

Nebraska Military Awards Program: Decorations, Awards, And Honors

**Joint Force Headquarters
Nebraska National Guard
Lincoln, NE
06 January 2026**

Nebraska Military Awards Program: Decorations, Awards, And Honors

By Order of the Governor:



CRAIG W. STRONG
Major General
The Adjutant General

History. This publication supersedes all previous editions of the NE ARNGR 600-8-22 and NE ANGI 36-2806. Last published 01 August 2016.

Summary. This publication establishes the policy and implementation procedures for the Nebraska National Guard Awards program. The publication establishes standards for state awards and local recognition programs.

Authorities. This regulation implements guidance for the Nebraska National Guard to recognize and award deserving Soldiers, Airmen, and Civilians. The Nebraska National Guard implements this publication under Nebraska Revised Statute 55-202.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all Service Members within the Nebraska Military Department.

Proponent and execution authority. The proponent of this publication is the NEARNG G1 with the support of the NEANG A1, 2433 NW 24th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524.

Suggested improvements. Users are encouraged to send comments and suggested improvements on DA FORM 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms, thru NEARNG G1, ATTN: Awards, 2433 NW 24th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524.

Distribution. This publication is available in electronic media only and intended for all members of the NEARNG and NEANG.

SUMMARY of CHANGE

NE ARNGR 600-8-22/NE ANGI 36-2806

Decorations, Awards, and Honors

Military Awards Program

This administrative revision dated 06 January 2026 –

o Supersedes NE ARNGR 600-8-22/NE ANGI 36-2806 Decorations, Awards, and Honors Military Awards Program, dated 1 March 2016.

This major revision, dated 06 January 2026 –

o Removed DA Form 638 (Figures 4-1 and 4-2) and inserted TAGNE Form 638 (RECOMMENDATION FOR STATE AWARD) (Figures 4-1 thru 4-2)

o Updated TAGNE Form 672-100 (ORDER FORM FOR STATE OF NEBRASKA MEDAL//RIBBONS)

o Replaced verbiage of DA Form 638 for processing state awards throughout with TAGNE Form 638 which will be used for both Army and Air.

o Changed 1-17 b. Preparation of Recommendations to, Recommendations for state decorations for Army National Guard (ARNG) military personnel will be typed and prepared on TAGNE Form 638 and forwarded through channels to the approving authority for appropriate action.

o Changes para 2-2 to adjust time frame of federal Legion of Merit submission from 60 days to 150 days.

o Inserted para 4-25. TAGNE Form 638 Preparation

o Added the Nebraska National Guard Heroism Medal throughout Chapter 4

o Added Table 4-3 (Instructions on the completion of the TAGNE Form 638)

o Changed 4-9 to ...ARNG Soldiers scoring a minimum of 90 points in each category of the physical fitness test, should be considered for award of the NENGIAM. ANG members scoring 95% or higher on their AF Fitness test should be considered for award of the NENGIAM. To verify fitness scores, see your Unit Fitness Program Manager (UFPM).

o 1-6. Character of Service: added criteria for waiver of weight control or physical fitness test failure at ETS or retirement to allow for receipt of award IAW AR 600-8-22.

o 4-24. Other states' decorations and awards updated verbiage to read they will be worn with the most recently awarded state's awards taking precedence.

o 13-3. Selection and Eligibility Criteria. Removed all deactivated units. Replaced with current units. Spelled out all units.

o Replaced AFI 36-2803 with DAFMAN 36-2806 to reflect changes of federal Air Force Manual.

o Replaced NEANGI 36-2803 with NEANGI 36-2806 to fall in line with federal Air Force Manual.

o Replaced the TAGNE 2803 with the TAG-NE Form 638; NEANG and NEARNG will utilize one form.

- o 4-10 a. Changed to: This medal may be awarded to any member personally responsible for the enlistment of one new member in the Nebraska Army or Air National Guard. Each respective component will process awards for accessions into their respective component.
- o 4-10 b. Changed to: This medal may be awarded to production recruiters upon completion of their twenty-fifth qualifying enlistment in the Nebraska Army and/or Air National Guard.
- o 4-10 c. Changed to: Subsequent awards may be authorized for each additional enlistment for members and twenty-fifth enlistments for production recruiters
- o 4-10 d. Changed to: ARNG requests for initial and subsequent awards will be forwarded to the RRB S-1 for review, approval/disapproval, and for action. All requests will be submitted utilizing TAGNE Form 638. TAGNE Form 638, when complete, will contain the names, dates of enlistment/commissioning, and unit of all qualifying accessions. Formal board action is not required. TAGNE Form 638 will serve as order authority for award of the NENGRAM. RRB S1 will finalize the TAGNE Form 638 and prepare a certificate (TAG-NE Form 672-104) and coordinate proper presentation. RRB Commander is the approval authority of this award
- o Updated Table 4-1 with more on-hand stock, due to once a year ordering availability
- o 4-10 d. Changed NENGRAM approval authority to the Recruiting and Retention BN Commander
- o 4-16 a. Added Recruiting and Retention Commander
- o 4-22 b. Added process for requesting state awards purchasing
- o Updated Table 4-2 with NEARNG and NEANG approval levels. Added O-6/COL Directors as approval authorities for NENGCM and NENGIAM for assigned civilian personnel
- o 8-5 Paragraphs a-d Added in-depth requirements and directives for the Strength Maintenance Awards.
- o Removed 8-5 The Adjutant General's Retention Trophy and moved to 8-4e
- o Removed 8-6 Nebraska Army National Guard Retention Award and moved to 8-4f
- o Added 8-5 Nebraska Army National Guard Recruiting Medallion
- o Updated Chapter 9 to reflect FY25 Army National Guard Safety programs and awards
- o 10-3 d. Logistician of the Year Award (NELOY) removed "The awards presentation will be conducted during the annual Logistics Information and Sustainment Training (LIST) or any other appropriate ceremony."
- o Added 11-3 i. The Governor's Ten Tab
- o per Executive Order 20-28 dated 29 June 2020, added the availability of a Valor device, to the Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal
- o Updated Section I Abbreviations
- o Removed Chapter 17. Excellence in Diversity Award per Executive Order 14151
- o Added Chapter 20. Warrant Officer Hall of Fame

Contents (Listed by paragraph and page number)

Chapter 1

Military Awards Program General Provisions

Purpose • 1-1, *page 10*
Objective and Implementation • 1-2, *page 10*
Consideration of Awards • 1-3, *page 10*
Who May Recommend • 1-4, *page 10*
Time Limitation • 1-5, *page 10*
Character of Service • 1-6, *page 11*
Period of Award • 1-7, *page 11*
Succeeding Awards • 1-8, *page 11*
Order of Precedence • 1-9, *page 11*
Duplication of Awards • 1-10, *page 12*
Recognition upon Death, Discharge or Transfer to the Retired Reserve • 1-11, *page 12*
Recognition of Members of other U.S. Armed Forces • 1-12, *page 12*
Nebraska National Guard Military Awards Boards (NENGMAAB) • 1-13, *page 12*
Commanders • 1-14, *page 13*
Personnel Officers • 1-15, *page 13*
Personnel Responsible for Award Submission • 1-16, *page 13*
Preparation of Recommendations • 1-17, *page 13*
Presentation of Awards • 1-18, *page 14*
Records and Reports (ARNG only) • 1-19, *page 14*
Funding • 1-20, *page 14*

Chapter 2

Federal Decorations and Service Medals for Army National Guard (ARNG) Personnel

Purpose • 2-1, *page 15*
Federal Decorations • 2-2, *page 15*
Army Good Conduct Medal (AGCM) • 2-3, *page 15*
Federal Service Medals • 2-4, *page 15*
Supply Policies and Procedures • 2-5, *page 16*

Chapter 3

State Decorations and Service Medals for Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel

Purpose • 3-1, *page 18*
Policy • 3-2, *page 18*
Who May Recommend • 3-3, *page 18*
Recommendation Process • 3-4, *page 18*
Approval Authority • 3-5, *page 18*
Unit Commander • 3-6, *page 18*
Group Commander • 3-7, *page 19*
Wing Commander • 3-8, *page 19*
TAG Director of Staff (DOS-Air) • 3-9, *page 19*
The Adjutant General • 3-10, *page 19*

Chapter 4

State Individual Decorations, Service Medals and Awards

Purpose • 4-1, *page 21*

Nebraska National Guard Decorations, Service Medals, Awards and Order of Precedence • 4-2, *page 21*

Authorization • 4-3, *page 21*

Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit (NENGLM) • 4-4, *page 21*

Nebraska National Guard Heroism Medal (NENGHM) • 4-5, *page 22*

Nebraska National Guard Meritorious Service Medal (NENGMSM) • 4-6, *page 22*

Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal with “V” device for Valor (NENGCMV) 4-7a *page 22*

Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal (NENGCM) • 4-7b, *page 23*

Nebraska National Guard Outstanding Citizen Soldier Medal (NENGOCSSM) 4-8, *page 23*

Nebraska Air National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year (OAY) • 4-9, *page 23*

Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal (NENGIAM) • 4-10, *page 23*

Nebraska National Guard Recruiting Achievement Medal (NENGRAM) • 4-11, *page 23*

Nebraska National Guard Desert Shield/Storm Service Ribbon (NENGDSRSSR) • 4-12, *page 24*

Nebraska National Guard Homeland Defense Service Ribbon (NENGHDSR) • 4-13, *page 24*

Nebraska National Guard Military Honor Guard Ribbon (NENGMHGR) • 4-14, *page 25*

Nebraska National Guard Emergency Service Medal (NENGESM) • 4-15, *page 25*

Nebraska National Guard Service Medal (NENGSM) • 4-16, *page 25*

Nebraska National Guard Coins and the “Well Done” Recognition Pin • 4-17, *page 26*

Certificates • 4-18, *page 26*

Certificate of Achievement • 4-19, *page 26*

Certificate of Appreciation • 4-20, *page 27*

Memorandum of Commendation or Appreciation • 4-21, *page 27*

Honorary Commissions and Appointments • 4-22, *page 27*

Logistical Policies and Procedures • 4-23, *page 27*

Appurtenances • 4-24, *page 28*

Other States’ Decorations and Awards • 4-25, *page 28*

TAGNE Form 638 Preparation • 4-26, *page 29*

Chapter 5

National Guard Bureau (NGB) Awards

Purpose • 5-1, *page 33*

NGB ANG Awards • 5-2, *page 33*

Chapter 6

209th Regiment Regional Training Institute Awards (ARNG Only)

Purpose • 6-1, *page 34*

Instructor of the Cycle, Quarter, or Year • 6-2, *page 34*

Regimental Excellence in Instructing Award • 6-3, *page 34*

Regimental Excellence in Support Award • 6-4, *page 34*

Officer Candidate School (OCS) Awards • 6-5, *page 34*

Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) Awards • 6-6, *page 35*

Chapter 7

209th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) Hall of Fame Award (ARNG Only)

Purpose • 7-1, *page 36*

Eligibility Criteria • 7-2, *page 36*

Nomination and Selection Procedures • 7-3, *page 36*

Hall of Fame Award • 7-4, *page 36*

Chapter 8

Recruiting and Retention Awards

Purpose • 8-1, *page 38*

Army National Guard Recruiter Badge • 8-2, *page 38*

Air National Guard Recruiter Badge • 8-3, *page 38*

Strength Maintenance Awards • 8-4, *page 38*

Chapter 9

Safety Awards

Purpose • 9-1, *page 40*

Director, Army National Guard Awards • 9-2, *page 40*

Air National Guard (ANG) • 9-3, *page 41*

State Safety Officers • 9-4, *page 41*

Commanders • 9-5, *page 41*

Recommendations • 9-6, *page 41*

Chapter 10

G4 Combined Logistics Awards

Purpose • 10-1, *page 42*

Award Presentation • 10-2, *page 42*

Logistician of the Year Award (NELOY) • 10-3, *page 42*

Army National Guard Supply Excellence Awards • 10-4, *page 42*

Colonel Donald Hatten Supply Excellence Award (DHSEA) • 10-5, *page 42*

Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Awards (SEA) • 10-6, *page 43*

Chief of Staff, Army, Award for Maintenance Excellence (AAME) • 10-7, *page 43*

Nebraska Army National Guard Food Service Awards • 10-8, *page 44*

Chief Warrant Officer Four Leonard Sinkule Food Service Excellence Award • 10-9, *page 44*

Philip A. Connelly Award • 10-10, *page 44*

Nebraska Army National Guard Outstanding First Cook Award • 10-11, *page 45*

Deployment Excellence Award • 10-12, *page 45*

Nebraska Army National Guard Transportation Awards • 10-13, *page 46*

Chapter 11

Marksmanship Awards

Purpose • 11-1, *page 48*

Responsibilities • 11-2, *page 48*

Marksmanship Awards • 11-3, *page 48*

Chapter 12

General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award (ARNG Only)

Purpose • 12-1, *page 50*

Nomination Instructions • 12-2, *page 50*

Awards • 12-3, *page 51*

Presentation • 12-4, *page 51*

Chapter 13

Nebraska Army National Guard Best Warrior (ARNG Only)

Purpose • 13-1, *page 52*

Categories of Nominees • 13-2, *page 52*

Selection and Eligibility Criteria • 13-3, *page 52*

Nomination Procedures • 13-4, *page 52*

Regional Best Warrior Competition • 13-5, *page 52*

Best Warrior Competition Awards • 13-6, *page 52*

Presentation • 13-7, *page 52*

Chapter 14

Nebraska National Guard Young Hero Award

Purpose • 14-1, *page 54*

Eligibility Criteria • 14-2, *page 54*

Nomination Procedures • 14-3, *page 54*

Presentation • 14-4, *page 54*

Chapter 15

Nebraska Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major Award

Purpose • 15-1, *page 55*

Eligibility Criteria • 15-2, *page 55*

Nomination Procedures • 15-3, *page 55*

Selection and Presentation • 15-4, *page 55*

Chapter 16

Nebraska National Guard Family Support Program Awards

Purpose • 16-1, *page 56*

Nominations • 16-2, *page 56*

The Adjutant General's Family Esprit De Corps Award • 16-3, *page 56*

Unit Family Award • 16-4, *page 57*

Special Support Award • 16-5, *page 57*

Chapter 17

Nebraska Military Department Excellence in Diversity Award

Purpose • 17-1, *page 58*

Chapter 18

Warrant Officer Awards

Purpose • 18-1, *page 59*

Policy • 18-2, *page 59*

Award Description • 18-3, *page 59*

Eligibility Criteria • 18-4, *page 59*

Nomination Procedures • 18-5, *page 60*

Chapter 19

Intelligence Professional of the Year Award

Purpose • 19-1, *page 64*

Policy • 19-2, *page 64*

Award Description • 19-3, *page 64*

Eligibility Criteria • 19-4, *page 64*

Nomination Procedures • 19-5, *page 64*

Chapter 20

Warrant Officer Hall of Fame

Purpose • 20-1, *page 65*

Eligibility Criteria • 20-2, *page 65*

Nomination and Selection • 20-3, *page 65*

Award Description • 20-4, *page 66*

Appendixes

A. References, *page 66*

B. Campaigns, Service Requirements and Inscriptions Prescribed for Streamers, *page 74*

C. Initial Consideration/Reconsideration of an Award through a Member of Congress, *page 75*

D. Internal Control Evaluation, *page 76*

Table List

Table 2-1: Federal Awards On-hand Stock Levels, *page 16*

Table 2-2: Stock Numbers for Federal Medals/Ribbons/Attachments, *page 17*

Table 4-1: Nebraska National Guard Awards On-hand Stock Levels, *page 27*

Table 4-2: Approval Authorities for Nebraska National Guard Decorations, Service Medals, and Awards, *page 28*

Table 5-1: National Guard Bureau Army National Guard Awards List, *page 33*

Table C-1: Steps for Preparing and Submitting for an Initial 10 USC 1130 Process, *page 74*

Table C-2: Steps for Preparing and Submitting for a Reconsideration 10 USC 1130, *page 75*

Figure List

Figure 4-1: TAGNE Form 638, Recommendation for Award (Front), *page 30*

Figure 4-2: TAGNE Form 638, Recommendation for Award (Back), *page 31*

Figure 4-3: TAGNE Form 672-100, Order form for State of Nebraska medal/ribbons, *page 32*

Figure 18-1: Example Warrant Officer of the Year Application Packet, *page 61*

Figure 20-1: Example Warrant Officer Hall of Fame Nomination, *page 67*

Glossary

Section I: Abbreviations, *page 77*

Section II: Terms, *page 85*

Section III: Special Abbreviations and Terms, *page 88*

Chapter 1

Military Awards Program General Provisions

1-1. Purpose

The goal of the Nebraska National Guard Military Awards Program is to foster mission accomplishment by recognizing excellence of both military and civilian members of the force and motivating them to high levels of performance and service. This regulation provides policy, criteria, and administrative instructions concerning the Nebraska National Guard Military Awards Program. This regulation is applicable to all organizations/units and personnel of the Nebraska Military Department.

1-2. Objective and Implementation

a. The Objective of the Nebraska National Guard Awards Program is to provide tangible recognition for acts of valor, meritorious service or achievement under combat conditions, exceptional service or achievement, special skills or qualifications, and acts of heroism not involving actual combat.

b. Implementation of the provisions of this regulation is a command responsibility. When properly utilized, decorations and awards are excellent incentives which promote proficiency and are instrumental in building and maintaining esprit de corps and morale.

1-3. Consideration of Awards

Consideration will be given to all military and civilian personnel whose achievement and/or service exceeds the prescribed standards. Awards should be for achievement, whenever appropriate. Awards for service should be considered upon changing a duty position, retirement or separation.

Recommendations for federal decorations and service awards will be submitted in accordance with AR 600-8-22 or DAFMAN 36-2806. Recommendations for state awards will be in accordance with this regulation.

1-4. Who May Recommend

Anyone having personal knowledge of an act, achievement or service believed to warrant an award may submit a recommendation for consideration; however, all awards must go through the potential awardee's current chain of command or last command for those no longer serving, for endorsement of approval or disapproval and, as appropriate, award of the appropriate medal by that command headquarters.

