time cited will not wear the ribbon.

(2) The SOTGMUC ribbon will be worn over the right breast pocket in a gold frame.

(3) A bronze service star will be worn to indicate successive SOTGMUC awards. A silver service star will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze service stars. Appurtenances will not be placed over the three white stars in the center of the ribbon. The first star awarded to the SOTGMUC will be centered in the left side white band as seen by the viewer. The second star awarded will be centered in the right side white band. The third star awarded will be centered in the right side red band. The fourth star awarded will be centered in the right side red band. A silver service star awarded will be centered in the left side red band. A subsequent bronze service star will be centered in the right side red band. Attachments are not to be made on the blue field on white stars.

(4) When ribbons without the white stars on blue field are not available, a substitute ribbon without white stars is authorized; however, this ribbon will be replaced when the proper ribbon upon becoming available.

(5) Recommendation for award will be made by submitting:

(a) A letter of justification signed by commanding officer.

(b) A list identifying individuals by name, grade and SSN who were present with the unit during the period cited.

(c) A completed DA Form 638 through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing, publication of award orders, issue of ribbon and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

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(6) The presentation of this award should be made by the Governor of Tennessee or in the name of the Governor by no less than a Major Command Commander. This authority should not be further delegated.

b. Tennessee National Guard Distinguished Unit Commendation (TNGDUC). Awarded by the Adjutant General to recognize units of the Tennessee National Guard for distinguished performance of highly difficult duties while serving on State or Federal active duty or while in voluntary status.

(1) This award may be made for superior performance and unusually high proficiency during a period of training; however, unusually distinguished achievement must be shown. For award based on this form of exceptional service, the following minimum criteria must be met within the latest training year:

(a) Have attained training REDCON of C-2 or higher for four (4) consecutive reporting periods (1 year) on the Unit Status Report.

(b) Have attained ALO training level for two (2) consecutive Annual Training Periods.

(c) Have met the pre-mobilization requirement and achieved GO in a REMOBE or other mobilization exercise.

(d) Have 85% or more of personnel MOS qualified.

(e) Have 80% or more of authorized strength assigned.

(f) Have 90% of assigned personnel in attendance at Annual Training.

(g) Have 85% or more of assigned personnel in attendance at Inactive Duty Training during the training year.

(h) Have achieved satisfactory rating from a command inspection for two consecutive ratings.

(i) For subsequent awards, must have shown improvement in conditions reported in the original citation. For a unit which has not been awarded the TNGDUC in ten (10) years, improvement is not required to be shown.

(j) Lack of documentation of any item will result in disapproval unless the Staff Review has evidence of the unit meeting the requirements.

(2) This commendation may also be awarded for exceptional service during a period of emergency in the State. This service must be remarkable, but of a lesser degree than that required for award of the SOTGMUC. Items (a) – (h) listed above are not requirements for awards made during periods of state emergency.

(3) Only those personnel present with the unit during the period of time for which the unit is cited are eligible to wear the TNGDUC. Individuals who were not present with the unit during the time cited will not wear the ribbon.

(4) The TNGDUC ribbon will be worn over the right breast pocket in a gold frame.

(5) A bronze service star will be worn to indicate successive TNGDUC awards. A silver service star will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze service stars.

(6) Recommendation for award will be made by submitting a list identifying individuals by name, grade and SSN who were present with the unit during the period cited along with completed DA Form 638 through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing, publication of award orders, issue of ribbon and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

c. Tennessee National Guard Outstanding Unit Performance Commendation (TNGOUPC). Awarded by the Adjutant General to recognize units of the Tennessee National Guard for outstanding acts of training which set new standards and for superior training achievement which uniquely separate the unit or unit cell from the normal. This award may be made for singular, superior training performances, actions, or for a series of acts connected with a significant training achievement, but not for proficiency over extended periods of time or for service.

(1) Only those personnel present with the unit during the period of time for which the unit is cited are eligible to wear the TNGOUPC. Individuals who were not present with the unit during the time cited will not wear the ribbon.

(2) The TNGOUPC ribbon will be worn over the right breast pocket in a gold frame.

(3) A bronze service star will be worn to indicate successive TNGOUPC awards. A silver service star will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze service stars.

(4) Recommendation for award will be made by submitting a list identifying individuals by name, grade and SSN who were present with the unit during the period cited along with completed DA Form 638 through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing, publication of award orders, issue of ribbon and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

d. Tennessee National Guard Volunteer Recruiting and Retention Unit Citation (TNGVRRUC). Awarded by the Adjutant General to recognize units of the Tennessee National Guard who distinguish themselves by outstanding achievement or special contributions to recruiting and retention efforts for the State of Tennessee. Units must have achieved high strength after a concentrated effort, maintaining over 100% strength for two years and maintain a high retention rate.

(1) This award is based on exceptional recruiting and retention service and, as a minimum, the following criteria must be met:

(a) Have achieved exceptional results in recruiting after a concentrated effort. Time period is not a factor.

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(b) Have maintained 100% of authorized strength for at least two (2) years.

(c) Have maintained an exceptionally high retention rate for at least one (1) year.

(2) For subsequent awards, must have shown improvement in requirements listed in the original criteria. For a unit which has not been awarded the TNGVRRUC in ten (10) years, improvement is not required to be shown.

(3) Only those personnel present with the unit during the period of time for which the unit is cited are eligible to wear the TNGVRRUC. Individuals who were not present with the unit during the time cited will not wear the ribbon.

(4) The TNGVRRUC ribbon will be worn over the right breast pocket in a gold frame.

(5) A bronze service star will be worn to indicate successive TNGVRRUC awards. A silver service star will be worn in lieu of five (5) bronze service stars.

(6) Recommendation for award will be made by submitting a list identifying individuals by name, grade and SSN who were present with the unit during the period cited along with completed DA Form 638 through command channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing, publication of award orders, issue of ribbon and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

2-4. Order of Precedence.

a. Federal Decorations or Medals. See AR 600-8-22.

b. Authorized Foreign Decorations or Medals. See AR 600-8-22.

c. State of Tennessee/Tennessee National Guard Individual Awards. In order of precedence following authorized federal awards. See Appendix B.

(1) Decorations.

Distinguished Service Medal	TNGDSM
Adjutant General's Ribbon for Valor	TAGRFV
Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal	TAGDPM
Commendation Ribbon	TNGCR
Individual Achievement Ribbon	TNGIAR
Recruiting Merit Ribbon	TNGRMR

(2) Service Ribbons.

National Emergency Service Medal NESMSOT

War Service Ribbon	TNGWSR
Counterdrug Service Ribbon	TNGCDSR
Service Ribbon	TNGSR
Volunteer Ribbon	TNGVR

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- d. State of Tennessee/Tennessee National Guard Unit Awards. In order of precedence.

Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation *SOTGMUC*

Distinguish Unit Commendation

TNGDUC

Outstanding Unit Performance Commendation

TNGOUPC

Volunteer Recruiting & Retention Unit Citation

TNGVRRUC

e. Other Authorized State Awards. May be worn after Tennessee National Guard awards in order of precedence established by that state. If more than one state's awards are worn, then order will be by earliest earned, however, Tennessee National Guard awards will take highest precedence.

