

The language is parallel to that found in title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §354, providing for awards to personnel of the Navy. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, §8506(c), substituted “displays conspicuous” for “distinguishes himself conspicuously by” and “such individual’s” for “his” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 116-283, §8505(a)(25), substituted “an individual” for “a person” in introductory provisions.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 491 of this title as this section.

1963—Pub. L. 88-77 enlarged the authority to award the medal of honor, which was limited to those cases in which persons, while in the service of the Coast Guard, distinguished themselves in action involving actual conflict with an enemy, or in the line of his profession, and without detriment to the mission of his command or to the command to which attached, to permit its award for distinguished service by members of the Coast Guard while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party, and substituted the requirement that it be of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, for the requirement that the design be the same as that of the Navy medal of honor.

§ 2733. Medal of honor: duplicate medal

An individual awarded a medal of honor shall, upon written application of that individual, be issued, without charge, one duplicate medal of honor with ribbons and appurtenances. Such duplicate medal of honor shall be marked, in such manner as the Secretary may determine, as a duplicate or for display purposes only.

(Added Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §553(d)(1)(A), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1116, §504; renumbered §2733, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(26), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “An individual” for “A person” and “that individual” for “that person”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 504 of this title as this section.

§ 2734. Medal of honor: presentation of Medal of Honor Flag

The President shall provide for the presentation of the Medal of Honor Flag designated under section 903 of title 36 to each individual to whom a medal of honor is awarded under section 2732 of this title. Presentation of the flag shall be made at the same time as the presentation of the medal under section 2732 or 2743 of this title. In the case of a posthumous presentation of the medal, the flag shall be presented to the individual to whom the medal is presented.

(Added Pub. L. 107-248, title VIII, §8143(c)(4)(A), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1571, §505; amended Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, §1062(b)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2650; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V,

§555(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2217; renumbered §2734 and amended Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §§116(b), 123(b)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226, 4240; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(27), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individual” for “person” in two places.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, §123(b)(2), substituted “section 2732” for “section 491” and “section 2732 or 2743” for “section 491 or 498”.

Pub. L. 115-282, §116(b), renumbered section 505 of this title as this section.

2006—Pub. L. 109-364 struck out “after October 23, 2002” after “section 491 of this title” and inserted at end “In the case of a posthumous presentation of the medal, the flag shall be presented to the person to whom the medal is presented.”

2002—Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “October 23, 2002” for “the date of the enactment of this section”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

PRESENTATION OF FLAG FOR PRIOR RECIPIENTS OF MEDAL OF HONOR

President to provide for the presentation of the Medal of Honor Flag to living recipients of the Medal of Honor as expeditiously as possible after Oct. 17, 2006, and for posthumous presentation to survivors of deceased recipients of the Medal of Honor upon written application therefor, see section 555(b) of Pub. L. 109-364, set out as a note under section 3755 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 2735. Coast Guard cross

The President may award a Coast Guard cross of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to an individual who, while serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard, when the Coast Guard is not operating under the Department of the Navy, distinguishes himself or herself by extraordinary heroism not justifying the award of a medal of honor—

(1) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;

(2) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or international terrorist organization; or

(3) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

(Added Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §224(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2921, §491a; renumbered §2735, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(28), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “an individual” for “a person” in introductory provisions.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 491a of this title as this section.

§ 2736. Distinguished service medal

The President may present, but not in the name of Congress, a distinguished service medal

of appropriate design, with accompanying ribbon, together with a rosette or other device, to be worn in lieu thereof, to any individual who, while serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard, performs exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 535, § 492; renumbered § 2736, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §§ 8505(a)(29), 8506(d), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749, 4752.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section is new insofar as application to Coast Guard personnel in time of peace is concerned. Such awards can be made to members of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is operating with the Navy.

The language is parallel to that found in title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 355, providing for awards to personnel of the Navy. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individual” for “person” and “performs” for “distinguishes himself by”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 492 of this title as this section.

Executive Documents

EX. ORD. NO. 12824. ESTABLISHING THE HOMELAND SECURITY DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

Ex. Ord. No. 12824, Dec. 7, 1992, 57 F.R. 58121, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 13286, § 29, Feb. 28, 2003, 68 F.R. 10625; Ex. Ord. No. 13569, § 1, Apr. 5, 2011, 76 F.R. 19891, provided:

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, it is ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal, with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances, for award by the Secretary of Homeland Security to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has provided exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility while assigned in the Department of Homeland Security, or in other activities under the responsibility of the Secretary of Homeland Security, either national or international, as may be assigned by the Secretary.

SEC. 2. The Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Homeland Security and shall be awarded under such regulations as the Secretary shall prescribe. These regulations shall place the Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal in an order of precedence immediately before the Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal.

SEC. 3. No more than one Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal shall be awarded to any one person, but for each succeeding exceptionally meritorious period of service justifying such an award, a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with that Medal as prescribed by appropriate regulations of the Department of Homeland Security.

SEC. 4. The Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal or device may be awarded posthumously and, when so awarded, may be presented to such representative of the deceased as may be deemed appropriate by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

§ 2737. Silver star medal

The President may award a silver star medal of appropriate design, with ribbons and appur-

tenances, to an individual who, while serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard, when the Coast Guard is not operating under the Department of the Navy, is cited for gallantry in action that does not warrant a medal of honor or Coast Guard cross—

(1) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;

(2) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or international terrorist organization; or

(3) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

(Added Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 224(b)(2), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2922, § 492a; renumbered § 2737, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], § 8505(a)(30), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “an individual” for “a person” in introductory provisions.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 492a of this title as this section.

§ 2738. Distinguished flying cross

The President may present, but not in the name of Congress, a distinguished flying cross of appropriate design, with accompanying ribbon, to any individual who, while serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard, displays heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight.

(Added Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, § 12(a), 70A Stat. 624, § 492a; renumbered § 492b, Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 224(b)(1), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2922; renumbered § 2738, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §§ 8505(a)(31), 8506(e), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749, 4752.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individual” for “person” and “displays” for “distinguishes himself by”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 492b of this title as this section.

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 renumbered section 492a of this title as this section.

§ 2739. Coast Guard medal

The President may present, but not in the name of Congress, a medal to be known as the Coast Guard medal, of appropriate design, with accompanying ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in lieu thereof, to any individual who, while serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard, displays heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 535, § 493; renumbered § 2739, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title