1-5. Time Limitation

To be fully effective, an award must be timely. It is highly desirable to submit recommendations, as quickly as possible, but NLT 45 days prior to desired presentation date in any case. Awards that are approved by The Adjutant General should be submitted at a minimum of 60 days from the desired presentation date to allow for proper board review and processing.

a. Award recommendations for Nebraska Army National Guard personnel must be entered administratively into military channels within 2 years of the act, achievement or service to be honored (see AR 600-8-22 par. 1-14b-g for exceptions). An award recommendation will be considered to have been submitted into military channels when it has been signed by the initiating officer and endorsed by a higher official in the chain of command in accordance with AR 600-8-22 paragraph 1-14.

b. Award Recommendations for Nebraska Air National Guard Personnel must be entered into official channels within 3 years and award within 5 years of the act, achievement, or service performed. A recommendation is placed in official channels when the recommending official signs the recommendation and a higher official in the decoration chain of command endorses the award in accordance with DAFMAN 36-2806.

1-6. Character of Service

a. A medal may be awarded or presented to any individual whose entire service subsequent to the time of the distinguished act, achievement, or service has been honorable. The determination of "honorable" service will be based on such honest and faithful service which is in accordance with the standards of conduct, courage, and duty required by the laws and customs of the service of a member of the grade to whom the standard is applied. Service that is other than honorable is not creditable for an award.

b. Nebraska National Guard personnel will not be awarded a federal or state award while under suspension of favorable personnel actions in accordance with applicable service regulations. Suspension of favorable personnel action due to overweight or failure to pass the physical fitness test does not preclude the award of a federal or state decoration for acts of valor or heroism, or for Soldiers who die as a result of injuries sustained during combat. For Army National Guard Soldiers flagged for overweight or physical fitness, a waiver of the flag may be approved/disapproved by the first General Officer in the Chain of Command or the General Officer with approval/disapproval authority for awards for acts of valor, heroism, and retirement. Air National Guard members will follow their applicable procedures.

c. Request for waivers of the flag submitted to the respective service headquarters and will be accompanied by the award recommendation when the award requires approval at this headquarters. Commanders who report directly to TAG-NE must submit requests for waiver of the flag to this headquarters for approval/disapproval before they or their subordinate commanders can act on awards within their approval authority.

d. Army National Guard requests for waiver of the flag submitted to this headquarters will be addressed to Military Department of Nebraska, ATTN: NGNE-DPA, 2433 Northwest 24th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524. The request for waiver must contain reasons for requesting the waiver. All waivers will be processed as separate and distinct actions from the award recommendation and should be submitted and adjudicated prior to submission of the award recommendation. The approved waiver will accompany the award recommendation once submitted.

1-7. Period of Award

For meritorious service awards, the cited period is limited to the period of service during which the individual served under the recommending command.

1-8. Succeeding Awards

Not more than one of the same decorations will be awarded to one person. For each succeeding act, achievement, or period of service that justifies the award of such decorations, an oak leaf cluster, numeral device, or star will be awarded, except posthumous awards presented to the next of kin. See paragraph 2-5.c. and paragraph 4-23 for correct appurtenances for each medal.

1-9. Order of Precedence

The specific order of precedence for each federal category of award can be found in AR 670-1 paragraph 29-6 and DAFMAN 36-2806. Decorations and service medals are generally ranked in the following order of precedence:

- a. Federal Decorations. See AR 600-8-22 for ARNG personnel. See DAFMAN 36-2806 for ANG personnel.
- b. Federal Service Medals. See AR 600-8-22 for ARNG personnel. See DAFMAN 36-2806 for ANG personnel.
- c. State Decorations. See paragraph 4-2.
- d. State Service Medals. See paragraph 4-2.

e. Other States' Awards. See paragraph 4-24.

1-10. Duplication of Awards

Only one decoration or award will be presented for the same act, achievement, or period of meritorious service, except that a decoration for a single act of heroism or achievement may be awarded within a period that is recognized by an award for meritorious service. A state decoration may, when justified, be awarded for the same act, achievement, or period for which a federal decoration was given.

1-11. Recognition upon Death, Discharge, or Transfer to the Retired Reserve

a. Appropriate recognition will be extended to members who have distinguished themselves in the service of the Nebraska National Guard and those who by their acts or achievements have made recognizable contributions to the Nebraska National Guard. The Command Division may, if appropriate, and after obtaining a legal review, purchase a plaque using federally appropriated funds to recognize outstanding and exemplary service by a retiring service member.

b. Types of Recognition. Members who are Retired or transferred to the Retired Reserve will be afforded appropriate recognition, based on available funding, by:

- (1) Presentation of a United States flag and flag case.
- (2) Farewell letters from the NE Governor and The Adjutant General.
- (3) Presidential Certificates of Appreciation.
- (4) Presidential Letters of Appreciation (if retired with 30 or more years of service).
- (5) Certificates of Service for service member and spouse.

Note. The above forms of recognition will be automatically processed by ARNG-DPA-G1 for all ARNG personnel, by 155th FSS/FSM/Awards for all Wing personnel, and by A1 for HQ and GSU personnel.

- (6) Other awards as authorized by this regulation.
- (7) ARNG and ANG members who die while in an active NENG status may be awarded posthumous recognition through their next of kin.
- (8) ANG only. Survivors of active, retired or prior service ANG members may be awarded the ANG memorial certificate.
- (9) ARNG only. In recognition of fallen Soldiers in support of operations in dedicated combat and hazardous duty pay zones, pictures of these Soldiers may be placed in their respective armories. Memorial pictures are authorized for display and presentation to the unit.

1-12. Recognition of Members of Other US Armed Forces

- a. See AR 600-8-22 and DAFMAN 36-2806.
- b. All requests will be forwarded to the State Awards Board for coordination with other services.

1-13. Nebraska National Guard Military Awards Board (NENGMAB)

- a. The Adjutant General or designee (AAG-Air or LCC) will appoint two Military Awards Boards as follows:
 - (1) Nebraska Army National Guard Awards Board.
 - (2) Nebraska Air National Guard Awards Board.
- b. The purpose of these boards will be to review and make recommendations to The Adjutant General on all award recommendations requiring TAG-NE level approval (Table 4-1). Organization level award boards may be appointed to recommend approval for awards below TAG level. These boards will submit awards requests to TAG level boards for awards they do not have authority to approve. TAG level boards will recommend one of the following actions to The Adjutant General:
 - (1) Award the decoration recommended.
 - (2) Award a lesser decoration.
 - (3) Disapproval of the award.
 - (4) Award a higher decoration.

- (5) Return award request for additional justification.
- c. If award is disapproved by TAG it will be returned to the originator.
- d. Membership of each board will be comprised of Officers, Warrant Officers (ARNG only), and Non-Commissioned Officers. Senior member of the Board will serve as Chair.
- e. It is critical that award requests be submitted in a timely manner. A minimum of 45 days to process an award should be the normal turnaround time expected.
- f. State awards will be initiated on the TAG-NE Form 638 through the member's chain of command until it reaches the State Awards Board at the G1/A1 level.
- g. Federal Army awards will be initiated in IPPSA and routed through the Soldiers' current chain of command. Once it has been processed through the unit, battalion, and MSC boards it will be sent to the G1 Board for recommendation to the approval authority (TAG or LCC).
- h. Federal Air awards will be initiated according to their Service standards and practices.

1-14. Commanders

Each organizational/unit commander is responsible to establish a formal awards program within his/her command to assure utilization of the available awards and decorations for the enhancement of the NENG, and promote esprit de corps, morale, and community support.

Commanders should consider, but are not limited to, the following for recognition:

- a. Command performance.
- b. Sustained exemplary staff performance.
- c. Exceptional achievement.
- d. Courage and bravery.
- e. Long and faithful NENG service.
- f. Retirement.

1-15. Personnel Officers

The Office of the Director of Personnel & Administration (DPA) for ARNG, Joint Force Headquarters/A1 for ANG, and organization level Personnel Officers/Commander's Support Staff are responsible for:

- a. Maintaining and administering the awards program of their organization and ensuring all awards requests are reviewed at their level before going to the next higher-level chain of command.
- b. Keeping their Commanders informed of the awards program status and making recommendations for improvement.
- c. Advising subordinate Commanders and providing technical assistance in support of their awards program.
- d. Periodic screening of unit personnel records to determine eligibility for, and appropriateness of, awards to ensure individuals are properly recognized.

1-16. Personnel Responsible for Award Submission

All Nebraska National Guard Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers, and Enlisted Personnel, regardless of their level of assignment, are responsible for the recognition of acts, achievements, and/or meritorious service performed by their subordinates.

Recommendations will be submitted through command channels to ensure recognition of these accomplishments.

1-17. Preparation of Recommendations

- a. Recommendations for federal decorations for Army National Guard (ARNG) military personnel still in service will be completed using the Integrated Personnel and Pay System-Army (IPPS-A). For service members who have already separated a DA Form 638 will be used and forwarded through channels to the approving authority for appropriate action. See AR 600-8-22.
- b. Recommendations for state decorations for Army National Guard (ARNG) military personnel

will be typed and prepared on TAGNE Form 638 and forwarded through channels to the approving authority for appropriate action. See Table 4-3 for step-by-step instructions on the completion of the TAGNE Form 638.

c. Recommendations for federal or state decorations for Air National Guard (ANG) military personnel will be coordinated through the Force Support Squadron (FSS) or the Joint Force Headquarters/A1. Recommendations will be forwarded through appropriate channels to the approving authority.

d. Recommendations for state awards for civilian personnel will be submitted in the same manner as for military personnel except that the form will reflect "Civilian".

e. Recommendations for Certificates of Achievement and Appreciation will be submitted to the appropriate commander in memorandum format.

f. Late award submissions: those submitted less than 45 days from the date of presentation, will require a memo of lateness to be included with the award request.

1-18. Presentation of Awards

The receipt of decorations and awards is considered a prestigious event. Accordingly, the presentation of decorations and awards will be accomplished at an appropriate military formation or ceremony. The individual requesting the award or decoration is responsible for coordinating with the appropriate award authority for the proper presentation ceremony.

1-19. Records and Reports (Army National Guard ONLY)

a. Authorized federal and state decorations will be recorded on an individual Soldier's ORB/ERB in accordance with the following guidelines:

(1) IPPS-A will be updated to reflect authorized awards in the Profile Management Section.

(2) Abbreviations for awards will be in accordance with Paragraph 4-2 of this Regulation.

(3) Subsequent entries of the same award will be entered by deleting award sequence and date and entering new information. Examples are:

NENGESM-1 20130612 (erase - 1 20130612 and enter - 2 20141212)

NENGSM-5yr 20090616 (erase - 5yr 20090616 and enter 10yr 20140616)

b. Orders.

(1) Federal awards completed in IPPSA will have an Order generated through the system and automatically sent to the members iPERMS Record. Part "V" DA Form 638, constitutes the "Permanent Order" for the federal MSM and below. Units/Organizations must maintain the DA Form 638 in accordance with ARIMS File 600-8-22. This file also constitutes the file that should be used for the Annual Awards Report.

(2) Part "5. Orders Data" TAGNE Form 638, constitutes the "Permanent Order" for state decorations.

(3) Each order, DA Form 638 (when applicable) and TAG-NE Form 638 awarding a federal or state award will be loaded into iPERMS no later than 15 days after the presentation of the award. This will ensure the appropriate entry is made on the Soldier's Record Brief, keyed into IPPS-A. A copy of the DA Form 638 and award certificate must also be maintained in the unit for future reference and research.

c. Approving authorities will maintain a monitoring system to ensure duplicate awards are not issued for the same period of service or same achievement except as authorized by paragraph 1- 10 of this regulation.

1-20. Funding

No federally appropriated funds may be obligated or expended for any state award, decoration, plaque, or ceremony detailed in this regulation. This prohibition only applies to specific NENG awards and decorations; it does not apply to federal awards and decorations included in this regulation.

Chapter 2

Federal Decorations and Service Medals for Army National Guard (ARNG) Personnel

2-1. Purpose

This chapter furnishes guidance for the submission of recommendations for federal decorations and service medals for NE ARNG personnel.

2-2. Federal Decorations

Recommendations for federal decorations will be completed through IPPS-A or by exception, on DA Form 638 in accordance with AR 600-8-22 and submitted through ARNG-DPA-G1 to the appropriate approval authority as outlined in Table 3-5, AR 600-8-22.

a. Recommendations for the federal Legion of Merit (LM) and above will be forwarded to TAG-NE for approval by the Adjutant General as soon as possible but not later than 150 days prior to the presentation date in IPPS-A. ARNG-DPA-G1 will submit all completed awards requests for the Legion of Merit or higher to the outside agency approval authority.

b. Recommendations not prepared in accordance with AR 600-8-22 will be returned without action. Recommendations should be submitted for board action as quickly as possible, but in no case NLT 45 days prior to desired presentation date. Forward ALL requests through ARNG-DPA-G1.

2-3. Army Good Conduct Medal (AGCM)

The AGR Management Branch, Human Resources Office, manages the AGCM program for the NE ARNG. All AGR enlisted personnel whose conduct warrants the medal will receive the AGCM in accordance with AR 600-8-22.

2-4. Federal Service Medals

Formal recommendations are not required for federal service medals or appurtenances. Service medals and appurtenances must be ordered through normal supply channels.

a. Chapter 4, AR 600-8-22, lists all available federal service medals with criteria for eligibility.

b. Administration of the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (ARCAM) and Armed Forces Reserve Medal (AFRM), as well as the Nebraska National Guard Service Medal (NENGSM), is tracked at the unit level. Commanders need to review personnel rosters monthly to verify eligibility for one or more of these awards. Awards rosters can be submitted to each respective battalion to update the Soldier's awards in IPPS-A accordingly.

c. The Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM) is authorized for ARNG Soldiers in accordance with AR 600-8-22. Eligibility for award of the MOVSM is outlined in Paragraph 2-24, AR 600-8-22.

(1) Recommendations for award of the MOVSM will be submitted through official military channels using memorandum format. The MOVSM template is available at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/tagd/awards/%20and%20decorations%20templates>. Approval authority for award of the MOVSM to Soldiers of the NE ARNG is any organization authorized a Lieutenant Colonel Commander or higher.

(a) Substantiating documentation, such as record of hours contributed, letters or certificates from activity supervisors, or other proof of the Service member's volunteer services may be attached as enclosures to the recommendation.

(2) The MOVSM is categorized as a service medal and, as such, no orders are issued to announce its approval and there is no award certificate. Approval memorandum will be uploaded to Soldier's AMHRR and MOVSM will be posted to DA Form 4037 for officers and on the ERB

for enlisted Soldiers.

2-5. Supply Policies and Procedures

a. Stock Levels.

(1) The following command levels with award approving authority listed are responsible for maintaining award stock levels as indicated below.

Table 2-1: Federal Awards On-hand Stock Levels				
Organization	MSM	ARCOM	AAM	MOVSM
Colonel Command Level	NA	25	35	10
LTC Command Level	NA	NA	35	10

Note

The on-hand quantities of decorations and awards will not exceed the authorized levels. MSM will be stocked at JFHQ (ARNG-DPA-G1) only.

(2) The USP&FO warehouse will maintain a limited level of stock to support normal supply replenishment of MSM, ARCOM, AAM, AFRM and ARCAM. Organizations anticipating a higher than normal requirement must requisition the required amount at least 90 days in advance to ensure sufficient supplies are available.

(3) All other federal awards and decorations will be supplied through the USP&FO from the Army Supply System.

b. Requisition Procedures.

(1) Decorations/Awards. All decorations and awards will be requisitioned through normal supply channels to USPFO-NE for processing.

(a) Initial Stocks. Initial stocks of authorized decorations or awards indicated above will be provided through the Army Supply System until such time as the USP&FO can establish stock support levels. Allow 90 to 120 days for delivery from Depot.

(b) Replenishment. Replenishment of decorations/awards that have an on-hand stock below the USP&FO level must be requisitioned NLT 30 days prior to need, if stocked at the USP&FO. Allow 90 to 120 days if supplied by Depot.

(2) Service Awards. Requisitions for AFRM and ARCAM may be submitted as needed. Requisitions for other service awards should be submitted on an as required basis.

(3) Replacement of awards and decorations. Replacement of awards and decorations cannot be at government expense or from government supply. The initial and subsequent awards are authorized, but not replacements. Replacements are at the individual's expense.

(4) Engraving. Engraving is authorized for the MSM, ARCOM, AAM, and AGCM only. Engraving must have prior approval from the USP&FO Logistics Section. Engraving is accomplished using Government Purchase Card after approval is received from the USP&FO.

(5) Plaques. Plaques as authorized by this regulation are obtained by contacting the USP&FO Logistics Section. Contact Budget Analysis, Logistics Section, USP&FO for guidance before any purchases or engraving of Plaques or Trophies are completed. Again, engraving is normally accomplished using Government Purchase Card after approval is received from the USP&FO.

c. Appurtenances. See AR 600-8-22 to determine appropriate appurtenances to be worn on subsequent awards. Stocking of Appurtenances is a Unit/Supply responsibility and an appropriate stock should be maintained at all times at unit level.

d. Federal Stock Numbers. See Table 2-2.

Table 2-2
Stock Numbers for Federal Medals/Ribbons/Attachments

STOCK NUMBER	MEDAL/RIBBON	STOCKED
8455-00-450-3728 8455-00-439-2143	Medal Set – MSM Ribbon - MSM	Awarded and stocked at TAG level.
8455-00-269-5750 8455-00-250-2452	Medal Set – ARCOM Ribbon - ARCOM	Awarded and stocked at COL Command level and above.
8455-01-164-6632 8455-01-128-2440	Medal Set – AAM Ribbon - AAM	Awarded and stocked at LTC Command level and above.
8455-00-269-576 8455-00-257-0571	Medal Set – AGCM Ribbon - AGCM	Awarded and stocked at TAG level.
8455-00-464-2138 8455-00-444-2171	Medal Set – ARCAM Ribbon - ARCAM	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-063-4674 8455-01-093-2839	Medal Set – HSM Ribbon - HSM	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-400-3295	Medal Set – MOVSM Ribbon - MOVSM	Awarded and stocked at LTC Command level and above.
8455-00-227-1713 8455-00-265-4916	Medal Set – AFRM Ribbon - AFRM	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-126-4025	Ribbon - NCODPR	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-126-4026	Ribbon - ASR	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-198-9825	Ribbon - ARCOTR	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-00-249-0156	Oak Leaf Cluster - Bronze - Small	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-096-7250	Oak Leaf Cluster - Silver - Small	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-00-261-4506	Bronze Star	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-00-261-4034	Silver Star	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-00-261-6959	Insignia - Hourglass (Bronze)	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-437-6037	Insignia - Hourglass (Silver)	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-01-437-8904	Insignia - Hourglass (Gold)	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-00-935-6733	Numeral 2 - Bronze	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-00-935-6734	Numeral 3 - Bronze	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
8455-00-935-6735	Numeral 4 - Bronze	Awarded and stocked at Unit level and above.
7510-00-755-7077	Binder - Award Certificate - Army	Awarded and stocked at LTC Command level and above.