CHAPTER 3 REQUESTING AWARDS

3-1. Federal. All Federal awards will be requested by using DA Form 638, Recommendation for Award. Complete form in accordance with guidance outlined AR 600-8-22. Forward the completed form through the appropriate approval channels to the headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-DPER) for staff review. Justification pages are required for awards at Legion of Merit or higher.

- a. Approval Authority.

(1) Meritorious Service Medal (MSM). Award of MSM or lower may be approved by the Adjutant General. Requests are forward through the appropriate approval channels to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-DPER) for a Staff Review.

(2) Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM). Award of ARCOM or lower may be approved by any General Officer in the Tennessee National Guard or Colonel who holds the position of Commander in a major command or unit.

(3) Army Achievement Medal (AAM). May be approved by a Lieutenant Colonel commander of a unit.

- b. Issuance of Permanent Orders.

(1) Permanent orders for award of the MSM will be published by DPER. Permanent orders for awards of the ARCOM and AAM at TAG level will also be published by DPER. Order numbers will be sequential for standard order formats and for DA Form 638 which may be substituted for an order format.

(2) Permanent orders for awards of the ARCOM and AAM issued below the TAG level will be published by the award approving authority. Order numbers will be sequential for standard order formats and for DA Form 638 which may be substituted for an order format.

c. Issuance of Certificates. Certificates for federal awards approved at TAG level will be completed and issued by this headquarters. Certificates for awards approved at levels below TAG will be forwarded to the authorizing commander for completion by the issuing headquarters. Certificates may be obtained by forwarding a request for the certificate along with a properly completed and signed DA Form 638.

d. Issuance of Ribbon and Medal Sets. Units will not exceed five percent of the unit strength for purpose of stacking medal sets for awards. For example, if a unit is authorized 125 soldiers, the authorized stockage will not exceed 6 medal sets. Unit may not stock any medal sets for which the command does not have award authority.

3-2. State Awards for Individuals. With the exception of the TNGRMR all state awards requiring approval from the Governor or the Adjutant General will be requested by using DA Form 638, Recommendation for Award (See Appendix F). The TNGRMR will be requested on TN Form 0170 (see Appendix I). Forward the completed form through the appropriate approval channels to the headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing, publication of award orders, issue of ribbon and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

a. Issuance of Permanent Orders. Permanent orders will be published for all state awards requiring approval from the Governor or the Adjutant General. Orders will be published by AGTN-AAG. Order numbers will be sequential for standard order formats.

b. Certificates Issued for Individual State Award. An appropriate certificate suitable for framing will be issued by AGTN-AAG to the award recipients for the TNGDSM, TAGRFV, TAGDPM, and TNGRMR without any additional request.

c. Issuance of Ribbons and Medal. Requests for state ribbons will be sent to this headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG). No state medal sets are authorized for unit stockage. Medal sets will be issued only at the time of award.

3-3. State Unit Awards. All state awards issued to units will be requested by using DA Form 638, Recommendation for Award. Forward the completed form, along with supporting documentation, through the appropriate approval channels to the headquarters (ATTN: AGTN-AAG) for processing, publication of award orders, issue of ribbons and inclusion in the personnel file where appropriate.

a. Issuance of Permanent Orders for Unit Awards. Permanent orders will be published for all state unit awards. Order will be published by AGTN-AAG. Order numbers will be sequential for standard order formats. A list identifying individuals by name, grade and SSN's who were present with the unit during the period cited will accompany the order. The processing office will delete all SSN's before placing unit award in individual 201 File.

b. Certificates Issued for Unit Award. An appropriate certificate suitable for framing will be issued by AGTN-AAG to the unit for the SOTGMUC, TNGDUC, TNGOUPC, and TNGVRRUC without any additional requests. Individuals will not receive certificates for these awards.

c. Issuance of Unit Ribbons. Ribbons will be issued along with the award order and certificate.

3-4 Submission of Recommendation.

a. Separate Recommendation for Each Award. A separate recommendation will be submitted for each award, whether for an individual or a unit.

b. Duplicated Service Awards Prohibited. Except as provided for by State statute, regulation, or by direct order of the Adjutant General as an exception, State decorations or commendations will not be awarded for service previously recognized by a Federal or other State award. Upon receipt of a Federal decoration or commendation of any higher State decoration or commendation for service recognized by a lesser award, the lesser award is invalid and shall be rescinded. Return of the lesser award certificate and medal/ribbon is mandatory, otherwise the higher award will be voided.

c. Limitation for Recommendation. With the exception of the TNGRMR, no award recommendation may be submitted for service occurring more than three (3) calendar years earlier than the current date, except to correct administrative errors that may have occurred from an earlier submission.

d. Eligibility for Award. State awards may be made to members of the Tennessee National Guard for any type of service which benefits the Armed Forces of the State of Tennessee, regardless of the status or position in which that person is serving (e.g., award may be made to any Federal Technician, State employee, Active Component soldier or other personnel in service benefiting the Tennessee National Guard).

e. Ineligibility for Award. No individual may recommend himself for award, except to request formal designation of awards already granted by provision of this regulation.

f. Routing of Recommendation. Routing for an award recommendation is as shown in Appendix A.

3-5 Special Instructions for Awards.

a. Preparation of Citation.

(1) The citation will be written to fit into Block 21 of DA Form 638. Federal award citations will not exceed four lines for service awards, except retirement awards may be up to six lines in length. State awards may extend to fill block 21, but will not extend beyond the space provided.

(2) Achievement #1 through #4 in Block 20 will be used to write the citation, but only the best item or items should go into Block #21. Be sure to identify the principle reason for the award, so lesser performance or achievement, even though significant, may have to be left out. Eliminate flowery language which tends to be generic since there is no space for it.

b. Permanent Orders. DA Form 638 becomes the permanent order when it is approved by the award approving or order issuing authority. When completed and appropriately approved with all required signatures, the DA Form 638 will become a permanent document in the soldier's official military personnel file (OMPF). The Good Conduct Medal will be announced by publication of permanent orders. The TNGDSM, TAGFV, TAGDPM, TNGRMR and State unit awards will be announced by publication of permanent orders.

c. Presentation of Awards. Presentation of the award should be made within 60 days of receipt of the award order, unless special arrangements have been made, e.g., special formation or ceremony, AT formations where certificates were not available at the desired time of

presentation, etc. A private ceremony between commander and recipient is appropriate over a public ceremony only as a last resort to meet the time requirement and if the individual soldier does not prefer the public presentation.

d. Prohibition Against Mass Award. Individual awards may not be awarded to a unit en masse. Unit awards are established for this need. The same level of individual award may be awarded to several persons in the same unit on the basis of individual merit, but each citation must read differently and be based on what each person did to excel. Where there is little or no citation, the unit commander must ensure this standard is maintained to uphold integrity of the award. Unit awards are provided to fulfill the need to award large numbers of unit personnel for collective successes. No more than 10 percent of the assigned strength of a unit may be recognized by individual awards for meritorious service in the period of one year unless a waiver is granted by the Adjutant General.

