



Dear Friend:

Our servicemen and women put their lives on the line each day to help keep our country free, enabling us to go about our daily routines in comfort and safety. There is no question that veterans have earned the enduring gratitude of their fellow New Yorkers. That is why the New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs has many medals and awards to honor New York veterans for their many sacrifices and their commitment to serving the people of this great nation.

Included in this brochure is a description of only a few of the many awards available through the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs to New York Veterans. For a complete listing, please visit dmna.ny.gov and click on "For Members" and then click on "Awards and Decorations." You can also call the office at: (518) 786-4520.

I hope you find this information useful. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Jose Peralta
13th Senate District

Where to Go for Help

The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs helps veterans, their dependents and survivors. You can visit them on the Internet at: www.va.gov. The New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs protects the interests of veterans and provides information on any benefits due to them through veterans service providers. You can contact the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs at: **1-888-VETS-NYS (1-888-838-7697)**. This number is in operation weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Their website is: veterans.ny.gov. For questions about New York State Military Awards, call the New York State Awards Program Office at (518) 786-4520 or visit their web site. Also, every county in New York State has a veterans service agency to provide assistance on the local level.

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New York State Military Awards and Decorations



Medal for Valor

The Medal for Valor may be awarded to any member of the New York State Organized Militia who shall have displayed a conspicuous act of valor, heroism, courage or gallantry either in a military or civilian capacity. For more information on how to obtain an application to recommend someone to receive this award, please refer to the dmna.ny.gov website or call (518) 786-4520. The approving authority for this award is the governor.



The Conspicuous Service Medal

The Conspicuous Service Medal may be awarded to any individual who shall have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service in a capacity of great responsibility. The service can be performed while in an active status by a member of the New York State Organized Militia, by a civilian in support of the New York State Organized Militia, or to other individuals who have provided support to the New York State Organized Militia and deemed appropriate by the Adjutant General. For more information on how to obtain an application to recommend someone to receive this award, please refer to the dmna.ny.gov website or call (518) 786-4520.

The approving authority for this award is the commander of each respective major component of the New York State Organized Militia.



The Conspicuous Service Cross

The Conspicuous Service Cross may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty; whose entire service was

honorable subsequent to the time of receipt of the citation while serving in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or in the Army female Nurse Corps, and who has received a personal decoration issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The Conspicuous Service Cross may also be awarded to any citizen of New York State who, while serving with the allied forces, received a personal decoration published in order issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The award of the Conspicuous Service Cross is based on prior award of at least one of the following military decorations:

- Medal of Honor
 - Distinguished Service Cross
 - Navy Cross
 - Air Force Cross
 - Defense Distinguished Service Medal
 - Distinguished Service Medal (Army)
 - Distinguished Service Medal (Navy-Marine Corps)
 - Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force)
 - Distinguished Service Medal (Coast Guard)
 - Silver Star
 - Defense Superior Service Medal
 - Legion of Merit
 - Distinguished Flying Cross
 - Soldier's Medal
 - Navy and Marine Corps Medal
 - Airman's Medal
 - Coast Guard Medal
 - Bronze Star Medal
 - Purple Heart
 - Defense Meritorious Service Medal
 - Medal for Meritorious Service
 - Air Medal
- or as prescribed by New York State Military Law, individual was a Prisoner of War; served at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; directly participated in

the D-Day Invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944; or has been declared by the Department of Defense as killed or missing in action.



Conspicuous Service Star

To whom awarded:

- Current New York State citizen, or
- New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty, and
 - A current or former full-time military person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or allied forces for purposes other than training since April 6, 1917; Active Guard/Reserve(AGR) excepted, and
 - Who is currently serving under honorable conditions or who has been honorably discharged from active duty.

The Conspicuous Service Star may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty; whose entire service was honorable and who were recipients of a unit commendation arising from combat while serving in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.



Medal for Merit

The Medal for Merit may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a citizen of the state while serving on federal active duty; or a non-New York State citizen who is an active member in the New York State organized militia and as an active member in the New York State organized militia, served with units of the New York State organized militia while on federal active duty for purposes other than training and/or annual training; whose entire service was

honorable and who were recipients of a valor, achievement, commendation, or meritorious service decoration, of a lesser degree than required for the award of the Conspicuous Service Cross, or whose service was in direct support of combat operations while serving in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

Replacing New York State Awards

To obtain a replacement for a New York State medal or ribbon, send a letter with proof that the medal or ribbon was awarded - normally the orders presented with the award or written proof that duty was performed to the New York State Awards Section at this address:

Headquarters, New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs

ATTN: State Awards

330 Old Niskayuna Road • Latham, NY 12110

For questions about New York State Military Awards call the New York State Awards Program Office at: **(518) 786-4520.**

Original Military Documentation

If a veteran does not have in their possession the required documentation necessary for eligibility or require confirmation of federal award entitlements, it is suggested they write to: National Personnel Records Center Veterans Special Actions Division 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.

DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS

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