Chapter 3

State Decorations and Service Medals for Air National Guard (ANG) Personnel

3-1. Purpose

This chapter covers the Nebraska Air National Guard State Awards and Decorations Program and supplements Air Force award standards within DAFMAN 36-2806 which prescribes the federal awards program. Formal recognition of outstanding acts, significant achievements and exemplary performance is vital to the morale of all Nebraska Air National Guard personnel. Formal recognition, as conveyed by the presentation of awards and decorations, must be extended to individuals in a manner commensurate with their acts, achievements, or performance.

3-2. Policy

a. Awards and decorations of the United States Air Force are available to all Air National Guard personnel. DAFMAN 36-2806 and this regulation are the primary means of recognizing NEANG personnel for all federal and state awards, respectively. Whenever the act, achievement, or performance qualifies for an USAF decoration, the USAF decoration will be used in lieu of the state decoration. Distinguishing between acts, achievements, or performance that merits an USAF or state award is a primary purpose and responsibility of each unit commander within the Nebraska Air National Guard.

b. Criteria for Air Force awards are found in DAFMAN 36-2806. Criteria for State of Nebraska military awards are defined in Chapter 4 of this regulation.

c. The JFHQ-NE/A1 is the office of primary responsibility for this chapter. All recommendations for changes must be submitted through JFHQ-NE/A1 for approval.

3-3. Who may Recommend

Any member of the Nebraska Air National Guard may initiate an award for an individual who is deserving of recognition. All state awards are processed with a TAG-NE Form 638 through the JFHQ-NE/A1. All federal Air National Guard nominations for the Meritorious Service Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Aerial Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, Combat Readiness Medal, and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal recommendations for currently serving ANG members are processed in the virtual Personnel Center.

3-4. Recommendation Process

a. CSS will assist the nominator in the preparation of the state award recommendation and will review the matrix listed in Table 4-2 to determine the proper approval authority. The award recommendation will be routed using the TAG-NE Form 638.

b. The 155th FSS/FSM will review the documents for completeness and accuracy prior to submission to JFHQ-NE/A1 for orders/certificate publication.

c. JFHQ-NE/A1 will forward copies of the order and accompanying certificate to the award recipient's unit of assignment and 155th FSS/FSM. The CSS will input the award into the member's official record.

3-5. Approval Authority

The approval authority for Nebraska National Guard service medals, decorations, and awards are prescribed in Table 4-2.

3-6. Unit Commander

a. The Unit Commander will review the recommendation for award of an individual for state awards. Generally, the commander should review the following criteria:

(1) Does the act, achievement, or performance primarily benefit or enhance the reputation of the United States Air Force or the Nebraska Air National Guard, or both?

(2) Does the act, achievement or performance merit specific recognition in accordance with the letter and spirit of applicable regulations?

(3) Does the level of the proposed decoration appropriately match the significance of the act, achievement or performance?

b. The Unit Commander is responsible for maintaining high standards of integrity of the unit awards program and is responsible for monitoring and ensuring that individuals are recognized when deserving in an appropriate ceremony before their peers.

(1) Unit Commanders will present the award commensurate with the level of award. Generally, awards should be timely with respect to the action which deserved the award. The award should be presented in a formal setting in a group of the individual's peers and colleagues. Mailing awards to individuals or delivering awards through distribution are considered unacceptable and is not authorized. If a unit commander desires to have the Wing Commander, Assistant Adjutant General, or Adjutant General, or others present the award, the commander must make prior arrangements with that individual for a convenient time and place.

(2) Unit commanders should exercise creativity and flexibility in awards presentations to ensure the presentations are meaningful to the individual, their families, and other members of the unit.

3-7. Group Commander

Group Commanders provide oversight of the awards program ensuring it is equitably executed across assigned units. Group Commander signature on the TAGNE Form 638 may be delegated to their appointed representative.

3-8. Wing Commander

The 155th ARW/CC is responsible for the overall implementation and credibility of the unit's awards programs for the 155th ARW. The 170th GP/CC provides this function for 170th GP personnel.

3-9. TAG Director of Staff (DOS-Air)

The DOS-Air is the Office of Primary Responsibility for the NEANG awards instruction.

3-10. The Adjutant General

The Adjutant General is the approving authority for the Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit (NENGLM), and the Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal for VALOR (NENGCMV). Recommendations for these awards shall be endorsed by the Director of Staff or Wing Commander, as appropriate, to TAG-NE for approval.

3-11. NEANG Mission Accomplishment Awards

NEANG Mission Accomplishment Awards not otherwise specified. (AFI 65-601, volume 1, paragraph 4.31.2) Awards identified below may be presented for outstanding accomplishment or specific achievement to military and federal employees of the Nebraska Air National Guard. This special award may take the form of plaques, certificates, trophies, or other small tokens of appreciation that are designed for display purposes. These items must be of nominal cost (less than \$100) and display the activity logo, insignia, or other inscription that clearly identifies its purpose. For organizational coins, do not personalize them by stamping the presenter's name on the coin and the presenter's name is not to be added after the coin is cast. Use only the organization's name and the position of the presenter (e.g., Commander, 155th ARW). All

mission accomplishment awards are used in recognition of mission accomplishment, and not as a 'commemorative' item. Obtain a legal review for unique mission accomplishment awards. Headquarters, Wing, Group, Squadron or Unit level Operating Instructions will be developed for any award program listed and will at minimum include the criteria, submission timeline process, and recognition item/cost for the program.

- a. An award is authorized for each Group/Squadron/Flight member of the year and a separate award is authorized for the Outstanding Group/Squadron/Flight member of the quarter.
- b. An award is authorized for the quarterly and yearly Outstanding Finance member.
- c. An award is authorized for the Outstanding Resource Advisor of the year.
- d. An award is authorized for the Outstanding Vehicle Control Officer and NCO of the year.
- e. An award is authorized for the Safety Awards program upon submission and approval by the Occupational Safety and Health Committee.
- f. The Intelligence Professional of the Year Award is authorized for junior enlisted (E-1 to E-4), NCO (E-5 to E-7), and officer (O-1 to O-4) intelligence professionals (see Chapter 19).
- g. An award is authorized for the Outstanding Unit Training Manager of the Year.
- h. An Honorary Engineer award is authorized for members who provide exemplary service support to the Civil Engineering Squadron.
- i. An Honorary Fire Fighter award is authorized for members who provide exemplary service and commitment to fire prevention and fire safety.
- j. An Environmental Conservationist award is authorized for members who demonstrate commitment to recycling, waste reduction and natural resources protection.

Chapter 4

State Individual Decorations, Service Medals, and Awards

4-1. Purpose

This chapter clarifies those state individual decorations, service medals, and awards for personnel assigned to or supporting the Nebraska National Guard and delineates eligibility requirements. This chapter also furnishes guidance for the submission of recommendations for state individual decorations, service medals, and awards for Nebraska ARNG and ANG personnel and civilians.

4-2. Nebraska National Guard Decorations, Service Medals, Awards and Order of Precedence:

Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit (NENGLM)
Nebraska National Guard Heroism Medal (NENGHM)
Nebraska National Guard Meritorious Service Medal (NENGMSM)
Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal with Valor (NENGCMV)
Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal (NENGCM)
Nebraska National Guard Outstanding Citizen-Soldier Medal (NENGOCSM)
Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal (NENGIAM)
Nebraska National Guard Recruiting Achievement Medal (NENGRAM)
Nebraska National Guard Desert Shield/Storm Service Ribbon (NENGDSVCR)
Nebraska National Guard Homeland Defense Service Ribbon (NENGHDSR)
Nebraska National Guard Military Honor Guard Ribbon (NENGMHGR)
Nebraska National Guard Emergency Service Medal (NENGESM)
Nebraska National Guard Service Medal (NENGSM)
Nebraska National Guard Well Done Recognition Pin (NENGWDRP)

4-3. Authorization

Nebraska Revised Statute 55-202 authorizes the Governor to prescribe rules and regulations concerning the organization and administration of the NENG including the awards, decorations, and service medals established in this regulation. State decorations and service medals may be worn as part of the uniform during any military duty covered under Title 32, USC and while participating in a military capacity in other ceremonies and functions. State decorations and service medals are not authorized to be worn during periods of military duty covered under Title 10, USC.

4-4. Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit (NENGLM)

This medal is awarded to an individual serving with or supporting the Nebraska Military Department who has distinguished himself/herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service. This decoration is the Nebraska Military Department's highest civilian and military award and approval authority is The Adjutant General. Criteria for the NENGLM are as follows:

a. Military. The performance for the award of the NENGLM must have been such as to merit recognition of key individuals who occupy positions that are of the highest importance to an organization, activity, or project for services rendered in a clearly exceptional manner. Performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, or specialty and experience is not an adequate basis for this award. Service should be of a special requirement or in an unprecedented and clearly exceptional manner. However, justification of the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of important positions. The accomplishment of the duty should have been completed prior to submitting a recommendation, or if the person

being recommended has been transferred prior to completion, the accomplishment must have progressed to what may clearly be determined to be an exceptionally significant degree. Awards for meritorious service will not normally be for periods of service less than three years but may be considered for shorter periods. The NENGLM award will consist of a signed certificate, medal, and a lapel pin.

b. Civilian. The Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit (Civilian) may be awarded to civilians who merit recognition as key individuals occupying positions of the highest importance to an organization, activity, or project for services rendered in a clearly exceptional manner. Performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, or specialty and experience is not adequate basis for this award. Service should be of special requirement or in an unprecedented and clearly exceptional manner. The justification of the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of important positions. The accomplishment of the duty should have been completed prior to submitting a recommendation, or if the person being recommended has been transferred prior to completion, the accomplishment must have progressed to what may clearly be determined to be an exceptionally significant degree. NENGLM awards will not normally be for periods of service less than three years. The NENGLM award will consist of a signed certificate, medal with neck ribbon and a lapel pin.

4-5. Nebraska National Guard Heroism Medal (NENGHM)

This medal is awarded to any individual serving with or supporting the Nebraska Military Department who has distinguished himself/herself by heroism in saving the life, limb, or eyesight of a fellow citizen. The approval authority for this award is The Adjutant General, Nebraska.

a. The accomplishments or actions leading to the award must have been such as to merit recognition of individuals who displayed an act of heroism in saving a life, limb, or eyesight of another citizen. The saving of a life or the success of the voluntary heroic act is not essential.

b. The heroism must have been so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the individual apart from his or her comrades or from other persons in similar circumstances.

c. The minimum degree of heroism required is similar to the Soldier or Airmen's Medal without the personal hazard or voluntary risk of life.

d. First Responders or professionals who save lives as part of their civilian occupation are not eligible if the nominated act was accomplished during their civilian capacity or job. The above individuals may be considered if the heroic act was separate from their civilian occupation.

e. This award does not involve actual conflict with an enemy

f. Presentation of this award will be given by the Governor of Nebraska.

4-6. Nebraska National Guard Meritorious Service Medal (NENGMSM)

This medal is awarded to any individual Soldier, Airman or civilian serving with or supporting the Nebraska National Guard who distinguishes him/herself by heroism or outstanding meritorious achievement or service. The achievement must have been comparable to that required for the NENG Legion of Merit, but in a position of lesser, though considerable, responsibility. Awards for meritorious service will not normally be made for periods of service less than three years.

4-7a. Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal for Valor (NENGCMV)

The Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal with "V" device may be awarded to any member of the Nebraska National Guard whose service is distinguished by specific acts of bravery, or a closely related series of heroic acts involving personal hazard or danger. The voluntary risk of life must have clearly set the individual's service apart from the duties of routine service. The approval for this award is The Nebraska National Guard Adjutant General.

4-7b. Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal (NENGCM)

This medal is awarded to any Soldier, Airman or civilian serving with or supporting the Nebraska National Guard who distinguishes him/herself by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. The required meritorious achievement or service, while at a lesser degree than that required for the award of the NENGMSM, should have been of such magnitude that it clearly places the recipient above his/her peers. For example, clearly outstanding achievements of one or more special or difficult tasks may justify award of this decoration, i.e., Citation of exemplary performance as Commandant's List, Distinguished and/or Honor Graduate, Best Soldier, etc. Awards for meritorious service are normally for periods of service of one year or more, but may be for shorter duration.

4-8. Nebraska National Guard Outstanding Citizen Soldier Medal (NENGOCSM)

This award formally known as the AK-SAR-BEN Outstanding Citizen-Soldier Gold Medal Award, was awarded to deserving individuals of the Nebraska National Guard who were selected through competition. At the date of this publication this award is no longer awarded.

4-9. Nebraska Air National Guard Outstanding Airman of the Year (OAY)

The OAY Award recognizes one Outstanding Airman, Non-Commissioned Officer, Senior Non-Commissioned Officer, and Junior Officer from the Nebraska Air National Guard each year. Unit nominations will be submitted to the State Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM-NE) and DOS-Air for the enlisted and officer categories, respectively. Competition for this award will be held IAW DAFMAN 36-2806 and the annual guidance from National Guard Bureau (NGB). State winners in each category may be awarded the Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal. Recommendations for the NENGIAM will be submitted by CCM-NE.

4-10. Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal (NENGIAM)

This medal is awarded to any Soldier, Airman or civilian serving with or supporting the Nebraska National Guard who distinguishes himself/herself by superior achievement or service. The required superior achievement or service, while at a lesser degree than that required for the NENGCM, should have been of such magnitude that it surpasses that required for his/her position, grade and experience. For example, commendable performance during AT, CPX, FTX, ORI, OAY, etc., as an individual or member of a sub-unit team. ARNG Soldiers scoring a minimum of 90 points in each category of the physical fitness test, should be considered for award of the NENGIAM. ANG members scoring 95% or higher on their AF Fitness test should be considered for award of the NENGIAM. To verify fitness scores, see your Unit Fitness Program Manager (UFPM).

4-11. Nebraska National Guard Recruiting Achievement Medal (NENGRAM)

This medal may be awarded to any member of the Nebraska National Guard in recognition of outstanding recruiting and referral efforts.

a. This medal may be awarded to any member personally responsible for the enlistment of one new member in the Nebraska Army or Air National Guard. Documentation must include the name of the enlistment, date of enlistment, and verification by the production recruiter for whom the member's efforts led directly to the enlistment. Production recruiters are excluded from this paragraph. Each respective component will process awards for accessions into their respective component.

b. This medal may be awarded to production recruiters upon completion of their twenty-fifth qualifying enlistment in the Nebraska Army and/or Air National Guard. Duplicate enlistments within a twelve month period and all interstate transfers are excluded. An enlistment qualifies for the purpose of this award upon verification by MEPS that the enlistee met all enlistment

eligibility criteria to include the enlistment drug and alcohol test (DAT).

c. Subsequent awards may be authorized for each additional enlistment for members and twenty-fifth enlistments for production recruiters. Additional awards are signified by affixing an oak leaf cluster to the ribbon.

d. ARNG requests for initial and subsequent awards will be forwarded to the RRB S-1 for review, approval/disapproval, and for action. All requests will be submitted utilizing TAGNE Form 638. TAGNE Form 638, when complete, will contain the names, dates of enlistment/commissioning, and unit of all qualifying accessions. Formal board action is not required. TAGNE Form 638 will serve as order authority for award of the NENGRM. RRB S1 will finalize the TAGNE Form 638 and prepare a certificate (TAG-NE Form 672-104) and coordinate proper presentation. RRB Commander is the signature authority of this award.

4-12. Nebraska National Guard Desert Shield/Storm Service Ribbon (NENG DSSSR)

Established by Executive Order of the Governor of Nebraska on 19 April 1991.

a. This Medal will be awarded to members of the Nebraska National Guard who, pursuant to Title 10, USC 12302 and Title 10 USC 12304 were ordered into active federal service, or as volunteers pursuant to Title 10 USC 672d were activated and deployed in direct support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Such active service must have been for a minimum of one day in duration, performed honorably and faithfully, and occurred between 22 August 1990 and 1 June 1991.

b. Formal board action or issuance of orders is not required. An entry on the personnel record will be made by the record custodian to indicate eligibility for the award.

4-13. Nebraska National Guard Homeland Defense Service Ribbon (NENG HDSR)

Established by Executive Order of the Governor of Nebraska on 4 March 2002.

a. Military. This Medal will be awarded to all members of the National Guard (including AGR Soldiers and Airman) participating in direct support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom, airport security, or site security, or other duty directly related to the events of 11 September 2001. Such service must have been for a minimum of one day in duration, performed honorably and faithfully, and occurred between 11 September 2001 and an ending date to be determined. Formal board action is not required.

(1) Personnel placed on official orders (i.e., airport security, site security, mobilization to active duty) in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom will receive the NENG HDSR with "M" Device.

(2) Personnel who perform duties in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom (i.e., administrative, logistical, maintenance, etc., support in preparation for mobilization) will receive the NENG HDSR only.

(3) Succeeding awards. Not more than one of the same decorations will be awarded to one person. However, if a Soldier/airman performs duty in support of the operation and receives the NENG HDSR and is subsequently placed on orders for airport security/site security or mobilized, he/she will receive the "M" device. Additionally, if a Soldier/Airman receives the NENG HDSR with "M" device for duty performed under Title 32 orders and is subsequently ordered to active duty under Title 10 orders, he/she will be eligible to receive a subsequent award of the NENG HDSR.

b. Civilian. The NENG HDSR may be awarded to civilians for exemplary service to the State of Nebraska in support of Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom. Nominations for the award to civilians will be sent to the Office of The Adjutant General. The Adjutant General is the approval authority for award of the NENG HDSR to civilian personnel.

4-14. Nebraska National Guard Military Honor Guard Ribbon (NENGMHGR)

Established by Executive Order of the Governor of Nebraska, 2006.

a. This Medal is awarded to any individual service member or retiree (including AGR Soldiers and Airman), currently serving with or supporting the Nebraska National Guard Military Honor Guard Team, who has distinguished himself/herself by serving meritoriously and selflessly in the duty of honoring a fallen service member and his/her family. Formal board action is not required.

b. To be eligible to wear the ribbon, service members must have directly participated on the Nebraska National Guard Military Honor Guard Team in a minimum of 25 funeral services and served on the Honor Guard team for a minimum of six months. Only one ribbon is authorized for award.

c. This Medal may be awarded to other individuals as a specific acknowledgement for extraordinary service to the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard. Nominations for the award will be sent to the Office of the Adjutant General on a TAGNE Form 638 listing that the recommended Soldier has completed the minimum requirements as listed in 4-13b. The Adjutant General is the approval authority for award to other individuals not serving on the Honor Guard team.