3-6 Issue and Wear of Awards.

a. Wear of Ribbons. State of Tennessee and Tennessee National Guard ribbons are worn after any federal or authorized foreign ribbon. Unit ribbons are worn on the opposite breast pocket from the individual awards in the same precedence, federal, foreign, and state. Other state ribbons will be worn after Tennessee Army National Guard awards. See AR 600-8-22 for proper placement of ribbons on uniform.

b. Requisition of Medal Sets or Ribbons.

(1) Federal Awards. The awarding headquarters will issue initial Federal decorations. Federal service awards may be requisitioned through normal supply channels to USPFO.

(2) State Awards. Unit commanders will submit requisitions to AGTN-AAG for initial issue ribbons. No State medal sets are authorized for stockage. Requisitions for individual awards should include name, grade, unit and social security number of each soldier authorized. Where possible, the requirement should be met by including a copy of the order or memorandum authorizing the award. Requisitions for unit award ribbons will be submitted in memorandum form requesting supply and will include a list of personnel authorized award, including name, grade, unit and social security number. Replacement ribbons will be purchased by the individual through the AAFES System.

3-7 Staff Reviews. Review of Award Recommendations sent to the Adjutant General will be accomplished by the DPER. The DPER will ensure awards are based on merit and meet the required prerequisites for award and make recommendations to TAG or ACT for TAG as directed.

a. Approval Authority. The DPER, acting for the Adjutant General, will determine whether the level of award is merited and if administrative requirements are accurate. The DPER may approve or disapprove, or if appropriate, recommend a higher or lower decoration, commendation or certificate than that requested.

b. Correction Authority. The DPER may alter citations or substitute citations, to correct spelling, syntax, and punctuation, or to return the request for correction. Citations will not be so

generic as to obscure the reason for the award. Citations must include specific acts, achievements or descriptions of the outstanding service.

c. Administrative Review. The DPER will examine each recommendation to ensure that the required forms are properly completed, that all levels of the chain of command have approved and that required documentation is provided. Requests that are not submitted properly may be returned for further action.

CHAPTER 4 STATE BADGES

4-1. Authorized Badges. The Adjutant General of Tennessee has authorized the wear of a distinctive badge to identify those members of the Tennessee National Guard who have provided the state with special services and deserve special recognition for this service. These badges are authorized for wear on the uniform while in the service of the State of Tennessee.

4-2. The Adjutant General's Staff Badge (TAGSB). Awarded by the Adjutant General to those personnel who by orders are assigned to the directorate, coordinating, special or personal staff of the Adjutant General of the State of Tennessee. The award signifies the special trust and confidence placed in the recipient by the TAG.

a. Minimum Period of Service Eligibility. An individual must serve in his assignment a minimum of three (3) months before becoming eligible for this award and then be personally approved for award by the Adjutant General. Upon award of the badge, it becomes a permanent award. The TAGSB will be awarded only once.

b. Positions Authorized Award. The badge may be awarded to personnel assigned to the following positions in Headquarters, State Area Command, Tennessee Army National Guard when they are authorized by the STARC TDA and when approved by TAG. Awards may also be made to officers who hold other positions of high responsibility and trust directed by the Adjutant General.

(1) Personal Staff (4).

Assistant Adjutant General
Chief of Staff
Aide-de-Camp to TAG
State Command Sergeant Major
Administrative Assistant to TAG

(2) Directing Staff (9).

Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel
Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Operation & Training
Deputy Chief of Staff, Counterdrug
Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics
Assistant USPFO
Deputy Chief of Staff, Facilities Engineers
Deputy Chief of Staff, Human Resources
Deputy Chief of Staff, Information Management

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Deputy Chief of Staff, Aviation

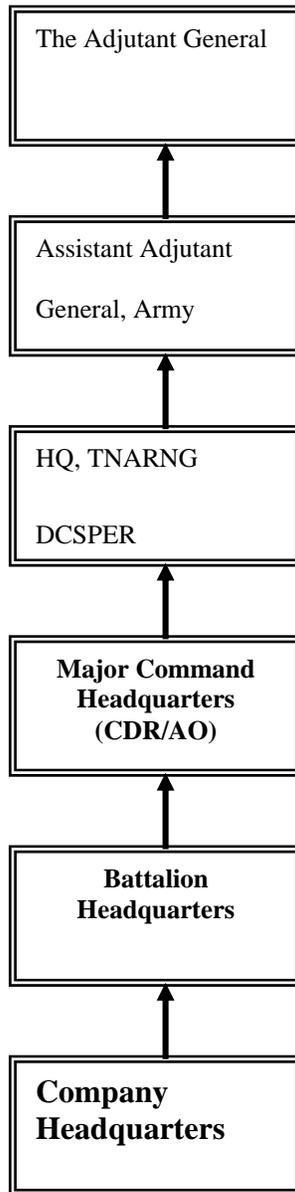
(3) Special Staff (7).

Command Staff Judge Advocate
Command Chaplain
Command Public Information Officer
Inspector General
Safety Officer
Recruiting and Retention Manager
Senior Army Advisor

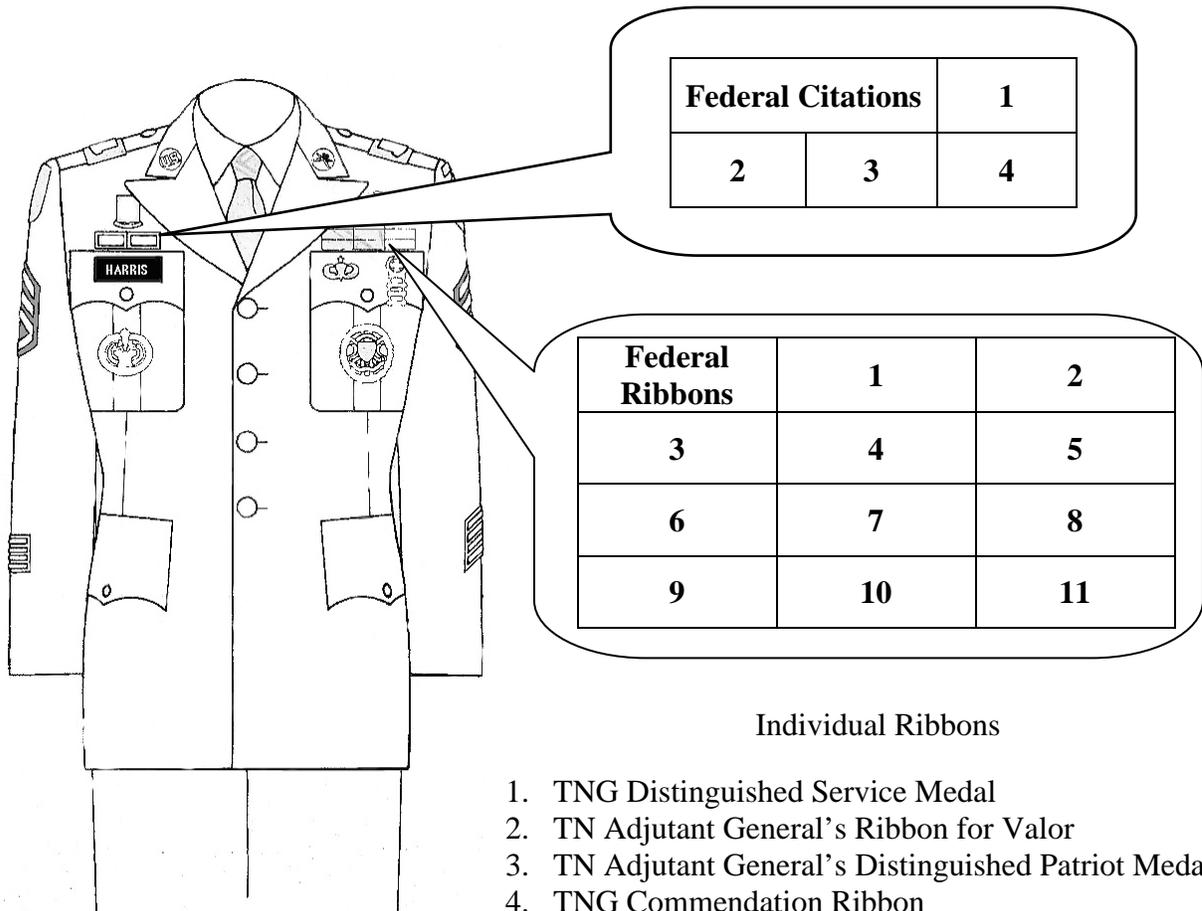
c. Wear of Badge. The Adjutant General's Staff Badge (TAGSB) will be worn centered on the right breast pocket taking precedence over any other State badges authorized. Female personnel will wear the badge parallel to the waistline on the coat of the Army green uniforms with adjustment allowed for conformity to individual figure differences. Only one State badge will be worn on the uniform at any one time. A subdued cloth patch insignia of this badge is authorized to be sewn on the right pocket of the BDU and cold weather jacket.

