

to this subpart. Each person awarded the Medal also shall receive a citation describing the basis for the award.

#### § 1221.203 Nominations.

(a) Formal nominations for award of the Congressional Space Medal of Honor on behalf of NASA will be made by the Administrator to the President.

(b) Any person may recommend to the Administrator that an astronaut be nominated for award of the Medal. Such a recommendation must be in writing, and must describe in concise detail the events believed to warrant award of the Medal. The recommendation should, if appropriate, be accompanied by supporting documentation, such as eyewitness statements, extracts from official records, sketches, photographs, etc.

(c) All recommendations for nominations submitted to the Administrator or made on his own initiative will be referred to the NASA Incentive Awards Board for the purpose of investigating and making findings of fact and giving advice to the Administrator.

(d) Any recommendation involving an astronaut who is a member of the armed services on active duty or who is employed by another agency of the Federal Government but temporarily assigned or detailed to NASA shall also be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense or the head of the employing agency, as appropriate, for his or her recommendation.

(e) The Administrator will forward to the President his recommendation, and that of the astronaut's employing agency, as appropriate.

#### § 1221.204 Proceedings of the NASA Incentive Awards Board.

The NASA Incentive Awards Board shall thoroughly consider the facts giving rise to a recommendation for nomination and shall prepare a report for the Administrator. The Board should, to the extent practicable, coordinate its efforts with those of the astronaut's employing agency, as appropriate. Its final report must take into account any pertinent information submitted by the employing agency.

### Subpart 1221.2—The Congressional Space Medal of Honor

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#### § 1221.200 Scope.

This subpart establishes procedures for nominating an astronaut for the Congressional Space Medal of Honor.

#### § 1221.201 Basis for award of the medal.

(a) The standard of award for the Congressional Space Medal of Honor is established by Pub. L. 91-76 (42 U.S.C. 2461) which provides that the President may award the Medal to any "astronaut who in the performance of his duties has distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious efforts and contributions to the welfare of the Nation and of mankind."

(b) Only one Congressional Space Medal of Honor may be awarded to a person. However, for each succeeding act that would otherwise justify the award of the Medal, the President may award a suitable bar or other device.

(c) The Medal may be awarded to any person who is or has been designated to travel in space and who has distinguished himself or herself while undertaking duties in preparation for, execution of, or subsequent to, but in connection with, a space flight.

(d) The Medal may be awarded for actions occurring before the effective date of this subpart 1221.2, and, when appropriate, posthumously.

#### § 1221.202 Description of the medal.

The description of the Congressional Space Medal of Honor, which was designed by the Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army, is set forth in appendix A

### APPENDIX A TO PART 1221— CONGRESSIONAL SPACE MEDAL OF HONOR

#### OBVERSE

##### DESCRIPTION

A circular green enamel wreath of laurel surmounted by a five-pointed gold star (with vertical point downward) and issuing from between each point a gold flame, the star surmounted by a light blue enamel cloud bank with five lobes edged in gold bearing a five-pointed dark blue enamel star fimbriated gold and charged in center with a diamond; standing upon the wreath at top center a gold eagle with wings displayed.

##### SYMBOLISM

The laurel wreath, a symbol of great achievement, with the overlapping star points, simulates space vehicles moving to greater accomplishments through space. The flames signify the dynamic energy of the rocket era and the imagination of the men in the space program of the United States. The stylized glory cloud alludes to the glory in the coat of arms of the United States and to the high esteem of the award. The dark blue voided star symbolizes the vast mysteries of outer space while the brilliancy of the feat is represented by a diamond. The eagle with wings raised in the spirit of peace represents man's first landing on another planet.

#### REVERSE

##### DESCRIPTION

The reverse bears in center the inscription "CONGRESSIONAL" arranged in a semi-circle above the inscription "SPACE MEDAL PRESENTED TO"; in base is space for the name of the recipient and the date all within an outer circle of fifty stars.

#### SUSPENSION RIBBON

##### DESCRIPTION

A ribbon 1 3/4 inches in width consisting of the following vertical stripes: gold 1/8 inch, dark blue 1/4 inch, light blue 3/8 inch, white 1/8 inch, red 1/8 inch, white 1/8 inch, light blue 3/8 inch, dark blue 1/4 inch, gold 1/8 inch.

#### CABLE NOS. OF COLORS

Gold .....	85021 (old gold).
Dark Blue .....	70076 (independence blue).
Blue .....	65014 (light blue).
Red .....	65006 (scarlet).
White .....	65005.

##### SYMBOLISM

The scarlet center line on the white band symbolizes the courage of the astronauts in the nation's manned space program and the fire power of rockets that carry the crew through the earth's atmosphere (light blue)

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the light blue is the same color as the chief of the shield of the coat of arms of the United States which appears on the President's flag. The dark blue symbolizes the hostile environment of space, the gold edge representing success and accomplishment. Red, white and blue are also the national colors of the United States.

**MINIATURE**

**DESCRIPTION**

A one-half size replica of the medal and suspension ribbon approximately  $2\frac{5}{16}$  inches in overall length.

**LAPEL EMBLEM**

**DESCRIPTION**

A miniature of the obverse of the medal,  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch in diameter, all gold with a diamond in center.

**ROSETTE**

**DESCRIPTION**

One-half inch in diameter in the colors of the ribbon.