4-15. Nebraska National Guard Emergency Service Medal (NENGESM)

a. Military. This Medal will be awarded to all members of the Nebraska National Guard (including AGR Soldiers and Airman) participating in emergency service on State Active Duty. Formal board action is not required. The following procedures will be used to award the NENGESM:

(1) DOMS will track all activities that are eligible for award of the NENGESM (fires, snow duty, etc.) and provide the complete list of participants to ARNG-DPA-G1 for ARNG personnel and to Director of Staff for ANG personnel.

(2) ARNG-DPA-G1 will coordinate for posting of the appropriate award (i.e., 1st, 2nd, etc.) to the individual Soldier's ORB/ERB. JFHQ/A1 will verify the award in the Airman's personnel files with 155th FSS/FSM.

(3) ARNG-DPA-G1 and JFHQ/A1 will then forward the compiled list through the chain of command to affected units.

(4) Units may then recognize their Soldiers/Airman in an appropriate ceremony.

b. Civilian. The Nebraska National Guard Emergency Service Medal (Civilian) may be awarded to civilians for exemplary service to the State of Nebraska in the areas of emergency planning, response, recovery, and mitigation. Nominations for the award will be through the Assistant Director of Emergency Management to the Director of Emergency Management. ARNG-DPA-G1 will process all civilian NENGESM awards.

4-16. Nebraska National Guard Service Medal (NENGSM)

This Medal will be awarded to members of the Nebraska National Guard over specific periods of time in recognition of honorable and faithful service. Effective 1 September 1987, this service must be continuous active Nebraska National Guard service to qualify for award of the service medal. Time served in the Inactive National Guard (ING) is not considered creditable service. Personnel who have been awarded the service medal for periods of service prior to 1 September 1987 will remain authorized to wear the award received. Awards available include the following increments of service years:

- a. Five years service, medal with bronze "V" device and ribbon with bronze "V" device.
- b. Ten years service, ribbon with bronze "X" device.
- c. Fifteen years service, ribbon with bronze "XV" device.
- d. Twenty years service, ribbon with silver "XX" device.
- e. Twenty-five years service, ribbon with silver "XXV" device.
- f. Thirty years service, ribbon with gold "XXX" device.
- g. Thirty-five years service, ribbon with gold "XXXV" device.

h. Forty years service, ribbon with gold "XXXX" device.
Formal board action is not required. An entry will be made by the record custodian to indicate award received.

4-17. Nebraska National Guard Coins and the "Well Done" Recognition Pin

a. The Adjutant General, the Assistant Adjutant General (Army), Assistant Adjutant General (Air), Director of the Joint Staff, Land Component Commander, and Chief of Staff (ARNG/ANG), and the Assistant Adjutant General Joint; the Command Chief Warrant Officer; Commanders, 67th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB), 92nd Troop Command, 209th Regiment (RTI), Recruiting and Retention Commander, 155th Air Refueling Wing Commander, 170th Group Commander, 155th Air Refueling Wing Inspector General, State Command Sergeant Major, and Command Chief Master Sergeant are authorized a specially designed coin for presentation. Coins will be presented in recognition of observed significant achievement in the performance of duty or excellence in accomplishment or competitions that clearly contribute to the increased effectiveness or efficiency of the military unit. These coins may be purchased with federal appropriated funds. Coins purchased with appropriated funds cannot be presented to non-federal employees, contractors, dignitaries, local or state government officials, guests, or family members. Coins purchased with appropriated funds cannot be personalized with a commander's name. Those individuals authorized to present coins purchased with appropriated funds must maintain a log or record of each coin presented.

b. Commanders or leaders of Army National Guard units and organizations are authorized an esprit-de-corps item and may purchase coins out of their personal funds. This allows the commander/leader to present coins as social courtesies and may be presented to dignitaries, local officials, family members, etc. These "self-funded" coins give the commander/leader maximum flexibility in use of their coins as an incentive, a "well-done" token, or for similar purposes not allowed under a bona-fide awards program.

c. Nebraska National Guard "Well Done" Recognition Pin will be awarded "on-the-spot" by leaders at all levels in recognition of observed significant achievement in the performance of duty. It may be worn as a lapel pin with civilian attire. It will not be worn on the military uniform. Stocks are maintained at the NEARNG G1 and may be issued to requesting commands or leaders in increments of 5 by submitting a TAGNE Form 672-100.

4-18. Certificates

A certificate accompanies all Nebraska National Guard individual decorations, which will be issued in addition to the award. Certificates are available as follows:

- a. NENGLM, TAG-NE Form 672-101. Signed by the Adjutant General only.
- b. NENGMSM, TAG-NE Form 672-102. Signed by the Adjutant General or Land Component Commander.
- c. NENGCMV, TAG-NE Form 672-103V. Signed by the Adjutant General only.
- d. NENGCM, TAG-NE Form 672-103. Signed by the Approving Commander.
- e. NENGRAM, TAG-NE Form 672-104. Signed by the Recruiting and Retention Battalion Commander.
- f. NENGIAM, TAG-NE 672-105. Signed by the Approving Commander.

4-19. Certificate of Achievement

A Certificate of Achievement signed by the appropriate commander or director may be issued to any individual in recognition of faithful service, acts, or achievement which do not meet the criteria for decorations. The citation on such certificates will not be worded so that the act or service performed appears to warrant the award of a decoration. The following certificate is available TAG-NE Form 672-106.

4-20. Certificate of Appreciation

A Certificate of Appreciation signed by the appropriate commander or director may be presented to any individual serving with or supporting the Nebraska National Guard for which such action should be recognized. The following certificate is available TAG-NE Form 672-107.

4-21. Memorandum of Commendation or Appreciation

Acts or services, which do not meet the criteria for decorations, or the various certificates outlined in this regulation, may be recognized by written or oral expressions of commendation or appreciation.

4-22. Honorary Commissions and Appointments

Honorary commissions and appointments are available to recognize individuals within the community who have distinguished themselves by their outstanding support over the years to the Nebraska National Guard. Honorary commissions and appointments are signed by The Adjutant General. Requests for Honorary Commissions/Appointments should be submitted to ARNG-DPA-G1 or JFHQ/A1 in memorandum format. The following certificates are available:

- a. Honorary Colonel (Female). TAG-NE Form 672-108.
- b. Honorary Colonel (Male). TAG-NE Form 672-109.
- c. Honorary Command Sergeant Major (Female). TAG-NE Form 672-110.
- d. Honorary Command Sergeant Major (Male). TAG-NE Form 672-111.
- e. Honorary Chief Master Sergeant (Female). TAG-NE Form 672-112.
- f. Honorary Chief Master Sergeant (Male). TAG-NE Form 672-113.
- g. Honorary Chief Warrant Officer (Female). TAG-NE Form 672-117.
- h. Honorary Chief Warrant Officer (Male). TAG-NE Form 672-118.

4-23. Logistical Policies and Procedures

- a. Stock Levels.

(1) Command level award approving authorities are responsible for maintaining stock levels through coordination with ARNG-DPA-MPAB or JFHQ/A1.

(2) The following organizations are authorized on-hand stock levels of state decorations and awards in quantities indicated:

Table 4-1

Nebraska Army & Air National Guard Awards On-hand Stock Levels

Organization	NENGLM	NENGHM	NENGMSM	NENGCM	NENGIAM	NENGESM
G1/A1	50	50	100	100	100	100
MSC (BDE/Wing/Grp)	0	0	0	50	50	50
HQ Bn/Sqdn	0	0	0	0	50	50
Co/Trp/Flt	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note

* The on-hand quantities of decorations and awards will not exceed the authorized levels. Organizations authorized to stock decorations and awards must maintain stock records of all receipts and issues.

- b. Requisition Procedures.

(1) State Stock for Decorations/Awards. All state decorations and awards will be requisitioned on TAG-NE Form 672-100-1 to State Services Support Division (SSSD) for processing. Replenishment of state decorations/awards for on-hand stock will be sent quarterly from the A1 to the G1. G1 will combine both Air and Army stock and submit TAGNE Form 672-100-1 with requested quantity. This will be sent to SSSD April 1 of each year regardless of amount requested.

(2) Decorations/Awards. All state decorations and awards stocked at any level other than the state will be requisitioned on TAG-NE Form 672-100 to ARNG-DPA-G1 or JFHQ/A1 for processing. (See figure 4-5) Replenishment of state decorations/awards for on-hand stock must be requisitioned NLT 30 days prior to need.

(3) Service Awards. Requisitions for service awards, i.e., NENGSM, must be submitted as needed.

(4) Engraving. Engraving will be authorized for the NENGLM only.

(5) Certificates of Commendation, Achievement, and Appreciation will be requisitioned from ARNG-DCSIM-Publications.

4-24. Appurtenances

The following appurtenances will be worn for subsequent awards:

- a. NENG Legion of Merit (NENGLM): Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.
- b. NENG Heroism Medal (NENGHM): Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.
- c. NENG Meritorious Service Medal (NENGMSM): Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.
- d. NENG Commendation Medal (NENGCM): Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster. No additional Valor devices are authorized.
- e. NENG Outstanding Citizen-Soldier Medal (NENGOCSM): Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
- f. NENG Individual Achievement Medal (NENGIAM): Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.
- g. NENG Recruiting Achievement Medal (NENGRAM): Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster.
- h. NENG Emergency Service Medal (NENGESM): Bronze Star.
- i. A Silver Oak Leaf Cluster will be worn in lieu of 5 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. Due to space restrictions, no more than 4 oak leaf clusters will be worn on the ribbon.
- i. A Silver Star will be worn in lieu of 5 Bronze Stars. Due to space restrictions on the ribbon, no Soldier will have more than 4 stars on their service ribbon.

4-25. Other States' Decorations and Awards

Other States' decorations and awards will be worn in order of precedence as established by the state concerned immediately after any Nebraska National Guard decorations or awards. If awards have been received from more than one state, they will be worn with the most recently awarded state's awards taking precedence after Nebraska awards.

Table 4-2
Approval Authorities for Nebraska National Guard Decorations, Service Medals and Awards

DECORATION	HEROISM	AWARDED FOR SERVICE	AWARDED FOR ACHIEVEMENT	TAG- NE	LCC- NE/ AAG-Air	MSC CDR/ WING CDR	GRP/CC	BN/SQD CDR	CO/TRP/FLT CDR
Achievement/Service Medals									
NENGLM	X	X	X	X					
NENGHM	X			X					
NENGMSM ¹	X	X	X	X	X	X ¹			
NENGCMV	X			X	X				
NENGCM ^{2,5}	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X ²	
NENGIAM ⁵	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
NENGRAM			X	X	X	X	X	X	
Service Medals									
NENGDSRR		X		X	X				
NENGHDSR		X		X	X				
NENGMHGR		X		X	X				
NENGESM		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
NENGSM ³		X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Awards									
NENGWDRP ⁴		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Note

1 NENGMSMs for Air ONLY may be approved by the Wing Commander

2 NENGCM for Air ONLY may be approved by the SQD/BN Commander

3 Recommendations not required. Medal is awarded at Co or Trp Level for ARNG and Wing, Sqdn, or Flt Level for ANG

4 NENGWDRP (Well Done Pin) is awarded "on-the-spot" by leaders at all levels. Recommendations are not required.

5 NENGCM and NENGIAM may be approved by O-6/COL Directorates for assigned civilian personnel.

4-26. TAGNE Form 638

TAGNE Form 638 (Figure 4-1 and Figure 4-2) will be used for state awards by both Air and Army components. This form supersedes all previous versions.

Figure 4-1 (Front)

RECOMMENDATION FOR STATE AWARD

NEBRASKA MILITARY DEPARTMENT
 Joint Forces Headquarters
 2433 NW 24th Street
 Lincoln NE 68524-1801



1. RECOMMENDATION

a. To

b. From

c. Date

2. MEMBER DATA

a. Last Name, First, MI

b. Branch*

c. Rank

d. DoDID

e. Organization

f. Recommended Award*

g. Qty

h. Period of Award

i. Proposed Presentation Date

j. Reason for Award

k. Posthumous

l. Is SM Flagged?

[Add Award](#) m. Previous State Awards

n. Qty

[Remove Award](#)

3. RECOMMENDER DATA

a. Last Name, First, MI

b. Title/Position

c. Branch*

d. Rank

e. Relationship to Awardee

f. Address

4. JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (use specific bullet examples of meritorious act or service)

a. Achievement #1 (fields will automatically expand/contract)

b. Achievement #2 (fields will automatically expand/contract)

c. Achievement #3 (fields will automatically expand/contract)

d. Achievement #4 (fields will automatically expand/contract)

e. Proposed Citation (fields will automatically expand/contract)

NEBG FORM 638, APRIL 25, 2025

THIS VERSION SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS.

1 of 2

Figure 4-2 (Back)

5. RECOMMENDATIONS / APPROVALS / DISAPPROVALS

I certify that this individual is eligible for an award in accordance with NEARNGR 600-8-22 (Army), NEANGI 36-2806 (Air); and that the information contained in Part 1 is correct. Date

☒ Intermediate Authority #1

a. To b. From c. Date d. Recommend

e. Last Name, First, MI f. Title/Position g. Branch* h. Rank

i. Comments

☒ Intermediate Authority #2

a. To b. From c. Date d. Recommend

e. Last Name, First, MI f. Title/Position g. Branch* h. Rank

i. Comments

☒ Intermediate Authority #3

a. To b. From c. Date d. Recommend

e. Last Name, First, MI f. Title/Position g. Branch* h. Rank

i. Comments

Approval Authority

a. To b. From c. Date d. Recommend

e. Upgrade to: f. Downgrade to:

g. Last Name, First, MI h. Title/Position i. Branch* j. Rank

k. Comments

5. ORDERS DATA

a. Orders Issuing HQ b. Permanent Order No. c. Name of Orders Approval Authority d. Title/Position

e. Branch* f. Rank g. Approved Award h. Qty i. Date

NEANG FORM 638, APRIL 25, 2025

THIS VERSION SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS VERSIONS.

2 of 2

Figure 4-3 (Order form for State of Nebraska medal/ribbons)

ORDER FORM FOR STATE OF NEBRASKA MEDAL//RIBBONS (Submit in one copy)				
				DATE
TO: DPA-MPAB/ANG-HQ/MPMO, 2433 NW 24th ST, Lincoln, NE 68524				
From: Unit and POC				S-
Stock No.	Item	UI	Qty Required	Qty Adj
A101	NENGSM 5 yr. complete	se	0	0
A102	NENGSM Ribbon Bar	ea	0	0
A103	NENGIAM complete	se	0	0
A104	NENGIAM Ribbon Bar	ea	0	0
A105	*NENGOCSM Ribbon	ea	0	0
A105.5	NENGOCSM Medal Set Complete	se	0	0
A106	*NENGRAM, complete	se	0	0
A107	*NENGMSM, complete	se	0	0
A108	NENGESM, complete	se	0	0
A109	NENGESM, Ribbon Bar	se	0	0
A110	*NENGLM, complete (Military)	se	0	0
A111	*NENGLM, complete, (Civilian)	se	0	0
A112	*Plaque, Legion of Merit	ea	0	0
A113	*Framed Legion of Merit(Cert./Medal)	ea	0	0
A114	NENGCM, complete	ea	0	0
A114.5	NENGCM Ribbon Bar	se	0	0
A115	Device Roman Numeral V (Bronze)	ea	0	0
A116	Device Roman Numeral X (Bronze)	ea	0	0
A117	Device Roman Numeral XV (Bronze)	ea	0	0
A118	Device Roman Numeral XX (Silver)	ea	0	0
A119	Device Roman Numeral XXV (Silver)	ea	0	0
A120	Device Roman Numeral XXX (Gold)	ea	0	0
A121	Device Roman Numeral XXXV (Gold)	ea	0	0
A122	Device Roman Numeral XXXX (Gold)	ea	0	0
A123	* "Well Done button"	ea	0	0
A124	*NENGRAM, Ribbon Bar	ea	0	0
A125	Military Honor Guard Ribbon	ea	0	0
A126	Homeland Defense Ribbon	ea	0	0

*CONTROLLED ITEM - Stock at TAG level only. Not authorized for stockage at any organization level.

**Stocked at Squadron/Battalion/Bde level only.

TAGNE Form 672-100 dated 01 June 2020

Chapter 5

National Guard Bureau (NGB) Awards

5-1. Purpose

This Chapter clarifies National Guard Bureau (NGB) Awards, other than those listed elsewhere in this regulation and are indicated below in Table 5-1.

Table 5-1
National Guard Bureau Army National Guard Awards List

AWARDS	AREA OF COMPETITION	REFERENCE NGR 672-1	RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE
ARNG Superior Unit Award	General	Chapter 2	G3
Eisenhower Trophy	Unit Training	Chapter 3	G3
NGAUS Trophy	Unit Weapons Qual	Chapter 4	G3
Pershing Trophy	Unit Weapons Qual	Chapter 4	G3
National Guard Trophy	Unit Weapons Qual	Chapter 4	G3
The Sturgis Medal	Individual	Chapter 6	CSM
Milton A. Reckord Trophy	Bn General	Chapter 10	G3
Walter T. Kerwin Readiness Award	Bn General	Chapter 11	G3
Erickson Trophy	OCS Distinguished Graduate	Chapter 12	209 TH Regiment
General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award	Company Grade Officers	Chapter 14	G1
Combined Logistics Excellence Award (CLEA)	States/Unit	Chapter 17	G4
Philip A. Connelly Award	Food Services Sections	Chapter 18	G4
Efficiency in Maintenance Award	Organization Maintenance Shops	Chapter 20	G4
Golden Wrench Award	States	Chapter 21	G4
Accident Prevention Award Program	States	Chapter 24	DAVN
Francis L. Greenlief Award for Excellence in ARNG Aviation	Individual/Group	Chapter 26	DAVN

5-2. NGB ANG Awards

See AFI 36-2805, Special Trophies and Awards. National Guard Bureau messages are sent out each year listing Special Trophies and Awards. These messages include points of contact, criteria, and deadlines.

Chapter 6

209th Regiment Regional Training Institute Awards (ARNG ONLY)

6-1. Purpose

The objectives of the 209th Regiment Regional Training Institute (RTI) awards program are to attain and maintain the highest levels of professionalism and instruction as well as the enhancement of esprit de corps and morale. This chapter identifies those awards available for recognition of staff and faculty assigned to the 209th Regiment (RTI) and graduates from the various courses taught.