4-3. **Previously Awarded State Badges.** State badges which were properly approved by State orders under previous regulations may still be worn on Class A or dress uniforms, although no longer awarded. Such badges as NCOLS and state marksmanship team badges may be worn on the right breast pocket if the individual already has permanent orders for award. Only one State badge will be worn on the uniform at any one time. Subdued patches for State badges that are no longer awarded are not authorized and will not be worn.

AWARD RECOMMENDATION ROUTING CHART
FEDERAL & STATE AWARDS



RIBBON PLACEMENT DIAGRAM



Individual Ribbons

1. TNG Distinguished Service Medal
2. TN Adjutant General's Ribbon for Valor
3. TN Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal
4. TNG Commendation Ribbon
5. TNG Individual Achievement Ribbon
6. TNG Recruiting and Retention Ribbon
7. National Emergency Service Ribbon
8. TNG War Service Ribbon
9. TNG Counterdrug Ribbon
10. TNG Service Ribbon
11. TNG Volunteer Ribbon

Unit Citations

1. TNG Governor's Meritorious Unit Citation
2. TNG Distinguished Unit Commendation
3. TNG Outstanding Performance Unit Commendation
4. TNG Volunteer Recruiting & Retention Citation

Tennessee Army National Guard State Ribbons

Order of Precedence

TNGDSM



TN National Guard
Distinguished Service
Medal

TAGRfV



TN Adjutant General's
Ribbon for Valor

TAGDPM



TN Adjutant General's
Distinguished Patriot Medal

TNGCR



TN National Guard
Commendation Ribbon

TNGIAR



TN National Guard
Individual Achievement
Ribbon

TNGRMR



TN National Guard
Recruiting Merit Ribbon

NESMSOT



National Emergency
Service Medal State of TN

TNGWSR



TN National Guard War
Service Ribbon

TNGCDSR



TN National Guard
Counterdrug Service Ribbon

TNGSR



TN National Guard
Service Ribbon

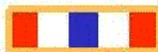
TNGVR



TN National Guard
Volunteer Ribbon

Unit Awards

SOTGMUC



State of TN Governor's
Meritorious Unit Citation

TNGDUC



TN National Guard
Distinguished Unit
Commendation

TNGOUPC



TN National Guard
Outstanding Unit
Performance Commendation

TNGVRRUC



TN National Guard
Volunteer Recruiting &
Retention Unit Citation

TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AWARD DEVICES

	 TN NATIONAL GUARD DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL	 TN ADJUTANT GENERAL'S RIBBON FOR VALOR	NONE TN ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DISTINGUISHED PATRIOT MEDAL
 TN NATIONAL GUARD COMMENDATION RIBBON	 TN NATIONAL GUARD INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON	 50 TN NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITING MERIT RIBBON	BERLIN CRISIS NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE MEDAL STATE OF TN
 TN NATIONAL GUARD WAR SERVICE RIBBON	NONE TN NATIONAL COUNTERDRUG SERVICE RIBBON	  TN NATIONAL GUARD SERVICE RIBBON	NONE TN NATIONAL GUARD VOLUNTEER RIBBON

 STATE OF TN GOVERNOR'S MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION	 TN NATIONAL GUARD DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATION	 TN NG OUTSTANDING UNIT PERFORMANCE COMMENDATION	 TN NG VOLUNTEER RECRUITING & RETENTION UNIT CITATION
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OAK LEAF CLUSTER:

Bronze denotes one (1) additional award of a decoration. Silver denotes five (5) additional awards of decoration. If both are worn on the same ribbon, silver will lead from the left, as seen by the viewer. Leaf stems point to viewer's left.



BRONZE SERVICE STAR:

TNGSR – Authorized to members of the military forces of the U.S. during any period of active hostilities and who received honorable discharge from such service. Only one star worn. Service star will lead from the left, as seen by the viewer, of any oak leaf cluster awarded.

UNIT AWARDS – Bronze denotes one (1) additional award of a decoration. Silver denotes five (5) additional awards of a decoration



BRONZE NUMERALS:

Upon attainment of "50" persons recruited into the National Guard. Centered on the ribbon. Further awards will be reflected in increments of ten (10).



SERVICE CLASP:

In recognition of honorable and faithful active Federal service for thirty (30) days or more during the Berlin Crisis. Clasp centered on the ribbon.

DEVICE PLACEMENT DIAGRAM FOR
TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD GOVERNOR'S MERITORIOUS UNIT
CITATION



2nd Award



3rd Award



4th Award



5th Award



6th Award



7th Award



BRONZE SERVICE STAR



SILVER SERVICE STAR

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DESCRIPTION OF STATE AWARDS

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The TNGDSM ribbon consists of a red center field (9/16" wide) bordered by a band of white (3/17" wide). Two (2) narrow blue bands (1/32" wide) representing the dual missions of the National Guard, National and State, are centered in the red field (3/32" apart).

2. TENNESSEE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S RIBBON FOR VALOR (TAGRFV): The TAGRFV consists of three (3) centered bands of red (1/8" wide) alternated with two (2) white bands (1/8" wide) on either side of a blue band (1/16" wide) edged by another white band (1/16" wide) outside that; the end bands (1/4" wide) being blue.

3. TENNESSEE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DISTINGUISHED PATRIOT MEDAL (TAGDPM): The Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal is a gold medal suspended by a gold ring from a neckband ribbon of red, white, and blue, with design and symbolism as described below.

