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### DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

#### MANUFACTURE, SALE, AND WEARING OF DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, AND INSIGNIA

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**1. Purpose.** These regulations prescribe the Department of the Army policy governing the manufacture, sale, reproduction, possession, and wearing of military decorations, medals, badges, and insignia.

**2. Statutory authority.** *a.* The wear, manufacture, and sale of military decorations, medals, badges, their components, and appurtenances, or colorable imitations of them, are governed by title 18, United States Code, section 704.

*b.* The manufacture, sale, possession, and reproduction of badges, identification cards, insignia, or other designs, prescribed by the head of a United States department or agency, or colorable imitations of them, are governed by title 18, United States Code, section 701.

**3. Authority to manufacture and sell.** *a.* Certificates of authority to manufacture articles listed in paragraph 4 will be granted in accordance with AR 600-91 by The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army, a class II activity under the jurisdiction of The Adjutant General.

(1) All articles must be manufactured in accordance with specifications prescribed or authorized by the Department of the Army.

(2) The certificate of authority is valid only for the individual, firm, or corporation indicated and at the address stated thereon. Any change in name or address will result in cancellation of certificate. Man-

ufacturers will be required to make application for new certificates, in order to continue manufacturing.

(3) Application for initial grant and renewal of certificates is the responsibility of the manufacturers. Applications for renewal are required to be filed with The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army, at least 60 days prior to expiration date of existing certificate.

*b.* No certificate of authority is required to sell articles listed in paragraph 4

**4. Articles authorized for manufacture and sale.** *a.* The articles listed below are authorized for manufacture and sale:

- (1) All authorized insignia.
- (2) Appurtenances and devices for decorations, medals, and ribbons such as oak-leaf clusters, service stars, arrowheads, V-devices and clasps, both regulation and miniature sizes.
- (3) Badges and bars, both miniature (where authorized) and regulation sizes.
- (4) Department of the Army General Staff Identification.
- (5) Distinguished unit badges, fourrageres, and the orange lanyard.
- (6) Lapel buttons.
- (7) Miniature replicas of decorations and service medals, including miniature ribbons.

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- (8) Replicas of decorations and service medals for grave markers only. (These are to be at least twice the size prescribed for decorations and service medals.)
- (9) Ribbons pertaining to decorations and service medals.
- (10) Rosettes.

*b.* Variations from the prescribed specifications, forms, and sizes of articles listed above are not permitted without prior approval in writing of The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army.

**5. Articles not authorized for manufacture and sale.** *a.* Manufacture and/or sale of regulation size decorations and service medals is prohibited.

*b.* The incorporation of designs or likenesses of decorations, service medals, badges, and service ribbons in articles manufactured for public sale is prohibited.

*c.* Designs or likenesses of insignia may be incorporated in articles manufactured for public sale only when permission has been granted in writing by The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army. In the case of the Honorable Service Lapel Button, a general exception is made to permit the incorporation of that design in articles manufactured for public sale provided that such articles are not suitable for wear as lapel buttons or pins.

**6. Violations and penalties.** A certificate of authority to manufacture will be revoked by The Institute of Heraldry, U.S. Army, upon intentional violation by the holder thereof of any of the provisions of these regulations, or as a result of not complying with the agreement he signed in order to receive a certificate. Issuance of a certificate of authority to manufacture will be refused upon proof of a violation of these regulations by the applicant. Such violations are subject also to the penalties prescribed in the acts of Congress (par. 2). A repetition or continuation of violations after official notice thereof will be deemed prima facie evidence of intentional violation.

**7. Government contracts and agreements.** The provisions of these regulations do not affect contracts for manufacture and sale to the United States Government.

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**8. Possession and wearing.** *a.* The wearing of any decoration, service medal, badge, service ribbon, lapel button, or insignia prescribed or authorized by the Department of the Army by any other person not properly authorized to wear such device or their use to misrepresent the identification or status of the person by whom worn is prohibited. Any person who offends against this provision is subject to punishment as prescribed in statutes referred to in paragraph 2.

*b.* Mere possession by a person of any of the articles prescribed in paragraph 2 (except identification cards) is authorized provided such possession is not used to defraud or misrepresent the identification or status of the individual concerned.

*c.* Articles specified in paragraph 2 or any distinctive parts (including suspension ribbons and service ribbons) or colorable imitations thereof will not be used by any organization, society, or other group of persons without prior approval in writing of the Secretary of the Army.

**9. Reproductions.** *a.* The photographing, printing, or in any other manner making or executing any engraving, photograph, print, or impression in the likeness of any decoration, service medal, badge, service ribbon, lapel button, insignia, or other device or the colorable imitation thereof of a design prescribed by the Secretary of the Army for use by members of the Army is authorized provided such reproduction does not bring discredit upon the military service, and further, is not used to defraud or to misrepresent the identification or status of an individual, organization, society, or other group of persons.

*b.* The use for advertising purposes of any engraving, photograph, print, or impression of the likeness of any Department of the Army decoration, service medal, badge, service ribbon, lapel button, insignia, or other device (except the honorable service lapel button) is prohibited without prior approval in writing of the Secretary of the Army except when used to illustrate a particular article which is offered for sale.

*c.* The reproduction in any manner of the likeness of any identification card prescribed by the Department of the Army is prohibited without prior approval in writing of the Secretary of the Army.



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