6-2. Instructor of the Cycle, Quarter, or Year

Each battalion in the 209th Regiment (RTI) will develop criteria to recognize faculty for outstanding instruction in the classroom. The criteria will be published in the battalion's staff and faculty development section of their SOP and briefed to all eligible Soldiers. To ensure the relevance of the program, the SOP will be updated annually and aligned with current state policies and procedures, current best practices from the field, and TRADOC guidance.

6-3. Regimental Excellence in Instructing Award

Each Fiscal Year (FY) the 209th Regiment (RTI) will select an instructor to be awarded the Regimental Excellence in Instructing Award. Only the winners of the current year's instructor of the year (IOY), one per battalion, will be considered for the Regimental award. The nomination process will be outlined in the Regiment Staff and Faculty SOP. Soldiers selected as the Regimental Excellence in Instructing winner will have their packet submitted for consideration for the TRADOC IOY in accordance with current TRADOC guidance.

6-4. Regimental Excellence in Support Award

The 209th Regiment (RTI) Excellence in Support Award was established to acknowledge excellence among the staff at the 209th Regiment (RTI). The criteria will be published in the Regiment FRAGO on or around November 1st each year and briefed to all eligible Soldiers. To ensure the relevance of the program, the SOP will be updated annually and aligned with current state policies and procedures, as well as current best practices from the field.

6-5. Officer Candidate School (OCS) Awards

The following awards are presented to outstanding graduates who meet the required criteria.

a. National Level Awards:

(1) The Erickson Trophy. The Erickson Trophy is awarded to the Distinguished Graduate each year. The candidate demonstrating highest overall academic and leadership qualifications based upon twelve formal academic examinations and formal leadership evaluations. This award consists of a trophy and certificate from the National Guard Association of the United States.

b. State Awards.

(1) Distinguished Graduate Award. Presented to the candidate demonstrating highest overall academic and leadership qualifications based upon twelve formal academic examinations and formal leadership evaluations. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (14" by 7" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry prairie Soldier and a certificate. In addition, the 209th Regiment (RTI) will award the NENGCM to the Distinguished Graduate.

(2) Second Honor Graduate Award. Presented to the candidate demonstrating the second highest overall average in academics, Physical Fitness Test, leadership evaluations, and peer evaluations. The award will consist of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the 2nd Battalion 209th Regiment (RTI) Commander.

(3) Third Honor Graduate Award. Presented to the candidate demonstrating the third highest overall average in academics, physical fitness test, leadership evaluations, and peer evaluations. The award will consist of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the 2nd Battalion 209th

Regiment (RTI) Commander.

(4) Leadership Excellence Award. Presented to the candidate receiving the highest score on formal and informal leadership examinations and evaluations. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (10" by 5" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry prairie Soldier and a certificate. In addition, the 209th Regiment (RTI) will award the ARCOM to the candidate receiving the Leadership Excellence Award.

(5) Academic Achievement Award. Presented to the candidate attaining the highest average on the twelve formal examinations conducted. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (10" by 5" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry prairie Soldier and a certificate. In addition, the 209th Regiment (RTI) will award the NENGCM to the candidate receiving the Academic Achievement Award.

(6) Physical Fitness Award. Presented to the candidate attaining the highest average on the three formal physical fitness tests conducted. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (10" by 5" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry prairie Soldier and a certificate. In addition, the 209th Regiment (RTI) will award the NENGCM to the candidate receiving the Physical Fitness Award.

6-6. Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) Awards

The following awards are presented to outstanding graduates who meet the required criteria.

a. Leadership Excellence Award. Presented to the candidate receiving the highest score on formal and informal leadership examinations and evaluations. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (10" by 5" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry prairie Soldier and a certificate. In addition, the 209th Regiment (RTI) will award the ARCOM to the candidate receiving the Leadership Excellence Award.

b. Academic Achievement Award. Presented to the candidate attaining the highest average on the six formal examinations conducted. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (10" by 5" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry prairie Soldier and a certificate. In addition, the 209th Regiment (RTI) will award the NENGCM to the candidate receiving the Academic Achievement Award.

c. Physical Fitness Award. Presented to the candidate attaining the highest average on the two formal physical fitness tests conducted. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (10" by 5" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry prairie Soldier and a certificate. In addition, the 209th Regiment (RTI) will award the NENGCM to the candidate receiving the Physical Fitness Award.

Chapter 7

209th Regiment Regional Training Institute Hall of Fame Award (ARNG ONLY)

7-1. Purpose

This chapter establishes policies and procedures for the administration of the 209th Regional Training Institute (RTI) Hall of Fame award. This award shall be reserved for outstanding persons whom, through their contribution and/or achievements, have brought great credit upon the 209th Regiment (RTI) and the Nebraska National Guard. The Commander, 209th Regiment (RTI) is responsible for the administration of the Hall of Fame Award Program. The Hall of Fame award honors:

- a. Former 209th Regiment (RTI) cadre, staff or personnel, who were assigned to the 209th Regiment (RTI) for no less than 12 months, and who are retired or discharged from military service, or deceased.
- b. Graduates of the 209th Regiment (RTI) Officer Candidate School (OCS), Warrant Officer Candidate School (WOCS) or NCOES programs, or 88M MOS-T Course, and who are retired or discharged from military service, or deceased.
- c. Those who have made a significant contribution to the 209th Regiment (RTI) or the Noncommissioned Officer Academy (NCOA) and are no longer military members or employees of the Nebraska Military Department.

7-2. Eligibility Criteria

Individuals selected must have accomplished one of the following:

- a. As a member of the Nebraska National Guard, contributed significantly to the overall development, improvement, mission or stature of the 209th Regiment (RTI).
- b. Civilian nominees must have made significant contributions to improving 209th Regiment's (RTI) overall mission accomplishment.

7-3. Nomination and Selection Procedures

a. Nomination by Nebraska Military Department Personnel. Anyone having personal knowledge of an act or achievement meeting the broad general guidelines outlined in paragraph 7-2 may enter a formal recommendation in memorandum format no later than 1 April to the Commander, 209th Regiment (RTI), to the attention of the Regimental S1. Justification will include specific achievement(s), a description of the long-lasting impact on the 209th Regiment (RTI), and contact information for the nominee (if available). A brief biography of the nominee is strongly encouraged in order to provide a complete picture of the individual.

b. The Hall of Fame Selection Board will be composed of the Assistant Adjutant General, Army (President), Commander, 209th Regiment (RTI), Command Chief Warrant Officer, State Command Sergeant Major, and Recorder (non-voting member). The Board will meet upon call of the President of the Board and forward their recommendations to The Adjutant General. Normally, recommendations will be limited to no more than two per year, with exceptions approved by The Adjutant General.

c. The final decision to approve or disapprove the nomination(s) rests with The Adjutant General.

d. Upon approval, The Adjutant General will return the nomination to the Commander, 209th Regiment (RTI), for processing and presentation.

7-4. Hall of Fame Award

The award consists of:

- a. An engraved plaque that will be permanently displayed in Memorial Hall at Camp Ashland.

b. An engraved plaque and medal with neck ribbon; the medal will be engraved with the name of the individual. The award recipient will be appropriately recognized during a formal ceremony and presented the plaque and medal; normally this will occur during the annual OCS graduation ceremony.

Chapter 8

Recruiting and Retention Awards

8-1. Purpose

The objectives of recruiting and retention awards are to attain and maintain the authorized strength of the Nebraska National Guard, and the enhancement of esprit de corps and morale. This chapter delineates those awards available for recognition of individuals, units, and/or organizations which distinguish themselves in the promotion, participation, and support of the Nebraska ARNG Recruiting and Retention programs. Recruiting and Retention Incentive Awards are governed by NGR 601-1 and the Recruiting and Retention Incentives policy, and as such are not addressed in this regulation/policy. The Recruiting and Retention Battalion Commander is responsible for administration of the Recruiting and Retention Awards Program.

8-2. Army National Guard Recruiter Badge

The ARNG Recruiter Badge is awarded in accordance with NGR 601-1 and the RRB Recruiting Badge Policy. The Recruiter badge is both an indicator of qualification and an award for recruiting proficiency. All requests for award of the ARNG Recruiter Badge must be submitted in accordance with NGR 601-1 through the ARNG-RRB.

8-3. Air National Guard Recruiter Badge

The Air National Guard Recruiter Badge is authorized for wear by personnel who are graduates of the ANG/AFRES/USAF recruiting course (8R000) and are assigned to a valid recruiter position on the unit manning document in accordance with ANGI 36-2602.

8-4. Strength Maintenance Awards

The Army National Guard Strength Maintenance Awards Program include the Director's 54, Top Production Team (Master 7), and Recruit Sustainment Program NCOIC. NGB-HRR provides annual guidance for the administration of these programs. Additional guidance is found in NGR 601-1, and NEARNG RRB Awards Program.

a. Directors 54 (D54). The D54 winner will be selected by the RRB Commander, winner may be the Recruiting and Retention NCO (RRNCO) with the most Enlistments for the year. Winner may be awarded Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

b. The Recruiters that over drives their assigned mission by 25% may receive an Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

c. Recruiting Production Team- Team of the Year will be awarded by highest percentage of mission made by a team. The team NCOIC that makes 100% of assigned mission may be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

d. Recruit Sustainment Program (RSP) NCOIC of the Year. Chosen based on the accumulated FY metric numbers including Training Pipeline Success, IET Ship Rate, RSP Soldiers at- Risk for Drill Attendance, RSP Negative End Strength, and Shipper Quality Control. The RSP NCOIC Winner may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

e. The Adjutant General's Retention Trophy (TAGRT). This trophy will be awarded annually to the battalion or battalion sized organization with the highest percentage of Retention Success Rate, which is defined as "of those Soldiers who made a decision to stay or go over the Fiscal Year, what percentage decided to stay." The formula is $(FY \text{ Re-enlistments} / (FY \text{ Re-enlistments} + FY \text{ ETS}))$. The ARNG-RRB will monitor the ETS/Extensions and will submit the winner to The Adjutant General not later than 31 October of each year. All MTOE battalions or battalion-sized organizations within the Nebraska Army National Guard are eligible for the award.

f. The Adjutant General's Strength Maintenance Award (TAGSMA). This trophy will be

awarded annually to the top 3 MTOE companies or company size organizations with the highest assigned strength. The highest assigned strength is defined as “the total assigned personnel / the total authorized personnel as of 30AUG of the fiscal year.” The NEARNG-RRB will monitor the assigned strength for each unit throughout the year and will submit the winner to The Adjutant General not later than 31 October of each year. All units (whole, minus, part, detachment) of the Nebraska Army National Guard are eligible for the award.

Chapter 9 Safety Awards

9-1. Purpose

To promote safety awareness throughout the Nebraska National Guard in order to reduce mishap causes that could result in loss of productivity, personnel, and/or equipment. This chapter provides data and guidance pertaining to awards available for presentation for individual and unit excellence in safety.

9-2. Director, Army National Guard Awards

a. Safety and Occupational Health is a commander's program and reflects the overall safety culture within the States and the ARNG enterprise. The Director, Army National Guard (DARNG) awards recognize safety excellence in establishing successful measures to meet ARNG goals, objectives, and metrics.

(1) *The DARNG State Safety Award of Excellence*. This award is presented from the Director, Army National Guard, to the ARNG State Safety office that exhibits excellence in the overall safety culture within the state, meeting safety goals and objectives, and meets the ARNG strategic initiatives to preserve the force.

(2) *The DARNG Individual Excellence Safety Award*. This award is presented from the Director, Army National Guard, to an ARNG individual (Soldiers/Employees) that exhibits excellence in support of the State safety program providing substantially positive input affecting the overall safety culture within the State.

(3) *The Charles A. Lindbergh Award*. This award is presented from the Director, Army National Guard, to the ARNG State Safety office that exhibits sustained excellence in aviation safety mishap prevention. This award commemorates the service of CPT Charles A. Lindbergh, a remarkable patriot who served as a member of the Missouri ARNG from 1924 to 1927.

b. *Army National Guard Safety Awards*. Safety oversight and management are crucial to preservation of the force and a force multiplier to mission success. The Chief, Aviation, and Safety Division recognizes ARNG States, Soldiers/Employees, for efforts directly affecting safety programs affecting mission readiness. Awards are presented to large and small States, based on ARNG populous (+/- 6,100) and identified as Category I (Large) and Category II (Small) States.

(1) *ARNG Stellar Award (Cat I and Cat II)*. This award is presented annually to recognize small and large states that have not experienced a Class A mishap, experienced none/limited class B mishaps in general safety (aviation or ground), based on category and meet other identified eligibility criteria. A star crested plaque is presented to states with five consecutive awards recognizing advanced stellar performance in general safety mishap prevention. A star and wreath crested plaque is awarded for recognition of ten consecutive years of superior stellar performance in mishap prevention.

(2) *ARNG Distinguished Ground Safety Individual Award*. This award is presented to a State that has distinguished superior improvements within the ground safety program. This annual award is presented from the Chief, ARNG Aviation, and Safety Division, to an ARNG individual (Soldier/Employee) that has, throughout the year, performed with distinction while supporting and improving the national and State ground safety programs providing substantial positive impacts to readiness and the overall safety culture within the ARNG.

(3) *ARNG Distinguished Aviation Safety Individual Award*. This award will be presented to a State that has distinguished superior improvements within the aviation safety program. This annual award is presented from the Chief, ARNG Aviation, and Safety Division, to an ARNG individual (Soldier/Employee).

c. *Awards Authorized to be presented by States and their Subordinate Elements*. Safety awards to recognize units/facilities and individuals for outstanding mishap prevention efforts and acts. These awards are presented to units/facilities and individuals within the limitations of AR 385-

10, AR 600-8-22, and AR 672-20. States may use locally procured awards in lieu of those described below.

(1) *Certificate of Achievement in Safety, DA Form 1119-1*. This award may be presented to unit Commanders, military or civilian supervisors, military or civilian operators of ARNG motor vehicles, operators of other mechanical equipment, and other deserving personnel.

(2) *U.S. Army Aircrew Member Safety Award, DA Form 1119-1*. Commanders/Supervisors present this award to aircrew members for specific periods of mishap-free flying.

d. *Impact awards*. Commanders/Supervisors are encouraged to develop and issue policies for safety affect awards to promote safety awareness through on the spot recognition of safety related actions that are beyond what is required of an individual or organization.

Responsibilities:

a. State: All ARNG State Safety Offices are eligible to submit one nomination each year for each award listed. To ensure awards are processed, approved, and generated in time for presentation to awardees during the ARNG Aviation Safety and Standardization Conference, nominations packets must be received NLT 15 Oct. Failure to submit award nominations by 15 Oct may delay the processing resulting in the awardee not receiving their actual award at the conference.

b. The NE ARNG Safety Office initiates, verifies and issues safety awards.

c. Commander/Supervisor Safety Awards.

(1) Commanders and supervisors at all levels are authorized to present the Safety Certificate of Achievement to elements within their organization or facility. Eligibility for this certificate will be based on the completion of periods of outstanding accident/mishap prevention achievement.

(2) Commanders and supervisors at all levels are authorized to present a U.S. Army Safety Awards annually that may be presented to unit commanders, military or civilian supervisors, military or civilian operators of ARNG motor vehicles, operators of other mechanical equipment, and other deserving personnel.

(3) The State Safety Officer and the State Aviation Safety Officer will procure impact safety awards and safety promotional materials as funding and resources allow. These impact awards and promotional materials are to be used by commanders and leaders to recognize outstanding safety performance and/or to increase safety awareness.

9-3. Air National Guard (ANG)

Guidance for Air Force Safety Awards can be found at <https://www.safety.af.mil/Home/Safety-Awards/>.

9-4. State Safety Officers

The ARNG and ANG State Safety Officers will serve as Points of Contact (POC) for recommendations of safety awards and forward them to the NENG Safety Managers for consideration.

9-5. Commanders

Commanders at all levels are encouraged to recognize deserving acts, achievements, or service of safety with appropriate awards.

9-6. Recommendations

Recommendations for safety awards and requests for safety materials will be forwarded through command channels as follows:

a. ARNG: NGNE-AVN-SSO, ATTN: State Safety Office.

b. ANG: 155th Air Refueling Wing, ATTN: Safety Officer.

Chapter 10

G4 Combined Logistics Awards (ARNG Only)

10-1. Purpose

To promote readiness by recognizing outstanding logistical and maintenance proficiency in units/organizations of the Nebraska Army National Guard. The Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistic (DCSLOG) is responsible for the administration of the Combined Logistics Awards for the Nebraska Army National Guard (NEARNG). This chapter outlines awards available to NEARNG personnel and organizations/units in the area of:

- a. NEARNG Logistician of the Year Award
- b. NEARNG Supply Excellence Awards.
- c. NEARNG Maintenance Awards.
- d. NEARNG Food Service Awards.
- e. NEARNG Deployment Excellence Awards.
- f. NEARNG Transportation and Logistics Awards.

10-2. Awards Presentation

Awards will be submitted by the DCSLOG through the organizations chain of command.

10-3. Logistician of the Year Award (NELOY)

This award is intended to recognize NEARNG Soldiers who have demonstrated great potential and contributions towards the improvement of the NEARNG logistics posture.

- a. Eligibility. Nominee must be branch qualified in Transportation, Quartermaster, Ordnance, Logistics or equivalent logistics series Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer, or enlisted assigned to the Nebraska Army National Guard (officers in the grade of O5 or below) and must have served in that position for a minimum of one year.
- b. Nomination Procedures. Nominations for the NELOY will be submitted electronically through the appropriate change of command to the DCSLOG-SGM NLT 15 November of each calendar year. Nomination must be submitted by the individual senior in rank and, at a minimum, one endorsement by a Lieutenant Colonel/GS-13/14 or above.
- c. Selection. MSC will submit one nomination to the DCSLOG-SGM who will review the packets to ensure compliance with program guidelines. The packet will be forwarded to a Selection Committee for evaluation and grading.
- d. Award and Presentation. Winner of the NELOY may be awarded the Nebraska Meritorious Service Medal (NENGMSM) along with a personalized trophy/plaque.

10-4. Army National Guard Supply Excellence Awards

To promote readiness by recognizing supply proficiency of NEARNG MTOE Battalion, unit, troop, and detachment supply operations. The NEARNG Supply Excellence Awards Program is managed by the DCSLOG Command Supply Discipline Program Manager.