The medal is encircled by a wreath of laurel signifying military tradition and honor. Inside the laurel wreath are ninety-five raised points signifying the ninety-five counties in Tennessee. Along the top and centered inside the ninety-five points, are the words "THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S". Centered on the bottom, inside the ninety-five points, are the words "DISTINGUISHED PATRIOT". Three raised stars of a Lieutenant General, signifying the highest allowable rank by state law, which may be held by the Adjutant General of Tennessee. A star separates each of the words THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S. Centered on the medal is a raised eagle, clutching in its talons, two crossed staffs. The staff on the right, bearing the National flag, crossing over the left staff; the staff on the left, bearing the State of Tennessee flag, crossing under the staff on the right.

The ribbon to The Adjutant General's Distinguished Patriot Medal is comprised of red, white, and blue, signifying the same symbolism as our National flag; red – courage, white – purity, and blue – perseverance. Consists of a 5/32" wide red bar at the left and right outer edges signifying the courage of the Union. The inner sixteen bars (1/16" each) representing the first sixteen States admitted to the Union, Tennessee being the sixteenth, beginning with white, followed by blue and red repeatedly and ending with white.

4. TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD COMMENDATION RIBBON (TNGCR): The TNGCR consists of a red center field (7/16" wide) bordered on either and by a blue band (1/4" wide): centered on the red field are three (3) white bands (1/16" wide).

5. TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON (TNGIAR): The TNGIAR consists of a blue center field (19/32" wide) on which is centered a single white band (1/16" wide): on either side of the blue field is a wide white band (1/4" wide); either end of the ribbon having a blue band (1/8" wide).

6. TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITING MERIT RIBBON (TNGRMR): The TNGRMR consists of a gray field (3/4" wide) on which is centered one bar of blue (1/8" wide), on each end of the field of gray is found two bars of blue (1/8" wide), separated by a thin gray bar (1/16" wide). These colors portray the theme of the "Volunteer State". Tennesseans have served their State and Nation as volunteers, from the Indian Wars of 1769 to the present. Tennessee became known as the 'Volunteer State' during the War of 1812 when so many of her men volunteered for duty. The state upheld its new-found nickname in 1846 when more than 30,000 men responded for service in the Mexican War to fill Tennessee's troop quota of 2800. In 1861 Tennesseans answered the call of both State and Nation when they fought in the Civil War for the North and the South. This ribbon is dedicated to those sons and daughters of Tennessee who have served both State and Nation; blue representing National service and

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Service ribbon bar. A standard size service ribbon bar with the words "BERLIN CRISIS" will be awarded for wear on the service ribbon.

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12. STATE OF TENNESSEE GOVERNOR'S MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION (SOTGMUC): The SOTGMUC consists of a blue field (19/32" wide) centered between two (2) white bands (3/16" wide); on either end of the ribbon is a red band (3/8" wide). The version reflecting the three white stars from the State Flag on the blue field will show two stars on top with point down and one star on the bottom with point up. The alternate version with stars is acceptable.

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HELPFUL SYNONYMS AND PHASES

SECTION I – ADJECTIVES WITH SYNONYMS

ABLE: capable, efficient, competent, skillful, clever, gifted, proficient

ACCOMPLISHED: cultivated, learned, skillful, proficient, finished

ACUTE: sagacious, astute, shrewd, discerning, keen, sharp

ADMIRABLE: excellent, commendable, estimable, praiseworthy

AFFABLE: amiable, gracious, friendly, sociable, approachable

AGGRESSIVE: energetic

AMBITIOUS: aspiring, zealous, desirous

ARDENT: zealous, enterprising, eager

ARTFUL: crafty, designing, shrewd, dexterous, skillful, adroit

ASSURED: self-possessed, confident

ASTUTE: shrewd, quick, bright, acute

BRILLIANT: distinguished, illustrious, clever, sparkling, keen

CALM: impassive, placid, serene, cool-headed, composed, unruffled

CAPABLE: proficient, competent, qualified, able

COMMENDABLE: praiseworthy

COMPETENT: qualified, able, fit, efficient, capable

CONFORMABLE: adaptable, compliant, agreeable

CONSCIENTIOUS: scrupulous, exact, painstaking

CONSTANT: continual, steadfast, staunch, loyal, unchangeable

COUNTLESS: numberless, innumerable, incalculable

COUPLED WITH: in addition to

CRAFTY: astute, cunning, smart, wily

CUNNING: crafty, artful, dexterous

DAUNTLESS: undaunted, brave, fearless, courageous

DETERMINED: resolute, resolved, decided, firm, indomitable

DEVOTED: ardent, eager, loyal, faithful

DEXTEROUS: adroit, clever, expert, proficient, handy

DIFFERENT: various, diversified, varied

DIGNIFIED: stately, noble

DIRECT: straight, undeviating, unswerving, straightforward

DISCERNING: clever, keen, subtle, astute

DISTINCT: separate, explicit, definite, clear, distinguishable

DISTINCTIVE: distinguishing, characteristic, peculiar

DISTINGUISHED: celebrated, famous, illustrious, renowned, noted

EAGER: ardent, zealous, fervent, earnest, intent

EFFECTIVE: adequate, telling, effectual, efficient, capable, operative

EFFICIENT: effective, operative, capable, competent

ENERGETIC: strong, forcible, enterprising, active, strenuous, forceful

EQUIVALENT: correspondent, tantamount, equal, convertible, synonymous

ESSENTIAL: vital, requisite, necessary, inherent, basic, substantial

EVIDENT: clear, obvious, manifest, apparent, indubitable, distinct

EXCEPTIONAL: extraordinary, uncommon, rare, unusual, superior

EXCITING: electrifying, exhilarating, stirring, thrilling

EXHAUSTIVE: comprehensive, all-inclusive, thorough

EXPERIENCED: capable, efficient, trained, qualified, skilled

EXPERT: skilled, adroit, proficient, dexterous, finished

EXTRAORDINARY: remarkable, eminent, rare, uncommon, unusual

EXTREME: utmost, farthest, ultra, advanced, radical

FABULOUS: extravagant, incredible, mythical, legendary

FACILE: easy, easily done, not difficult, feasible, practicable, within reach, accessible, expert, dexterous, and skillful

