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AMERICAN SPIRIT HONOR MEDAL

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1. General. The American Spirit Honor Medal is a medallion provided by the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy and Air Force, Inc., Post Office Box 508, Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y.

2. Purpose. The medallion has been accepted for use in *basic training* at training divisions and centers within continental United States as an award for the display of outstanding qualities of leadership best expressing the American spirit—honor, initiative, loyalty, and high example to comrades in arms; and as a means of promoting closer relationship between the Armed Forces and the civil communities in which the training divisions and centers are located.

3. Description (fig. 1). A bronze medallion, 1 3/8 inches in diameter, on the obverse side, a sunburst with the American Eagle rampant, superimposed. Around the perimeter are the words "American Spirit Honor Medal" and in an interior circle the motto of the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, Inc.: "Serve with Heart, Head, and Hand." On the reverse side, a torch held high and the words: "For High Example to Comrades in Arms".

4. Eligibility to receive. *a. General.* The American Spirit Honor Medal is awarded to trainees of the United States Army who have had no prior military service and no assignment to a unit other than a Reserve (RFA) or training unit. It is awarded upon completion of basic training

to not more than one trainee out of the graduating group at each training center or unit.

b. Successive awards. Not more than one American Spirit Honor Medal will be awarded to any individual.

5. Selection of recipient. The recipient in each training group will be selected by a board of not less than three commissioned officers, appointed by the commanding officer of the training center or units. Commanders concerned will insure that board members select for the award only those trainees who meet the qualifications set forth in paragraph 2.

6. Presentation. Presentation will be made by the commanding general of the installation or his designee.

7. Wearing. The American Spirit Honor Medal will not be worn on the uniform.

8. Record. *a.* Full information concerning the recipient will be furnished by appropriate commanders to the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, Inc., at its New York address. Also, an appropriate entry pertaining to the award will be made under "Remarks administrative" in the service record of each recipient.

b. When no trainee of a graduating class meets the qualifications for the award, the Citizens Committee for the Army, Navy, and Air Force, Inc. will be so advised. Notification will include class number and date of graduation.

These regulations supersede AR 615-290, 26 September 1950.

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Figure 1. American Spirit Honor Medal.

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