- a. Category of awards:
 - (1) COL Donald Hatten Supply Excellence Award (DHSEA)
 - (2) Chief of Staff, Army Supply Excellence Award (SEA)

10-5. Colonel Donald Hatten Supply Excellence Award (DHSEA)

- a. Supply Excellence Categories.
 - (1) SSA
 - (2) PBO
 - (3) Battalion
 - (4) Unit/Detachment
- b. Nomination Procedures. MTOE/TDA Organization/Unit/Detachment which receives a

noteworthy evaluation from their Command Supply Discipline Program (CSDP) evaluation may be nominated for their category. Nominations will be in memorandum format and should include full documentation of the previous year's CSDP reviews and command inspection. Nominations will be submitted through channels to arrive at DCSLOG no later than 1 May of the year.

c. Selection. Nominations received from the MSCs will receive an evaluation from a DCSLOG CSDP team. Recommendations for winner and runner-up of DHSEA will be submitted by the DCSLOG to the Eagle Region V for evaluation.

d. Award and presentation.

(1) DHSEA Winner.

(a) Organizational Award. The Commander or designated representative of the winning unit may be presented a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (14" by 7" in size) at an appropriate awards ceremony.

(b) Individual Award. If the Organization does not proceed beyond the Chief of Staff SEA Regional Board, any key Organizational members at the Commanders discretion may be awarded the Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal (NENGCM).

(2) DHSEA Runner-up.

(a) Organizational Award. The commander or designated representative of the runner-up unit may be presented a Certificate of Achievement for the unit.

(b) Individual Award. Any key organizational members at the Commanders discretion may be awarded the Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal (NENGIAM).

10-6. Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Awards (SEA).

a. Nomination Procedures. State winners of the DHSEA will submit a nomination packet for the Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Awards Regional Board for review and selection of winners in all categories.

b. Selection. Regional winners will be evaluated by NGB Review Team and Army personnel for the national award winners of the Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award.

c. Awards and Presentation.

(1) Winner Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award.

(a) The Organization's Supply Sergeant/NCO may be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

(b) Any key Organizational members at the Commander's discretion may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(2) Runner-up Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award.

(a) The Organization's Supply Sergeant/NCO may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(b) Any key Organizational members at the Commander's discretion may be award the Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

d. Special Recognition Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award. The Organization's Supply Sergeant and any key Organizational members at the Commander's discretion may be awarded the Army Achievement Medal (AAM) for special recognition.

e. Regional NGB winners not selected as a winner or runner-up of the Chief of Staff, Army, Supply Excellence Award the Organization's Supply Sergeant and any key members identified at the Commanders discretion may be awarded the Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

10-7. Chief of Staff, Army, Award for Maintenance Excellence (AAME)

a. Nomination Procedures. Units/Organizations which wins the Nebraska Army National Guard Maintenance (Unit/Shop) Award will submit nominations for AAME through their Chain of command to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics (DCSLOG), Service Maintenance Manager (SMM) as outlined in AR 750-1, appendix D and per current NGB-ILO AAME LOI.

b. Selection. Regional winners will be evaluated by NGB/DA personnel for the national award winners.

c. Awards and Presentation.

(1) Winner of the Chief of Staff, Award for Maintenance Excellence (AAME) award.

(a) Key maintenance/appointed maintenance unit/shop members at the Commanders discretion will be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

(b) Any key unit/shop members identified at the Commanders discretion may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(2) Runner-up of the Chief of Staff, Award for Maintenance Excellence (AAME).

(a) Key maintenance/appointed maintenance unit/shop members at the Commanders discretion will be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(b) Any key unit/shop members at the Commanders discretion may be award the Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

d. Regional NGB winners not selected as a winner or runner-up of the Chief of Staff, Award for Maintenance Excellence the key maintenance/appointed maintenance unit/shop members may be awarded the Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

10-8. Nebraska Army National Guard Food Service Awards

To promote recognition of outstanding units having an organic field food service capability and the mission of providing food service in the field and to improve unit food service for enhancement of morale, esprit de corps, and personnel retention. The NEARNG Food Service Operation Awards are managed by the DCSLOG Food Service Manager/Advisor.

a. Category of Awards.

(1) CW4 Leonard Sinkule Food Service Excellence Award – State.

(2) Philip A. Connelly Award – DA.

(3) Chief of the Year-State.

10-9. Chief Warrant Officer Four (CW4) Leonard Sinkule Food Service Excellence Award.

a. Nomination Procedures. MTOE organization/Unit/Detachment that has a Food Service Section assigned to the unit will submit nominations in memorandum format and include full documentation of the OIP, FMAT, and other evaluations as outlined in the NGNE-LOG-FS LOI. Nominations will be submitted through channels to arrive at DCSLOG, NGNE-LOG-FS no later than 15 March of the year.

b. Selection. Nominations received from the MSCs will receive an evaluation from a DCSLOG Food Service Team. Recommendations for winner and runner-up of the Sinkule Food Service Excellence Award will be submitted by the DCSLOG to the Adjutant General for approval.

c. Awards and Presentation.

(1) Winning Unit. The unit commander or designated representative of the winning unit will receive a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque (14” by 7” in size) and will be presented the State travelling trophy at an appropriate awards ceremony. The State traveling trophy will be returned at the end of the competition year to be presented to the next winner.

(2) If the organization does not proceed to the Philip A. Connelly Awards program, and key organizational members at the Commanders discretion will be awarded the Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal (NENGCM).

10-10. Philip A. Connelly Award

a. Nomination Procedures. Winners of the Sinkule award for Food Service Excellence will submit a nomination packet for the Philip A. Connelly Award as outlined in the NGNE-LOG-FS LOI through their chain of command to NGNE-LOG-FS no later than 1 June of the year.

b. Selection. Regional winners will be evaluated by Fort Lee Food Service evaluators for the national award.

c. Awards and Presentation.

(1) Winning Unit. The unit commander or designated representative of the winning unit will be presented a plaque from The Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence (ACES), Fort Lee VA.

(a) Any key unit member at the Commander's discretion, that demonstrated outstanding leadership and skills that directly affected the units winning of the Philip A Connelly Award will be awarded an MSM.

(b) Any key unit members at the Commander's discretion may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(2) Regional Winner. The unit commander or designated representative of the winning unit will receive a Certificate of Achievement for the unit. Any key unit members at the Commanders discretion may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

10-11. Nebraska Army National Guard Outstanding First Cook Award

a. Nomination Procedures. The unit commander or designated representative may nominate a service member who has been awarded the 92G MOS. Nominations will be in memorandum format as outlined in NGNE-LOG-FS LOI and submitted through their change of command to DCSLOG-FS.

b. Selection. Nominations will be evaluated by the State Food Service Officer at a minimum in the areas of:

(1) Food preparation, presentation, and sanitation.

(2) Dining facility records.

c. Awards and Presentation. The winner of the Outstanding First Cook Award will be awarded the Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

10-12. Deployment Excellence Award

To recognize units, installations, and supporting units for deployment excellence. Capture and share deployment initiatives which improve the deployment process.

a. Eligibility. Units and installations with a deployment or deployment support mission executed within the competition period. Deployment can occur at home station, mobilization station, or power projection platform. Examples of activities which can involve eligible deployments.

(1) Annual training exercises

(2) Homeland defense missions

(3) Humanitarian missions

(4) Peacekeeping missions

(5) Operational missions.

b. Category of Awards

(1) Large Unit – Battalion and above.

(2) Small Unit – Company and below.

c. Nomination Procedures. MTOE/TDA Organization/Unit/Detachments may submit a DEA nomination packet as outlined on GKO G4-LAT. Nominations will be submitted through channels to arrive DCSLOG no later than 1 November of the year.

d. Selection. Nominations received from the MSCs will be reviewed to ensure the nomination packet meets the criteria set by DA. Packets will be forwarded to NGB-LAT prior to 1 December. Packets will be reviewed by NGB and DA for selection. Nomination packets selected by DA may receive an evaluation by DA.

e. Awards and Presentation.

(1) Winner of the Deployment Excellence Award.

(a) Key individuals, at the Commander's discretion, will be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

(b) Any key unit members, at the Commander's discretion, may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(2) Runner-up of the Deployment Excellence Award.

(a) Key unit members, at the Commander's discretion, having directly affected the unit's nomination will be awarded the Army commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(b) Any unit members, at the Commander's discretion, who directly contributed to the nomination may be awarded the Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

10-13. Nebraska Army National Guard Transportation Awards

To promote and recognition of outstanding Transportation units and Detachments involved in an operational mission within the last 12 months and to recognize outstanding performers in the Transportation Corp.

a. Category of Awards:

(1) National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) Unit of the Year. (2) Transportation Instructor of the Year.

(3) Transportation Corp Regimental Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer (NCO) of the Year.

b. National Defense Transportation Association (NDTA) (Unit/Detachment) was established to honor outstanding military units, Soldiers and civilians that have accomplished unusual and outstanding service in the field of transportation and logistics throughout the year.

(1) Nomination Procedures. MTOE/TDA Transportation Organization/Unit/Detachments may submit a nomination packet as outlined on GKO G4-LAT. Nominations will be submitted through channels to arrive DCSLOG no later than 15 May.

(2) Selection. Nomination packets will be reviewed and forwarded to NGB-LAT for selection. Nomination packets selected may receive an onsite evaluation by the DA.

(3) Awards and Presentation.

(a) Winner of the National Defense Transportation Association.

(1) The key individual, at the Commander's discretion, will be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

(2) Any key unit members, at the Commander's discretion, may be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(b) Runner-up of the National Defense Transportation Association.

(1) The key individual, at the Commander's discretion, will be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

(2) Any key unit members at the Commander's discretion may award the Army Achievement Medal (AAM).

c. Transportation Instructor of the Year Award (Individual)

(1) Nomination Procedures. MTOE/TDA Transportation Organization/Unit/Detachment Commanders' may submit a nomination packet as outlined on GKO G4-LAT. Nominations will be submitted through channels to arrive DCSLOG no later than 1 January.

(2) Selection. Nomination packets will be reviewed by NGB and forward to DA for selection.

(3) Awards and Presentation.

(a) Winner of the Transporter of the Year Award will be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

(b) Runner-up of the Transporter of the Year award will be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

d. Regimental Officer, Warrant officer, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year

(1) Nomination Procedures. MTOE/TDA Transportation Organization/Unit/Detachment Commanders' may submit a nomination packet as outlined on GKO G4-LAT. Nominations will be submitted through channels to arrive DCSLOG no later than 15 May.

(2) Selection. Nomination packets will be reviewed by NGB and forward to DA for selection.

(3) Awards and Presentation.

(a) Winner of the Regimental Officer, Warrant officer, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year will be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).

(b) Runner-up of the Regimental Officer, Warrant officer, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year will be awarded the Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM).

Chapter 11

Marksmanship Awards

11-1. Purpose

To improve combat effectiveness through weapon marksmanship proficiency and establish and maintain a high degree of morale and esprit de corps throughout the Nebraska National Guard. This chapter outlines individual and team competitive marksmanship awards for which members of the Nebraska National Guard are eligible.

11-2. Responsibilities

The Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (DCSOPS) (NE ARNG) and ANG/LRS (NE ANG) are responsible for the administration of the Marksmanship Awards Program, respectively.

11-3. Marksmanship Awards

a. Top Gun/Progress Awards. National Guard Units can adopt the Top Gun/Progress Awards Programs to create greater interest in qualification training. “Top Gun Awards” are presented to individuals who achieve the best overall qualification scores in the unit. “Progress Awards” show the greatest improvement from one year to the next. Rules of competition are outlined in Chapter 6 NGB Pam 350-6. The State Marksmanship Coordinator may obtain these awards from the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit. A maximum of three certificates may be issued for each weapon system (rifle, pistol, and light-machinegun). A minimum of 25 personnel must fire a weapons system to receive three certificates.

b. Marksmanship Awards. Army marksmanship badges are authorized by AR 670-1. The basic marksmanship qualification badge is awarded to indicate the degree of qualification achieved on an authorized course of fire. There are three badges, one for each level of proficiency: Marksman, Sharpshooter, and Expert

c. National Guard Association of the United States Trophy. Team composition and rules of competition are outlined in Chapter 4, NGR 672-1. This trophy will be inscribed with the name of the State Team attaining the highest figure of merit of all competing teams. The trophy will remain at the Headquarters of the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) in Washington, D.C. This is an honorary award only. Official recognition of the winning team will be made each year at the Annual General Conference of the NGAUS, where a representative of the winning team will be presented with an appropriate Certificate of Victory.

d. Pershing Trophy. This Trophy is awarded annually by NGAUS to the unit attaining the highest figure of merit in each Army area. This Trophy will remain in permanent possession of the winning team. Team composition and rules of competition are outlined in Chapter 4, NGR 672-1.

e. National Guard (State) Trophy. The National Board will award this trophy, and a Certificate of Victory, for the Promotion of Rifle Practice to the team attaining the highest figure of merit in each State. Team composition and rules of competition are outlined in Chapter 4, NGR 672-1.

f. The Distinguished Badge. The most prestigious individual marksmanship award in the United States is the Distinguished Badge. Any United States citizen may earn a distinguished badge. The “Distinguished” classification was first authorized by the U.S. Army in 1884. The regulations governing how the badges are awarded, to include the Excellence in Competition (EIC) badges, are located in AR 350-66 Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program. International Distinguished Badge may be earned by placing in the top three positions or be on a medal winning team in any of the following matches: the Olympics, Pan American Games, World Championships, and Confederation of Americas.

g. The President’s Hundred. This tab may be earned by competing in the President’s Rifle or Pistol Matches during the National Matches. AR 920-30 governs award of the President’s Hundred Tab.

h. National Guard Chief's 50 Marksmanship Badge. The Chief's 50 badge may be earned by competing in the Winston P. Wilson matches. It is awarded to competitors in Rifle, Pistol, Light Machine Gun, and Sniper. The numerical distribution is a percentage based on the number of competitors. See NGR 672-3 for ARNG personnel.

i. The Governor's Ten. This tab may be earned by competing in the Governor's Marksmanship Skills Competition (GOV-MSK) matches at Greenlief Training Site. NGR 350-6 authorizes award of the Governor's Ten Tab. The Governor's Ten Tab will be awarded to the top ten individual competitors with the highest overall aggregate score from all matches fired during the Governor's Marksmanship Skills Competition (GOV-MSK) held annually.

Chapter 12

General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award (ARNG Only)

12-1. Purpose

Headquarters, Department of the Army, in cooperation with the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation, presents annual leadership awards to recognize outstanding company grade and warrant officers (WO1 and CW2) in the Active Army, the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard (ARNG), who demonstrate the ideals for which General MacArthur stood, "Duty, Honor, Country". The purpose of these awards is to promote, sustain, and recognize outstanding junior officer/warrant officer leadership. Selection is based on the officer's overall leadership performance throughout the calendar year (CY). Battalion commanders are encouraged to nominate potential candidates for this prestigious award through their respective MSC's to: DPA, ATTN: OPM. The ARNG has been authorized seven awards (six officers and one warrant officer). AR 600-89, General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award Program, establishes the criteria for administration of this program. Department of Army (DA) and National Guard Bureau (NGB) publish annual guidance (ALARACT, PPOM) specific to the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award, which supersedes this regulation.

12-2. Nomination Instructions

The Adjutant General may nominate one company grade officer and one warrant officer to the Chief, National Guard Bureau for this award.

- a. The Adjutant General will convene a board of officers when more than one nominee has been selected to represent their State or Territory. The state selection board will nominate the best individual to represent their state or territory and forward the nomination to ARNG-G1.
- b. The G1/MILPO will:
 - (1) Act as Staff Proponent for the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award Program.
 - (2) Review the criteria for the selection of nominees annually.
 - (3) Convene an OCMB Level 1 to select the state nominee(s) for national submission.
 - (4) Forward winners of state competition to ARNG-G1 for consideration in National Competition.
 - (5) Announce winners through command channels.
- c. The nomination packet must be endorsed through command channels and submitted to ARNG-G1 for consideration. The nomination of an officer should be based on existing records.
- d. The annual ALARACT/PPOM will establish required documentation and guidance for submission.

12-3. Awards

Nominees considered by the TAG Selection Board will be awarded the NENGIAM by the respective command award authority. Nominee for NGB competition will be awarded the NENGCM by the TAG Awards Board.

12-4. Presentation

National winners will receive an engraved award presented at an official ceremony to be held at Headquarters, Department of the Army. A representative of the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation and a representative of the U.S. Army will make the presentation to each awardee. At the discretion of the TAG, Invitational Travel Orders (ITO) may be used to pay transportation costs of spouses attending the award ceremony.

Chapter 13

Nebraska Army National Guard Best Warrior (ARNG Only)

13-1. Purpose

The NEARNG Best Warrior Awards Program is designed to recognize the outstanding NCO and Soldier of the Year. Winners of the Nebraska Army National Guard Best Warrior competition will represent the NEARNG at the Regional Best Warrior Competition. The State CSM is responsible for administration of this program.

13-2. Categories of Nominees

Competition will be in two grade categories:

- a. Private through Specialist.
- b. Sergeant through Sergeant First Class.

13-3. Selection and Eligibility Criteria

- a. Must be assigned or attached to a unit within the Nebraska Army National Guard.
- b. Must have been selected by a local selection board for competition.
- c. Must have passed the last administered record physical fitness test
- d. Must meet height, weight and appearance standards of AR 600-9.
- e. Must not have record of military or civilian conviction or other record of derogatory information within preceding 12 months.
- f. Nomination Procedures:
 - (1) Command Sergeants Major may nominate one Soldier from each grade category identified for a total of two nominees from each nominating command.
 - (2) Each nominating command will provide nomination packets for all nominees in accordance with the annual Memorandum of Instruction (MOI). The nomination packet will include a nomination letter signed by the nominating commands, Command Sergeant Major.

13-4. Nomination Process

There are three phases in the competition.

- a. Phase I: Packet submission and review
- b. Phase II: Best Warrior Competition
- c. Phase III: Best Warrior Competition Awards Ceremony

13-5. Regional Best Warrior Competition

Winners of the Nebraska Army National Guard Best Warrior Competition will represent the NEARNG at the Regional Best Warrior Competition. The State CSM will provide all instructions for the competition.

13-6. Best Warrior Competition Awards

- a. Both categories will have a first, second, and third place finisher.
 - (1) First place finishers will be awarded the Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal (NENGCM), receive a gold medal, and a 16" (Length) x 10" (Height) x 1.5" (Depth) wooden plaque with an Army K-Bar knife affixed to it.
 - (2) Second place finishers will receive a silver medal.
 - (3) Third place finishers will receive a bronze medal.
- b. All competitors not finishing in first place in the Best Warrior Competition will be awarded

the Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal (NENGIAM) by their appropriate award authority.

13-7. Presentation

The Adjutant General or his designated representative will present awards to the NEARNG Best Warrior Winners.