FAITHFUL: constant, true, loyal, staunch, trustworthy, reliable

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FASTIDIOUS: particular, precise, meticulous, exacting, discerning, keen
FAVORABLE: auspicious, advantageous, propitious, helpful, beneficial
FERVENT: ardent, vehement, impassioned, intense, fiery
FINAL: crowning, conclusive, ultimate, last, farthest
FINE: exquisite, elegant, polished, finished, acute, nice, fastidious, excellent, skilled, keen
FINISHED: consummate, faultless, skilled, experienced
FIRM: resolved, rigid, fast, secure, determined, steadfast, staunch
FORCEFUL: effective, telling, graphic, vivid
ILLUSTRIOUS: famous, distinguished, eminent, renowned
IMPLANTED: ingrafted, inset, infused, instilled
IMPORTANT: material, notable, marked, outstanding, remarkable, noteworthy, stirring, eventful
INCESSANT: continual, uninterrupted, unceasing
INDESCRIBABLE: beyond description, beyond words, inexpressible
INDUSTRIOUS: assiduous, diligent, busy, hard working
INEXHAUSTIBLE: unfailing, unlimited
INFALLIBLE: unfailing, reliable, indubitable, certain, sure
INFECTIOUS: catching
INFINITE: countless, innumerable, boundless, unbounded, and immeasurable
INFLEXIBLE: firm, still, unyielding, grim, stern
INGENIOUS: resourceful, inventive, clever, adroit
INTENSE: extreme, profound, acute, concentrated, ardent
INVALUABLE: priceless, precious
INVARIABLE: regular, constant, unchangeable
INVINCIBLE: unyielding, uncompromising, unconquerable, indomitable
KEEN: eager, ardent, acute, discerning, shrewd, quick
MANIFEST: apparent, evident, conspicuous, striking, prominent, notable
MARKED: conspicuous, prominent, noticeable
MATCHLESS: unequalled, supreme, peerless
MEMORABLE: notable, remarkable
NOTEWORTHY: remarkable, exceptional, extraordinary
OUTSTANDING: eminent, prominent, signal

PAINSTAKING: diligent, careful, particular

PARAMOUNT: supreme, chief, dominant

PEERLESS: unrivaled, matchless, supreme, unequalled
PENETRATIVE: acute, discerning, astute
PERCEPTIBLE: perceivable, cognizable, discernible, visible
PERCEPTIVE: knowing, percipient, cognitive
PERFECT: faultless, immaculate, impeccable, flawless, indefectible, inimitable, unparalleled, and unequalled
PERSISTENT: persevering, unyielding
PERSPICUOUS: clear, lucid, explicit, exact, distinct, intelligible, manifest
PERTINACIOUS: persistent, firm, constant, resolute, unyielding
PLACID: calm, peaceful, gentle, serene, unruffled, undisturbed
PLEASURABLE: gratifying, pleasing, delightful, agreeable
POSITIVE: emphatic, inescapable, certain, absolute
POSSESSING: possessed of, master of, in possession of, endowed, (blessed, fraught, laden or charged) with
PRECISE: firm, rigid, unbending, exact, definite, punctilious
PREDOMINANCE: ruling, controlling, supreme
PREEMINENT: urgent, persistent, critical, exacting
PRODIGIOUS: huge, vast, immense, enormous, portentous, astonishing, wonderful
REMARKABLE: distinguished, noteworthy, memorable, rare
RESOLUTE: determined, unflinching, firm, steadfast, tenacious, indomitable, unbending, unshaken
SEDULOUS: diligent, persevering, untiring, assiduous
STEADFAST: constant, steady, persevering, firm, loyal
STERLING: genuine, authentic, real, pure, true
STERN: grim, unyielding, resolute
STIMULATING: inspiring, keen, spirited
STRENUOUS: active, energetic, ardent, zealous, resolute, persevering, sedulous
SUPERIOR: better, enhanced, top-quality, untouchable

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SUPERLATIVE: excellent, unmatched, exceptional, incomparable

TACTFUL: diplomatic, conciliatory

TENACIOUS: persistent, persevering, unyielding, unwavering

UNBOUNDED: boundless, unlimited, endless

UNEQUALED: unmatched, unparalleled, incomparable, inimitable, unique

UNEXCITABLE: stoical, calm, cool-headed, unruffled

UNIQUE: unparalleled, unequalled, unsurpassed, unusual, rare, unprecedented

UNLIMITED: unbound, absolute, immeasurable, infinite

UNPARALLELED: peerless, unrivaled, inimitable, unique

VAST: immense, enormous, great, infinite, boundless

VERSATILE: many-sided, all-around

ZEALOUS: earnest, ardent, eager

SECTION II – NOUNS WITH SYNONYMS

ABILITY: talent, capacity, faculty, aptitude, expertness, efficient, capability, facility, skill

ACCOMPLISHMENT: achievement, attainment, realization, performance, exploit, fulfillment, feat, acquirement, completion execution

ACT: deed, performance, exploit, action

ACUMEN: acuteness, discernment, sagacity, shrewdness

ADEPTNESS: proficiency, expertness, masterfulness

ADMIRATION: approbation, esteem, approval, appreciation, astonishment, respect, good opinion, favor, high regard

ADROITNESS: skill

AGGRESSIVENESS: assertiveness

ASTUTENESS: shrewdness

ARDOR: warmth, fervor, enthusiasm, zeal, eagerness

BEARING: conduct, comportment, manner, behavior, demeanor, deportment, significance, carriage, import

BOLDNESS: daring, bravery, valor, vigorousness, courage, assurance

BRILLIANCY: splendor, radiance, luster, glitter

BULWARK: fortification, rampart, barrier, safeguard

CALIBER: capacity, ability, power, force

CALMNESS: coolness, tranquility, composure, steadiness

CAPACITY: talent, intelligence, ability, capability

CERTAINTY: sureness, assurance, confidence, assuredness

CHAMPION: defender, supporter, backer

CHEERFULNESS: geniality, gaiety, joyousness, light-heartedness

CLIMAX: acme, zenith, pinnacle, crest, culmination

COMBINATION: aggregation, composite, mixture, unification, consolidation

COMPETENCE: ability, proficiency, capability

COURAGE: fearlessness, bravery, valor, resoluteness, boldness, gallantry, intrepidity, heroism, prowess, audacity, self-reliance

