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# H. R. 3043

To amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of the Army to establish a combat artillery medal.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4       Congress makes the following findings:

5               (1) The field artillery is one of the oldest and  
6       most celebrated of the Army's combat arms.

7               (2) The field artillery was critical to American  
8       success in the "War to end all Wars," World War

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1           (3) The field artillery also proved to be a deci-  
2           sive factor during World War II, helping the United  
3           States achieve victories in Europe, Africa, and the  
4           Pacific. General George S. Patton Jr. remarked, “I  
5           do not need to tell you who won the war. You know  
6           the artillery did.”

7           (4) The field artillery continued to play a role  
8           in military actions in Korea, Vietnam, and the Per-  
9           sian Gulf and it remains critical to today’s military  
10          efforts.

11          (5) Despite the past heroic efforts of the mem-  
12          bers of the Army who served in the field artillery,  
13          there is no medal specifically recognizing the con-  
14          tribution of field artillerymen.

15 **SEC. 2. CREATION OF COMBAT ARTILLERY MEDAL.**

16          (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 357 of title 10, United  
17          States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
18          lowing new section:

19 **“§ 3754. Combat artillery medal**

20          “(a) The Secretary of the Army, in accordance with  
21          criteria established by the Secretary, shall issue a combat  
22          artillery medal of appropriate design with accompanying  
23          ribbon to each person who, while a member of the Army  
24          in the artillery branch, participated in combat after April  
25          5, 1917.

1       “(b) In the case of a member of the Army who par-  
2       ticipated in combat after April 5, 1917, and before the  
3       date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall  
4       issue the medal described in subsection (a) in each case  
5       which is known to the Secretary before such date or for  
6       which an application is made to the Secretary in such  
7       manner as the Secretary requires.”.

8       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
9       at the beginning of chapter 357 of title 10, United States  
10      Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new  
11      item:

“3754. Combat artillery medal.”.

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