Chapter 14

Nebraska National Guard Young Hero Award

14-1. Purpose

The Nebraska National Guard "YOUNG HERO AWARD" is designed to provide a means of recognizing young people who are not members of the Nebraska National Guard for acts of heroism, bravery, and courage. The State Public Affairs Office is responsible for the administration of this program.

14-2. Eligibility Criteria

Young people 19 years of age or younger who are not members of the National Guard shall be eligible for the Young Hero Award if they meet either of the two following criteria:

- a. Displayed bravery or heroism, commensurate with age, in confronting and dealing with a dangerous situation. Circumstances will vary greatly. However, examples would include: a 16-year-old saving a person from drowning; a 9-year-old leading another child from a burning building to safety; a 6-year-old having enough presence of mind to summon help for a grandmother who has fallen.
- b. Demonstrated great courage while suffering from or undergoing treatment for a serious injury or life-threatening illness. For awards under this category, significant consideration will be given to the professional assessments of medical practitioners, social workers, recognized assistance agencies, or schoolteachers.

14-3. Nomination Procedures

- a. Anyone having personal knowledge of an act or achievement meeting the broad general guidelines outlined in paragraph 14-2 may submit a recommendation in memorandum format through command channels. All nominations will be forwarded to The Adjutant General, ATTN: Public Affairs Officer, 2433 NW 24th St, Lincoln, NE 68524.
- b. All nominations made by outside civilian agencies will be made to the Military Department of Nebraska Public Affairs Office in writing.
- c. The final decision to approve or disapprove the nomination rests with The Adjutant General. All persons submitting nominations will receive expeditious notification of the final decision regarding the award.
- d. The award consists of an engraved medal with neck ribbon and a framed certificate (TAG-NE Form 672-114).

14-4. Presentation

The ceremony will involve the presentation of the engraved medal with neck ribbon and framed certificate. Nebraska National Guard members will make all presentations. Because each situation will be unique, the exact location and method of presentation will be coordinated with the nominating person by the Nebraska National Guard Public Affairs Office.

Chapter 15

Nebraska Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major Award

15-1. Purpose

The Nebraska Army National Guard Command Sergeant Major Award is designed to recognize Soldiers for outstanding leadership and/or exceptional performance of duty. The Command Sergeant Major Award is not intended to replace other state or federal military awards and may be presented in addition to those awards. The State CSM is responsible for the administration of the Command Sergeant Major Award Program.

15-2. Eligibility Criteria

The Command Sergeant Major Award should be reserved for those highly exceptional Soldiers who through their unique actions, above and beyond the call of duty, deserve such an award. To be eligible for the Command Sergeant Major Award Soldiers must meet any of the three following criteria:

- a. Displayed outstanding leadership in the performance of duty. Circumstances will vary greatly.
- b. Be recommended by a Master Sergeant, First Sergeant, Sergeant Major, or Command Sergeant major.
- c. Must be an Enlisted Soldier in the Nebraska National guard.

15-3. Nomination Procedures

The Command Sergeant Major Award will be recommended for award at the discretion of the organizational Command Sergeant Major. Each nomination will be submitted in memorandum format.

15-4. Selection and Presentation

- a. Formal Board Action is not required. Recommendations will be forwarded through the NCO Support Channel to the State Command Sergeant Major. Each NCO in the chain of command will endorse his/her concurrence or non-concurrence before forwarding.
- b. The Command Sergeant Major Award will be presented by the organizational Command Sergeant Major at an appropriate awards ceremony or formation. The award consists of a certificate and a Nebraska-shaped plaque (10" by 5" in size) with an etched mounted cavalry Soldier.

Chapter 16

Nebraska National Guard Warrior and Family Support Program Awards

16-1. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to provide guidance on requesting awards for those family members, Guard members, units, retirees, and other committed individuals who successfully established, enhanced, or sustained the Warrior and Family Support (WFS) Program. These awards are a way to say "Thank You" for all the time, effort, and hard work invested in the program. The State Family Program Director is responsible for the administration of all WFS Program Awards. The Nebraska National Guard WFS Program Awards include:

- a. The Adjutant General's Family Esprit de Corps Award
- b. Unit Family Award
- c. Special Support Award

16-2. Nominations

a. Nominations will be forwarded to the State Family Program Director not later than 31 October annually for the period 1 October - 30 September of the previous training year.

Nominations will be made in memorandum format in accordance with the standards below:

- (1) Memorandum will not exceed two pages in length.
- (2) Nominations should include supporting documentation, i.e., newspaper clippings, community awards, letters of impact, etc.
- (3) Nominations will be forwarded through the chain of command.
- (4) Endorsements to nominations are required and should not exceed one page in length.
- b. Selection and approval of award winners will be made by a selection board consisting of the State Family Program Director, three board members, and a recorder w/o vote.
- c. Recommendation of the board will be forwarded through the Director of Personnel and Administration (G1 or A1) to The Adjutant General for final approval.

16-3. The Adjutant General's Family Esprit de Corps Award

a. Eligibility: Any Nebraska National Guard family member or Family Readiness Group (FRG) member. A unit may be considered eligible if it meets both criteria (3) and (4). Period of eligibility will be 1 October through 30 September. The award may only be received once.

b. Individual should meet at least two of the following criteria:

- (1) Individual must have been instrumental in establishing or maintaining an FRG and encouraging family members to take part in unit activities or FRG activities.
- (2) Individual must have inspired and motivated others to accomplish the tasks at hand.
- (3) Individual must have been instrumental in motivating support group members and accomplishing the mission.
- (4) Individual or unit must have exemplified the esprit de corps of the Nebraska National Guard WFS Program.

(5) Unit must exemplify integration of unit and family together in support of the mission demonstrating "Total unit Readiness."

c. The award will consist of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque, approximately 10" by 5" in size.

d. Presentation. The Adjutant General or a designated representative will present the award at an appropriate awards ceremony.

16-4. Unit Family Award

a. Eligibility: Any Nebraska National Guard company, troop, detachment, squadron, or flight may apply. The period of consideration will be 1 October to 30 September annually. The award may be received more than once.

b. Criteria:

(1) Selection will be based on involvement of the total unit in the community or WFS. "Total Unit" is intended to include unit family members as well as assigned Guard personnel.

(2) Some examples of involvement are:

(a) Sponsorship of a Scout Troop.

(b) Participation in Special Olympics.

(c) Youth Camps, for military or general community.

(d) Active participation in or support of the community events.

(e) Active and ongoing support of multiple WFS events such as Haunted Armory, Military Kids Ball, or family training events.

(3) Nominations will be supported by news clippings, photographs, and letters of impact or other documentation.

(4) All activities which support the nomination must have occurred or taken place within the current award year.

c. Award will consist of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque approximately 10" by 5" in size.

d. Presentation: Presented by The Adjutant General or a designated representative at an appropriate awards ceremony.

16-5. Special Support Award

a. Eligibility. Any community group, organization or individual dedicated to the advancement of the Nebraska National Guard WFS program. Period of consideration may encompass multiple years and at a minimum will demonstrate ongoing or significant impact beyond a single event. The award may be received only once.

b. Individual or organization must meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) Group or individual will be instrumental in establishing or maintaining an FRG or encourage family members to take part in unit or FRG activities.

(2) Group or individual will be instrumental in support or improvement of the WFS program, or support of a unit, or group of units within their community.

(3) Group or individual must inspire and motivate others to support the WFS programs and Nebraska Guard Airmen and Soldiers.

(4) Group or individual must exemplify the esprit de corps and values of the Nebraska National Guard WFS Program.

c. Nominations will be supported by news clippings, photographs, letters of impact or other documentation.

d. Award consists of a State of Nebraska-shaped wooden plaque, approximately 10" by 5" in size.

e. The Adjutant General or a designated representative at an appropriate award ceremony will present the award.

Chapter 17

Nebraska Military Department Excellence in Diversity Award

17-1. Purpose

The purpose of the award was to recognize outstanding individuals and organizations (units/wings/departments) for significant contributions to diversity in the Nebraska Military Department. At the time of publication, this award has been removed to comply with Executive Order 14151.

Chapter 18

Warrant Officer Awards

18-1. Purpose

The Warrant Officer Award Program is designed to foster unity, enhance morale and esprit-de-corps by recognizing those Warrant Officers who have made a significant contribution to the Nebraska Army National Guard and represent the finest of the Warrant Officer Corps.

Nominees for awards must clearly demonstrate the highest standards of conduct, professionalism and technical competence.

18-2. Policy

a. Each Branch Warrant Officer and his/her Branch Representative will coordinate with the nominee's commander and nominate a Warrant Officer for the appropriate award per the criteria in Paragraph 18-5, below.

b. Nominees for the Warrant Officer of the Year Award are selected from the ranks of CW2 through CW4.

c. Recipients of awards may not be nominated the year immediately following receipt of any Warrant Officer award; however, they may be nominated during subsequent years. Nominees who have not been selected for awards may be nominated every year.

18-3. Award Description

The Warrant Officer of the Year award consists of a personalized plaque and a statuette or similar award to be formally presented at the annual Warrant Officer Muster. The award will be accompanied by a certificate and a coin presented on behalf of the Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO).

18-4. Eligibility Criteria

a. Nominees must be a current member of the Nebraska Army National Guard in the grade of CW2 to CW4 regardless of duty status (AGR, Technician or Traditional Soldier) and have no unfavorable personnel actions pending.

b. Nominees recommended under this program should have at a minimum, the following professional and personal attributes:

- (1) Sound judgment and common sense
- (2) Reliability
- (3) Initiative
- (4) Demonstrated leadership skills
- (5) Technical proficiency
- (6) Positive attitude
- (7) Mentorship / role model traits
- (8) Favorable Officer Evaluation Reports (OER)
- (9) Meets the standards for Military appearance and physical fitness

c. Warrant Officers holding the rank of CW5 or Senior Branch Management positions are not eligible for awards outlined in this chapter but may be recognized by presentation of other suitable awards or decorations as specified in this regulation. See the appropriate chapter for submission requirements.

d. Nominees must have a current passing Physical Fitness Test (current within six months for AGR personnel, within 12 months for Traditional Soldiers and Federal Technicians) and meet the body composition standards of AR 600-9.

e. Warrant Officer of the Year nominees must have successfully completed their respective Warrant Officer Basic Course (WOBC) or Professional Military Education (PME) for their

current grade (or enrolled if not yet eligible to attend) and be DMOS.

18-5. Nomination Procedures

a. The Warrant Officer Awards Program is based upon the calendar year (1 January through 31 December). By 31 December, each Major Subordinate Command (MSC) Warrant Officer, in concert with their branch representatives and commanders will submit nominations for the respective award to the State CCWO. More than one nomination per MSC or branch is permitted. Nomination packets will consist of the following items:

(1) Narrative justification for award (maximum of two typed pages, addressing specific actions accomplished that sets the Warrant Officer apart as a leader and technical expert).

(2) An official copy of the nominee's Personnel Qualification Record (PQR) and Officer Record Brief (ORB).

(3) Last two OERs

(4) Letters of Recommendation/Commendation (may be from the chain of command, branch representative, or any other person superior in rank that has had supervisory or peer assignments with the nominee).

(5) Other supporting documentation

b. The CCWO will consolidate the nomination packets and conduct a selection board consisting of the senior-ranking Warrant Officers from each available branch who will objectively evaluate the nominees based upon the information submitted. At the conclusion of the selection board, one nominee is selected for the award. The CCWO will make the recommendation to the Adjutant General (AG) for final approval. The AG is the final approval authority for the Warrant Officer award as defined in this chapter.

c. The selectee will be announced and recognized before their peers at the annual Warrant Officer muster or other venues as necessary each year.

d. It is highly recommended that Raters document the accomplishment on the Warrant Officer's OER.

Figure 18-1
Warrant Officer of the Year Application

Nebraska Army National Guard

WARRANT OFFICER OF THE YEAR PROGRAM

E X A M P L E

1. Nominee's rank and full name: CW2 Kevin Edward Appel
2. Reserve Status: Troop Program Unit
3. Unit of assignment/attachment: Headquarters, 92nd Troop Command, Lincoln, NE
4. Home Address: 1234 Anywhere St., Lincoln, NE 68508
5. Home Phone: (402) 545-3821 Business Phone: (402) 481-7634 FAX: (402) 765-1005
 E-mail address:
6. Height: 70 Inches Weight: 220 Pounds
7. DOB: 17 May 1955
8. Source of Appointment: Warrant Officer Candidate School
9. Date of original appointment: 29 September 1995
10. Warrant Officer Promotion(s):

<u>Date</u> 2002 Promotion Board 30 September 1997	<u>Rank</u> Selected CW3 CW2
--	------------------------------------

11. Military Education

<u>School</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date Completed</u>
USAOMC&S	2 Wks	1999
QM School, WOBC Sup Sys Tech	2 Wks	1996
USAAVNC, RC WOCS	4 Wks	1995
USAIPD, 76P40	Ext	1992
5042 nd USARF, ANCOC PH 1	2 Wks	1993
5041 st USARF, BNCOC	2 Wks	1992
USAIPD, Mat Ctrl Act Sp	Ext	1992
5042 nd USARF, NBC Defense PH 1	1 Wk	1991
QM School, SAILS-ABX	2 Wks	1990

Applicant's Last Name: APPEL

4A Intl Tng Army, Ger Lang Crs	2 Wks	1990
--------------------------------	-------	------

18. Community/Civic/Professional Activities:

Dates

Reserve Officers Association	1998 – Present
United States Army Warrant Officers Association	1999 – Present
Association of the US Army	1999 – Present
Active member of USAR Family Readiness Group	1995 – Present
Facilitator, MN ROA Military Expo Booth	1998 – 2002
Founding member, NE USAWOA Cornhusker Chapter	2001
Coordinator, USAR Local Blood Drives	1999 – 2000
Restoration Facilitator, Nebraska Veterans Camp	1997 – 2000
Program Facilitator, Junior Officer Leadership Development Seminar, ROA Milwaukee Convention	2000
Founding member, NE ROA Chapter	1998

19. Date Originally Joined ROA: 30 March 1998

20. ROA Positions Held:

<u>Titles</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Membership Committee	Department of Nebraska	2000 – Present
Historian	Department of Nebraska	1998 – Present
Junior Vice President	Department of Nebraska	2000 – 2002

21. _____
Signature of Nominee

Date

Chapter 19

Intelligence Professional of the Year Awards (ANG Only)

19-1. Purpose

Establish the NEANG Intelligence Professional of the Year annual award IAW DAFMAN 36-2806 and pursuant to 10 USC § 11 special trophies and awards. It is intended to highlight NEANG Airmen, NCOs, and Officers who performed intelligence duties and tasks in an outstanding manner and whose work provided vital support to the state and nation.

19-2. Policy

The award period will be each calendar year. The DOSA will designate board members to evaluate nominations and will approve final selection of winners for each category.

19-3. Award Description

The award consists of a plaque, statuette or similar award to be presented as soon as possible after award selection.

19-4. Eligibility Criteria

The Intelligence Professional of the Year Award is authorized for junior enlisted (E-1 to E-4), NCO (E-5 to E-7), and officer (O-1 to O-4) intelligence professionals. Members who performed intelligence duties within those ranks for the majority of the award period are eligible.

19-5. Nomination Procedures

The DOSA will provide nomination guidance in the annual award solicitation notice to NEANG units.

Chapter 20

Warrant Officer Hall of Fame

20-1. Purpose

The Nebraska Warrant Officer Hall of Fame enshrines retired Warrant Officers, living or deceased, who made significant and meaningful contributions to the Warrant Officer Corps. These Warrant Officers demonstrated outstanding service to the NEARNG, the community and society as a whole. Those selected to the HOF remain true to the mantra, “Be the one others rely on.”

20-2. Eligibility Criteria

a. Nominees must be retired or honorably discharged Warrant Officer of the Nebraska National Guard, with the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Three -Five (CW3 thru CW5) and meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) Military achievements/accomplishments for serving during peacetime, war, man-made or natural disasters, or support to civilian authorities during civil disturbance.

(2) Acts of heroism above or beyond what would normally be expected of an individual facing a similar situation - performed when in federal, state, or civilian status.

(3) Extraordinary contributions/achievements/accomplishments to their fellow Warrant Officers deemed to be of lasting value that significantly brought credit and distinction to the individual and the NEARNG Warrant Officer Corps.

(4) Extraordinary contributions/achievements to the community, State, and nation in the spirit of the Citizen-Soldier of the National Guard.

(5) Have been a Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) in the NEARNG. Present CCWOs are not eligible for nomination (Must be retired to be nominated).

20-3. Nomination and Selection Procedures

a. Completed application packets will be submitted to the State CCWO’s office NLT the first day of May annually. Nomination packets will consist of the following items (see figure 20-1):

(1) Administrative information (Name, Rank, Home address, Home telephone number, Spouse’s name, Name of children).

(2) Photo.

(3) Biographical summary.

(4) A justification narrative of nominee. Must be typed and double spaced.

(5) Other supporting documents. Examples of supporting documentation include OERS, awards, training certificates (1059), ORB and other documentation.

(6) In the event other supporting documentation is not available or does not paint a true picture of the individual's career, the Board will accept three (3) signed Letters of Recommendation from individuals who have first-hand knowledge of the nominee's accomplishments.

b. All attempts should be made by the individual or group submitting the nomination packet to retrieve official supporting documentation. In cases where documentation is not available via iPerms or other contemporary sources, requests for archived data from the State Records Office (managed by the State G1) or meetings with the potential inductee are recommended sources for compilation of justifiable data.

c. The CCWO will consolidate the nomination packets and conduct a selection board no later than June 15th. The board will consist of 3-4 senior-ranking Warrant Officers (including one

Warrant Officer retiree) who will objectively evaluate the nominees based upon the information submitted. At the conclusion of the selection board, one nominee is selected for the award. In the years a State CCWO is inducted, a second deserving nominee might also be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The CCWO will make the recommendation to the Adjutant General (AG) for final approval. The AG is the final approval authority for the Warrant Officer Hall of Fame award as defined in this chapter.

d. The selectee will be announced and recognized before their peers at the annual Warrant Officer muster or other venues as necessary each year. In the event of a posthumous award, the medal shall be presented to the recipient Warrant Officers living spouse, child, family member, or other person(s) (as indicated within the application packet).