DETERMINATION: resoluteness, decision, firmness, resolve, conclusion, decree

DEDICATION: devotion, steadfastness

DEVOTION: loyalty, constancy

DIGNITY: distinction, honor, decorum

DILIGENCE: industry, application, zeal, perseverance, care

DIPLOMACY: tact, skill, dexterity

DISCERNMENT: astuteness, shrewdness, insight, sagacity, acumen

DISTINCTION: dignity, importance, greatness

EFFECTIVENESS: productiveness

EFFICIENCY: effectiveness

ENERGY: vigor

ESSENCE: being reality

EAGERNESS: zeal, ardor, enthusiasm, keenness

ENLIGHTENMENT: insight, understanding

ENTHUSIASM: ardor, fervor, vehemence, eagerness, spirit, force

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EQUANIMITY: poise, self-control, calmness, composure, serenity, tranquility
ESTEEM: estimation, admiration, regard, respect, honor
EXPERIENCE: knowledge, skill
EXCELLENT: merit, superiority, greatness, worth, distinction
FACILITY: ease, capability
FACULTY: quality, attribute, ability, aptitude, cleverness
FERVOR: ardor, fire, force, heartiness, vehemence
FORTITUDE: endurance, firmness
HEIGHT: stature, prominence, zenith, culmination
INGENUITY: inventiveness, creativity
IMAGINATION: originality
INDUSTRY: diligence, assiduity, assiduousness
INITIATIVE: independence, enterprise
INSIGHT: perception, discernment
INSPIRATION: creative, impulse, stimulation
INTENSITY: strength, power, force, vigor
INTEGRITY: uprightness, honesty
INTELLIGENCE: understanding, discernment, acumen, acuteness
JUDGEMENT: discernment, discrimination, sharpness, shrewdness
KNOWLEDGE: know, how, cognizance, understanding, erudition
LEADERSHIP: capacity to lead, guide
LOYALTY: allegiance, faithfulness
MAGNITUDE: great size, extent
MANIFESTATION: showing, demonstration, display, parade, exhibition
MINUTENESS: exactness, precision, attention to detail
PERCEPTION: discernment, apprehension, penetration, understanding, cognizance
PERFECTION: faultlessness, superexcellence
PERSEVERANCE: persistence, determination, aggressiveness, tenacity of purpose, indefatigability
PERSPICACITY: keenness, acuteness, penetration, shrewdness
PERSPICUITY: explicitness, lucidity, clearness, intelligibility, exactness
PREPONDERANCE: predominance, ascendance, supremacy, outweighing
RESOURCEFULNESS: ability to meet difficult situations
SIGNIFICANCE: weight, meaning, implication
SKILL: dexterity, adroitness, proficiency, cleverness, faculty, aptitude
STANDARDS: criteria, values, gauge
TACT: discernment, insight, discretion, finesses
TALENT: ability, cleverness, faculty, gift, aptitude
TENACITY: persistence, perseverance, firmness, resoluteness
UNDERSTANDING: insight, perception, comprehension, discernment
VERSATILITY: variety of subjects/fields, flexibility, many-sided, all around
WILLINGNESS: desire, readiness, voluntarism, eagerness, enthusiasm

SECTION III – PHRASES

The following helping sentences and phrases are designed as samples of the type and content of information to be contained in a citation.

Through his/her keen personal interest, initiative, and untiring devotion to duty, service was rendered which was invaluable in the planning and execution of the improved program.

. . . displayed unusual resourcefulness, technical ability, and mature judgment in the timely execution of many important projects.

. . . performed his/her duties in a superior manner, displaying initiative and sound judgment in determining the method and priority of accomplishment of all work assigned.

. . . rendered exceptionally meritorious service in a position of great responsibility.

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. . .has demonstrated the highest degree of professionalism and has created a new era in the Brigade for military preparedness and mobilization readiness.

His/her military career serves as a model for all Guard personnel to emulate and has been characterized by untiring dedication to duty, exceptional expertise and total loyalty to the Tennessee Army National Guard and his/her country.

. . .ability to resolve many varied and complex problems is evidenced by the success achieved in improved readiness effectiveness.

. . .professional competency, devotion to duty and calm and effective planning, combined with his/her cooperative manner were instrumental in the accomplishment of the mission.

. . .required the highest degree of professional skill, understanding and judgment.

The confidence, professionalism, and motivation he/she has instilled in his/her subordinates will serve as a tribute to his/her as a leader and as an officer of the highest caliber.

Through versatility, leadership, perseverance, and devotion to duty, he/she discharged his/her responsibilities in a highly effective manner.

. . .displayed initiative, sound judgment, and outstanding professional ability in all aspects of the assignment.

. . .insight and grasp of the special needs of personnel, tempered with tact and understanding, facilitated the superior administration and controlled outcome of the project.

. . .dedication to maintaining a strength posture of quality personnel has been instrumental in the total readiness capabilities of his command.

. . .unprecedented skill and unsurpassed professional competence were the catalysts in significantly improving the operating efficiency, training progress, and mobilization readiness of the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Through professional competence, ingenuity, and patience, he/she met and resolved even the most significant difficulties.

. . .abilities to meet and master every conceivable situation, and to detect potential problem areas and offer sound resolutions enabled the Tennessee Army National Guard to maximize the efficiency of its manpower, time and resources.

. . .tact, professional knowledge, and sound judgment combined with the ability to work without supervision and his/her willingness to work beyond normal duty hours contributed significantly to the successful accomplishment of the mission.

He/she willingly assumed these responsibilities, normally performed by a field grade officer, and accomplished the duties with commendable results.

. . .is clearly outstanding among his/her contemporaries.

. . .demonstrated, on all occasions, a thorough knowledge of his/her duties, exceptional dependability, and resoluteness of purpose.

His/her loyalty, trustworthiness and military conduct were of a high order worthy of emulation by associates.

His/her tact, common sense, professional knowledge and devotion to duty were an inspiration to his/her associates and contributed significantly to the present high standards of . . .

. . .exhibited outstanding organizational ability, highly effective supervision and exceptionally sound judgment. . .

. . .distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious performance of a variety of assignments while a member of. . .

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...exceptionally meritorious service in the accomplishment of duties in a succession of positions of responsibility.

...demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership, professional skill and devotion to duty.

During his/her tenure in this position, many complex tasks were accomplished through diligence, foresight, and sound judgment.

Through his/her capable leadership, he/she inspired personnel who served with him/her to such an extent that all assigned missions were performed in a consistently exemplary manner.

...talent for coordinating the complexities of contemporary administration resulted in the successful reorganization of the work unit.

Through sound judgment, professional competence, and tenacity of purpose, she achieved major improvements in . .

...development of these improved systems and procedures and the guidance provided for their implementation represents significant achievement.

...initiative, resourcefulness and untiring efforts to achieve perfection in all areas of responsibility resulted in increased operational efficiency.

...exemplary handling of all administrative matters attests to his/her professional knowledge, willingness to accept responsibility, attention to detail and the ability to adapt herself to any assignment or situation.

...commanding aggressiveness and spirited sense of responsibility were instrumental in combining the many diverse elements of the staff into an effective and coordinated working force.

...broad background in this area, he/she has been able to seek out problem areas and formulate positive solutions which have helped to reduce personnel problems to all time low.

...accomplishments exceeded the parameters of any job description or related responsibilities required by law or regulation of any similar work force.

...unmatched degree of interest, infectious enthusiasm and limitless pride in the progress of the individual guard member earned him/her the utmost respect of all with whom he/she was associated.

...entire period of service has been marked by a selfless attitude and a willingness to expend every effort to achieve superior results.

COMPLETION OF DA FORM 638

DA Form 638 (Recommendation for Award) will be used to request federal and state awards which require approval above the MACOM level.

