

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

LVXXXV [LXXXV], §§ 8505(a)(32), 8506(f), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749, 4752.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section establishes a new medal to be known as the Coast Guard Medal, which is intended to be a parallel award to the Navy and Marine Corps Medal of the Navy, to be awarded under the same circumstances as that medal is awarded to personnel of the Navy (see title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §356b). 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

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 493 of this title as this section.

§ 2740. Insignia for additional awards

No more than one Coast Guard cross, distinguished service medal, silver star medal, distinguished flying cross, or Coast Guard medal shall be issued to any one individual; but for each succeeding deed or service sufficient to justify the awarding of a Coast Guard cross, distinguished service medal, silver star medal, distinguished flying cross, or Coast Guard medal, the President may award a suitable emblem or insignia to be worn with the decoration and a corresponding rosette or other device.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 535, §494; Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §13, 70A Stat. 624; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §224(c)(1), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2922; Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §213, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3029; renumbered §2740, 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)(33), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section is supplemental to the preceding sections dealing with the award of medals and regulates the award of additional medals of the same kind. It follows the established practice in all the armed forces (see title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §358). 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 struck out “one” before “Coast Guard medal shall” and substituted “individual” for “person”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 494 of this title as this section.

2014—Pub. L. 113-281 struck out “medal of honor,” before “Coast Guard cross,” in two places.

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 substituted “Coast Guard cross, distinguished service medal, silver star medal, distinguished flying cross,” for “distinguished service medal, distinguished flying cross,” in two places.

1956—Act Aug. 10, 1956, included the distinguished flying cross.

§ 2741. Time limit on award; report concerning deed

(a) No medal of honor, Coast Guard cross, distinguished service medal, silver star medal, distinguished flying cross, Coast Guard medal, or bar, emblem, or insignia in lieu thereof may be awarded to an individual unless—

(1) the award is made within five years after the date of the deed or service justifying the award;

(2) a statement setting forth the deed or distinguished service and recommending official recognition of it was made by his superior through official channels within three years from the date of that deed or termination of the service.

(b) If the Secretary determines that—

(1) a statement setting forth the deed or distinguished service and recommending official recognition of it was made by the individual’s superior through official channels within three years from the date of that deed or termination of the service and was supported by sufficient evidence within that time; and

(2) no award was made, because the statement was lost or through inadvertence the recommendation was not acted upon; a medal of honor, Coast Guard cross, distinguished service medal, silver star medal, distinguished flying cross, Coast Guard medal, or bar, emblem, or insignia in lieu thereof, as the case may be, may be awarded to the individual within two years after the date of that determination.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 536, §496; Pub. L. 87-526, §1(5), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 141; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §224(c)(2), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2922; renumbered §2741, 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)(34), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section establishes a time limit on the making of awards. It follows the established practice in all the armed forces (see title 10, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §1409 and title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §360). 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, §8505(a)(34)(A), substituted “an individual” for “a person” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 116-283, §8505(a)(34)(B), substituted “individual’s” for “person’s”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 116-283, §8505(a)(34)(C), substituted “individual” for “person”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 496 of this title as this section.

2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-281, §224(c)(2)(A), substituted “Coast Guard cross, distinguished service medal, silver star medal, distinguished flying cross,” for “distinguished service medal, distinguished flying cross,” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 111-281, §224(c)(2)(B), substituted “Coast Guard cross, distinguished service medal, silver star medal, distinguished flying cross,” for “distinguished service medal, distinguished flying cross,”.

1962—Pub. L. 87-526 incorporated existing provisions in subsec. (a), included the distinguished flying cross and bar in lieu of any award in the enumeration of medals, and extended the time limit for recommending award of a medal after performance of the deed justifying the award from one to three years and added subsec. (b).