Block	Action	Example
1	Indicate the address of the final approving authority.	The Adjutant General Tennessee National Guard Attn: AGTN-DPER (Awards) 3041 Sidco Drive Nashville, Tennessee 37204
2	Indicate the unit address of the person initiating the award recommendation. If approved, this is the address to which the award and medal/ribbon set will be sent.	
3	Date of request.	
4	Full Name	Or unit name for unit citations and commendations
5	Rank	Not required for unit citations and commendations
6	Social Security Number	Not required for unit citations and commendations
7	Organization	
8	List all previous individual awards to include oak leaf clusters. If no awards state "No Awards". Recommender will have to view awardees personnel file to insure proper awards are listed.	i.e. AAM-2OLC, TNGDSM, TNGCR-4OLC Not required for unit citations and commendations
9	Branch of Service	i.e. Tennessee Army National Guard, United States Army
10	Recommended Award	i.e. AAM-2OLC, TNGDSM, TNGOUPC 1st Award
11	Beginning date and ending date for period award of award. The only except are for awards made for singular acts of heroism and valor. These awards will be for the date of action or contribution.	
12	State reason for award	i.e. Retirement, Achievement, Long & Faithful Service, Heroism
13	Is this award Posthumous.	Yes or No
Part II	Each block is to be complete by the recommender to include signature.	
20	Use bullet statements to list the individual's meritorious achievements or service. All federal awards are required to have 4 bullet comments.	See Appendix E & G
21	Proposed citation for MSM, ARCOM and AAM are limited to six lines and will be restricted to the space allowed on the DA Form 638. State awards which require citations, TAGRV, TAGDPM, and all Unit	See Appendix E & G

	Awards are also limited to six lines and will be restricted to space. The TNGDSM is the only citation which does not restrict citation length; however, citation must have a minimum 9 lines. If applicable space is not available on DA Form 638, citation may be attached. For guidance on other Federal awards, see AR 600-8-22.	
22	Signature of awardees supervisor or immediate commander for verification of awardees eligibility for award.	
23	Complete block 23a – 23h. Additional comments may be addressed in block 23i. Forward DA Form 683 to next higher command for action regardless or approval/disapproval upgrade/downgrade. If award is disapproved or downgraded, send a copy back down channel to the recommender.	See Appendix A
24	Complete block 24a – 24h. Additional comments may be addressed in block 24i. Forward DA Form 683 to next higher command for action regardless or approval/disapproval upgrade/downgrade. If award is disapproved or downgraded, send a copy back down channel to the recommender.	See Appendix A
25	Complete block 25a – 25h. Additional comments may be addressed in block 25i. Forward DA Form 683 to next higher command for action regardless or approval/disapproval upgrade/downgrade. If award is disapproved or downgraded, send a copy back down channel to the recommender.	See Appendix A
26	Final approving authority must complete block 26a – 26h. Additional comments may be addressed in block 26i. For disapproved awards, the original DA Form 638 will be filed in individual Personnel File. AGTN-DPER will utilize block 26.	See Appendix A
Part V	Utilized by final processing office.	

EXAMPLE CITATIONS

To assist in establishing standard verbiage for different levels of award and especially to prevent lesser awards from appearing to be of greater service than those of higher levels, the following leads and closes in the awards citation will be used for the applicable award unless another lead or close sounds more stately or appropriate:

LEAD LINES

MSM:	FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS...
ARCOM:	FOR MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE (OR SERVICE) AS...
AAM:	FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE (OR SERVICE) AS...
TNGDSM:	FOR THE HIGHEST DISTINGUISHED SERVICE... or FOR LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE (20+ YEARS SERVICE TO THE TN NATIONAL GUARD)
TAGRFV:	FOR HEROISM AND VALOROUS ACTIONS BY...
TAGDPM:	FOR THE HIGHEST PATRIOTIC SERVICE BY...
TNGCR:	FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AS...
TNGIAR:	FOR SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE...
SOTGMUC:	FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE BY...
TNGDUC:	FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS...
TNGOUPC:	FOR OUTSTANDING TRAINING PERFORMANCE (OR ACHIEVEMENT) BY...
TNGVRRUC:	FOR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN RECRUITING AND RETENTION...

CLOSING LINES

TNGDSM:	SUCH A STERLING PERFORMANCE ENHANCES THE GREAT VOLUNTEER TRADITIONS OF THE TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD AND HONORS THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FOR WHICH WE ARE GRATEFUL.
TAGRFV:	SUCH SELFLESS PERFORMANCE OF DUTY ABOVE THAT EXPECTED REFLECTS THE GREATEST CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE ARMED FORCES OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.
TAGDPM:	SUCH A TRULY REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT DISTINGUISHES HIM AS A PATRIOT WHO HELPED PRESERVE THE STATE'S MILITARY HERITAGE AND FURTHERED THE TRADITIONS OF THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.
TNGCR:	SUCH EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.
TNGIAR:	SUCH EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF, HIS UNIT, AND THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD.

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SOTGMUC: SUCH SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE REFLECTS THE GREATEST HONOR
UPON THE TRADITIONS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF THE STATE OF
TENNESSEE.

TNGDUC: SUCH SUPERB PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON THE
UNIT AND THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

TNGOUPC: SUCH EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE REFLECTS THE HIGH STATE OF
READINESS OF THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD:

TNGVRRUC: SUCH EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON
THE UNIT, AND THE TENNESSEE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

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OFFICE SYMBOL

DATE

MEMORANDUM FOR Rank First MI Last, SSN, Unit, Tennessee Army National Guard, City,

State, Zip

SUBJECT: Award of the Tennessee Army National Guard Commendation Ribbon

The following award is announced.

Award: Tennessee National Guard Commendation Ribbon (1ST Award)

Date of Period of Service: Begin Date – End Date

Authority: TARNGR 600-8-22

Reason: For exceptional service as Such excellence in performance reflects great credit upon himself, his unit,

and the Tennessee Army National Guard.

COMMANDER SIGNATURE BLOCK

CF:

1 – File

1 – PSB

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MEMORANDUM FOR Rank First MI Last, SSN, Unit, Tennessee Army National Guard, City,

State, Zip

SUBJECT: Award of the Tennessee Army National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon

The following award is announced.

Award: Tennessee National Guard Individual Achievement Ribbon (1ST Award)

Date of Period of Service: Begin Date – End Date

Authority: TARNGR 600-8-22

Reason: For superior performance as Such excellent performance reflects great credit upon himself, his unit,

and the Tennessee Army National Guard.

COMMANDER SIGNATURE BLOCK

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REQUEST FOR AWARD OF THE TNG RECRUITING MERIT RIBBON		DATE:
TO: The Adjutant General Military Department of Tennessee ATTN: AGTN-RRM P.O. Box 41502, Houston Barracks Nashville, TN 37204-1502	RRM USE:	
Under the provisions of TARNGR 672-5-1, recommend the following individual be awarded the Tennessee National Guard Recruiting Merit Ribbon. This individual has received credit for recommending five (5) persons in the Tennessee National Guard [ten (10) persons if fulltime recruiter].		
1. Recommended Individual. This is the _____ award of the TNGRMR. a. FULL NAME _____ b. GRADE _____ c. SSN _____ d. UNIT/LOCATION _____ e. FULLTIME RECRUITER _____		
2. I certify that the above individual has initiated recruitment of the following persons and they subsequently became members of a component of the Tennessee National Guard.		
FULL NAME	UNIT/PRN	DATE ENTERED GUARD
(1) _____	_____	_____
(2) _____	_____	_____
(3) _____	_____	_____
(4) _____	_____	_____
(5) _____	_____	_____
NOTE: Fulltime recruiters must submit two completed TN Forms 0170's for consideration of _____ award of TNGRMR		
NAME, GRADE & BRANCH OF UNIT COMMANDER	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
NAME, GRADE & BRANCH OF RRM	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
NAME, GRADE & BRANCH OF INTERMEDIATE AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE:	DATE:
NAME, GRADE & BRANCH OF APPROVING AUTHORITY	SIGNATURE:	DATE:

TN FORM 0170, JAN 00 (Previous versions obsolete)