20-4. Hall of Fame Award Description

a. An engraved plaque with the name and final rank of all recipients with their collective years of service; that will be permanently displayed in the Joint Forces Headquarters in Lincoln, NE.

b. An engraved plaque and medal with neck ribbon; the medal will be engraved with the name of the individual. The award recipient will be appropriately recognized during a formal ceremony and presented the plaque and medal; normally this will occur during the annual Warrant Officer Muster evening event. (Include description of medal). The neck ribbon will be brown, the official color of the Warrant Officer Corps to signify the first warrant officer in the mine platter service and their bands of brown cloth worn on their uniforms as their insignia of rank. The neck ribbon will be further inlaid with a strip of gold color in the same fashion as the Warrant Officer flag, indicating achievement and ceremonial appreciation.

Figure 20-1

Nomination Example

	Nebraska Warrant Officer Hall of Fame Nomination Application (Submit to: Current Command Chief Warrant Officer)	
		Date
<u>Nominee Data:</u> Rank / Name: Nominee Next of Kin (If Deceased): Current Address: Telephone Number: E-Mail Address: Spouse's Name: Years of Military Service / Civilian Service / Retirement Date:		
<u>Nominator Data:</u> (This is needed to contact you should further information be needed, and/or to notify you should your nominee be inducted into the Hall of Fame) Rank / Name: Current Address: Telephone Number: E-mail Address:		
<u>Nominee's Summary Biography</u> (write as you want it to appear in the ceremony program (300-word limit):		
<u>Nominee's Significant Accomplishments</u> (800 word limit)		
<u>PHOTOGRAPH:</u> (Head and Shoulders) - military photo can be command board photo, DA photo, or photo taken in uniform in a field environment - civilian photo should be in business attire		
<u>SIGNIFICANT CITATIONS AND AWARDS:</u> (Military and Civilian - list awards in precedence order) (example) Legion of Merit (2d OLC) Meritorious Service Medal (5th OLC)		

EDUCATION: (Military and Civilian; include dates attended and degrees earned) (example)

Civilian:

1949-1953 Virginia Military Institute: Biology

1986 BS Business Management, University of Maryland

Military

1937 USMA, West Point, NY, HBS Degree 1956
Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA

SIGNIFICANT ASSIGNMENTS / DUTY POSTIONS: (Include numerical years, do not use months) (example)

1998 2000 Commander, 23rd Quartermaster Battalion
13th Expeditionary Sustainment Command, Fort Hood, TX

ENDORSEMENT LETTER #1, #2, #3 (as required)

Appendix A

References

Section I

Required Publications

Army publications are available on the Army Publishing Directorate website at <http://www.adp.army.mil>. National Guard Bureau publications are available on the National Guard Bureau Publications & Forms Library website at <http://www.ngbpdn.ngb.army.mil/ngbpublications.html>. Air Force publications are available on the Air Force e-Publishing website at <http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>. United States Codes are available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/>.

DAFMAN 36-2806

The Air Force Military Awards and Decorations Program

ANGI 36-2602

Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention Programs

AR 350-66

Small Arms Competitive Marksmanship Program

AR 600-8-22

Military Awards

AR 600-89

General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award Program

AR 670-1

Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia

AR 750-1

Army Material Maintenance Policy

NGB Pam 350-6

Competitive Marksmanship

NGR 601-1

Army National Guard Strength Maintenance Program

NGR 672-1

Trophies and Awards Program for the Army National Guard

NGR 672-3

National Guard Chief's 50 Marksmanship Badge

Section II

Related Publications

A related publication is a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand the publication.

AR 385-10

The Army Safety Program

AR 600-8-2

Suspension of Favorable Personnel Actions (FLAG)

AR 600-9

The Army Body Composition Program

Title 10, USC

Armed Forces

Title 10, USC 101(22)

Training Generally

Title 10, USC 672

Reference to Chapter 1209; Transfer to Inactive Status List Instead of Separation

Title 10, USC 12302

Ready Reserve

Title 10, USC 12304

Selected Reserve and Certain Individual Ready Reserve Members; Order to Active Duty Other than During War or National Emergency

Title 10, USC 1130

Consideration of Proposals for Decorations not previously Submitted in Timely Fashion: Procedures for Review

Title 32, USC

National Guard

Section III

Prescribed Forms

Unless otherwise indicated, DA Forms are available on the Army Publishing Directorate website (www.apd.army.mil) for Army personnel and the Air Force forms are available on the Air Force e-Publishing website (<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil/>).

DA Form 11-2

Internal Control Evaluation Certification

DA Form 2442

Certificate of Achievement

DA Form 1119-1

Certificate of Achievement in Safety

DA Form 5775

Army Accident Prevention Award of Accomplishment in Safety

DA Form 638

Recommendation for Award

TAG-NE Form 638

Nebraska Army National Guard (NEARNG) State Awards Recommendation

TAG-NE Form 672-101

The Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-102

The Nebraska National Guard Meritorious Service Medal Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-103

The Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-104

The Nebraska National Guard Recruiting Achievement Medal Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-105

The Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-106

The Nebraska National Guard Certificate of Achievement

TAG-NE Form 672-107

The Nebraska National Guard Certificate of Appreciation

TAG-NE Form 672-108

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Colonel (Female) Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-109

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Colonel (Male) Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-110

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Command Sergeant Major (Female) Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-110

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Command Sergeant Major (Male) Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-112

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Chief Master Sergeant (Female) Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-113

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Chief Master Sergeant (Male) Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-114

The Nebraska National Guard Young Hero Award Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-117

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Chief Warrant Officer (Female) Certificate

TAG-NE Form 672-118

The Nebraska National Guard Honorary Chief Warrant Officer (Male) Certificate

Section IV**Referenced Forms**

This section contains no entries.

Appendix B
Campaigns, Service Requirements and Inscriptions Prescribed for Streamers

B–1. Campaigns, service requirements, and inscriptions prescribed for streamers.

Campaigns, service requirements, and inscriptions prescribed for streamers are shown in AR 600-8-22, Table B–1.

Appendix C

Initial Consideration/Reconsideration of an Award through a Member of Congress

C–1. 10 USC 1130 process

a. Members of Congress may request consideration and/or reconsideration of a proposal for an award or presentation of decoration (or the upgrading of a decoration), either for an individual or unit, that is not otherwise authorized to be presented or awarded due to limitations established by law or policy for timely submission of a recommendation. Based upon such review, the SECARMY will make a determination as to the merits of approving the award or presentation of the decoration and other determinations necessary to comply with congressional reporting under 10 USC 1130.

b. All requests that are not processed within time limitations and/or theater are considered retroactive and must be processed through the former peacetime and/or wartime chain of command. Chain of command is defined as the sequence of commanders in an organization who have direct authority and primary responsibility for accomplishing the assigned unit mission while caring for personnel and property in their charge. Commanders in the former chain of command (for example, BN, brigade, division, Corps, and so forth), to include the awards approval authority for the request, must endorse the recommendation for approval, downgrade, or disapproval as appropriate in the intermediate authority blocks on the award form. Every attempt will be made by the recommender to obtain the original chain of command's endorsement for all award recommendations. In the event that an individual is not available, a memorandum for record will address the reason as to why, and what steps were taken to locate the individual.

C–2. Guidance

The following is a guide to the 10 USC 1130 process that is separated by initial requests and/or consideration (table F–1) or reconsideration (table F–2). Steps will assist Soldiers, units, and veterans in the accuracy and completeness of the initial or reconsideration request received from the Member of Congress and the Office, Chief of the Legislative Liaison (OCLL).

Table C–1 Steps for preparing and submitting for an initial 10 USC 1130 process		
Step	Who	Required Action
1	Soldier/unit/veteran	Requests consideration of an action (over 2 year time limitation).
2	Soldier/unit/veteran	Prepares and/or completes the following for submission to Member of Congress: a. Completed DA Form 638 or DA Form 7594 (if applicable) with proposed citation and narrative. b. Unit awards will require the documentation outlined in chapter 7 for the respective award. c. Endorsements from the chain of command (from the time of the award on either form listed above). d. DD–214 and supporting documentation (if applicable). e. Eyewitness statements (valor requests). f. Unit report of incident (valor requests).
3	Soldier/unit/veteran	Sends completed documents to Member of Congress for staffing.
4	Member of Congress	Member of Congress receives; staff prepares endorsements of request for the Member of Congress. Request is forwarded to the OCLL for staffing.
5	OCLL	Staffs and assigns a tracking number. Forwards to HRC, ADB.
6	HRC, ADB	Received and reviewed for completeness.
7	HRC, ADB	Verified as complete or incomplete. a. Complete packets are staffed for processing. b. For incomplete packets, HRC, ADB contacts the Member of Congress for additional documents and/or information required for the request.
8	HRC, ADB	Review and determination, Soldier, unit, or veteran will be notified in writing on the determination. Action will be taken to complete the process that is required for the desired request.
9	HRC, ADB	Forwards approved awards and decorations directly to the Soldier's chain of command (if active duty or within the RC); send unit award to the chain of command; Veterans' award elements will be forwarded to the Member of Congress.
10	HRC, ADB	For disapproved awards and decorations, forwards notification directly to the Soldier, unit, or Veteran. Member of Congress and/or OCLL will be notified that the request has been completed by HRC, ADB.

Table C-2 Steps for preparing and submitting for a reconsideration 10 USC 1130 process		
Step	Who	Required Action
1	Soldier/unit/veteran	Requests reconsideration of an action (over 2-year time limitation).
2	Soldier/unit/veteran	Prepares and/or completes the following for submission to Member of Congress: a. Justification in letter format from Soldier, unit, or veteran. b. Copy of original recommendation or reconstructed recommendation. c. Copy of all endorsements from the chain of command (from the time of the award). d. Copy of original citation. e. Proposed citation and narrative. f. DD-214 and supporting documentation (if applicable). g. Eyewitness statements (valor requests). h. Unit report of incident (valor requests).
3	Soldier/unit/veteran	Sends completed documents to Member of Congress for staffing.
4	Member of Congress	Member of Congress receives; staff prepares endorsements of request for the Member of Congress. Packet is forwarded to the OCLL for staffing.
5	OCLL	Staffs and assigns a tracking number. Request is forwarded to HRC, ADB.
6	HRC, ADB	Received and reviewed for completeness.
7	HRC, ADB	Verified as complete or incomplete. a. Complete packets are staffed for processing. b. For incomplete packets, HRC, ADB contacts the Member of Congress for additional documents and/or information required for the request.
8	HRC, ADB	Upon final review and determination, Soldier, unit, or veteran (Member of Congress) will be notified, in writing, on the determination. Action will be taken to complete the process that is required for the desired request.
9	HRC, ADB	Awards and decorations that are approved will be forwarded directly to the Soldier's chain of command (if active duty or RC); unit awards will be sent to the chain of command; Veterans' award elements will be forwarded to the Member of Congress.
10	HRC, ADB	Forwards approved awards and decorations directly to the Soldier, unit, or veteran. Notifies Member of Congress and/or OCLL that the request has been completed by HRC, ADB.

Appendix D

Internal Control Evaluation

D–1. Function

The functions covered by this evaluation is the Nebraska National Guard Decorations, Awards, and Honors Military Awards Program.

D–2. Purpose

The purpose of this evaluation is to assist the commander in evaluating the key internal controls listed. It is intended as a guide and does not cover all controls.

D–3. Instructions

Answers must be based upon the actual testing of controls (for example, document analysis, direct observation, interviewing, sampling, and/or others). Answers that indicate deficiencies must be explained and the corrective action indicated in the supporting documentation. These internal controls must be evaluated at least once every 5 years and then certified on DA Form 11–2 (Internal Control Evaluation Certification).

D–4. Test questions

- a.* Was the award entered into military channels within 2 years of the act, achievement, or service? If not, was the award recommendation submitted in accordance with 10 USC 1130?
- b.* Was the request for reconsideration of a previously disapproved or downgraded award submitted within 1 year of the awarding authority's date? If not, was the request submitted in accordance with 10 USC 1130?
- c.* Has the requestor provided new, substantive, and material information to support the reconsideration?
- d.* Have the recommended Soldiers' records been verified for flags (for example, adverse action, weight control, and physical fitness)?
- e.* Has the recommended unit or individual records been verified to ensure that no other award has been awarded for the same act, achievement, or period of meritorious service?
- f.* Has the award approval authority notified the affected Soldier of his or her intent to revoke a previously presented award?
- g.* Is the person requesting replacement of medals or other award elements the recipient or his or her primary next of kin?
- h.* Was the award approved by the appropriate award approval authority as outlined in table 4–2?
- i.* Has the higher award approval authority delegated, in writing, disapproval authority to their immediate subordinate commander to disapprove and award the next lower award (for example, NENGCM authority disapprove the NENGMSM and award NENGCM)?
- j.* Has the Soldier completed more than 5 years for award of the NENGSM? If not, does the Soldier meet the time requirements as outlined in paragraph 4–15 *a* through *h* for award of the NENGSM?
- k.* Does the recommender of the award have first-hand personal knowledge of the event at the time of the act or service for which the individual is being recommended for an award?

D–5. Supersession

No previous internal control evaluation exists for this program.

D–6. Comments

Help make this a better tool for evaluating internal controls. Submit comments to ARNG-DPA-G1, Attn: State Awards NCOIC, 2433 NW 24th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524.

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

AAM

Army Achievement Medal

AAME

Army Award for Maintenance Excellence

ACES

The Army Center of Excellence, Subsistence

AFI

Air Force Instruction

AFPD

Air Force Publishing Directorate (?)

AFRES

Air Force Reserves

AFRM

Armed Forces Reserve Medal

AG

Adjutant General

AGCM

Army Good Conduct Medal

AGR

Active Guard Reserve

ALARACT

All Army Activities

ANG

Air National Guard

APFT

Army Physical Fitness Test

AR

Army Regulation

ARCAM

Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal

ARCOM

Army Commendation Medal

ARCOTR

Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon

ARNG

Army National Guard

ARW

Air Wing

ASR

Army Service Ribbon

AT

Annual Training

BWC

Best Warrior Competition

CCM

Command Chief Master Sergeant

CCWO

Command Chief Warrant Officer

CFMO

Construction and Facilities Management Office

CLEA

Combined Logistics Excellence Award

CoS

Chief of Staff

CPX

Command Post Exercise

CSDP

Command Supply Discipline Program

CSM

Command Sergeant Major

CSMS

Combined Surface Maintenance Shop

CY

Calendar Year

DA

Department of the Army

DAT

Drug and Alcohol Test

DAVN

Director of Aviation

DCSOPS

Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations

DJS

Director of Joint Staff

DMOSQ

Duty Military Occupational Specialty Qualified

DOL

Directorate of Logistics

DOMS

Director of Military Support

DPA

Director of Personnel Actions

EIC

Excellence in Competition

EO

Equal Opportunity

ERB

Enlisted Record Brief

FMAT

Food Management Assistance Team

FMS

Field Maintenance Shop

FRAGO

Fragmentary Order

FRG

Family Readiness Group

FSM

Force Structure Management

FSS

Force Support Squadron

FTX

Field Training Exercise

FY

Fiscal Year

GKO

Guard Knowledge Online

GPC

Government Purchase Card

GSS

Global Support System

HSM

Humanitarian Service Medal

ING

Inactive National Guard

IOY

Instructor of the Year

ITO

Invitational Travel Orders

JFHQ

Joint Force Headquarters

LOI

Letter of Instruction

LCC

Land Component Commander

MEA

Maintenance Excellence Award

MEB

Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

MEPS

Military Entrance Processing Station

MiIPDS

Military Personnel Data System

MOI

Memorandum of Instruction

MOVSM

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

MPR

Master Personnel Record

MSE

Maintenance Shop Excellence

MSM

Meritorious Service Medal

MTOE

Modified Table of Organization and Equipment

NCO

Noncommissioned Officer

NCOA

Noncommissioned Officer Academy

NCOPDR

Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon

NCOES

Noncommissioned Officer Education System

NDTA

National Defense Transportation Association

NEARNGISA

Nebraska Army National Guard Individual Service Award

NEARNGRA

Nebraska Army National Guard Retention Award

NENG

Nebraska Army National Guard

NENGCM

Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal

NENGCMV

Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal for Valor

NENGDSVVCR

Nebraska National Guard Desert Shield / Storm Service Ribbon

NENGESM

Nebraska National Guard Emergency Service Medal

NENGHM

Nebraska National Guard Heroism Medal

NENGHDSR

Nebraska National Guard Homeland Defense Service Ribbon

NENGIAM

Nebraska National Guard Individual Achievement Medal

NENGLM

Nebraska National Guard Legion of Merit

NENGMAB

Nebraska National Guard Military Awards Board

NENGMHGR

Nebraska National Guard Military Honor Guard Ribbon

NENGMSM

Nebraska National Guard Meritorious Service Medal

NENGOCSM

Nebraska National Guard Outstanding Citizen Soldier Medal

NENGRAM

Nebraska National Guard Recruiting Achievement Medal

NENGSM

Nebraska National Guard Service Medal

NENGWDRP

Nebraska National Guard Well Done Recognition Pin

NGAUS

National Guard Association of the United States

NGB

National Guard Bureau

NLT

No Later Than

OAY

Outstanding Airman of the Year

OCS

Officer Candidate School

OER

Officer Evaluation Report

OIP

Organizational Inspection Program

OMPF

Official Military Personnel File

OPM

Officer Personnel Manager

ORB

Officer Record Brief

PBO

Property Book Office

PME

Professional Military Education

POC

Point of Contact

PPOM

Personnel Policy Operational Memorandum

PQR

Personnel Qualification Record

RRB

Recruiting and Retention Battalion

RTI

Regional Training Institute

SGM

Sergeant Major

SMM

Service Maintenance Manager

SOP

Standard Operating Procedures

SSA

Special Support Activity

TAG

The Adjutant General

TAGRT

The Adjutant General's Retention Trophy

TDA

Table of Distribution and Allowances

TOE

Table of Organization and Equipment

UFPM

Unit Fitness Program Manager

USAF

United States Air Force

USC

United States Code

UTES

Unit Training Equipment Site

WFS

Warrior Family Support

WOBC

Warrant Officer Basic Course

WOCS

Warrant Officer Candidate School

Section II

Terms

Above and beyond the call of duty

Exercise of a voluntary course of action the omission of which would not justly subject the individual to censure for failure in the performance of duty. It usually includes the acceptance of existing danger or extraordinary responsibilities with praiseworthy fortitude and exemplary courage. In its highest degrees it involves the voluntary acceptance of additional danger and risk of life.

Active duty

Full-time duty in the active military service of the United States. It includes duty on the active duty list, full-time training duty, annual training duty, and attendance, while in the active military service, at a school designated as a Service school by law or by the SECARMY or SECAF. Such term does not include full-time National Guard duty per section 10 USC 101(22).

Active Guard Reserve

National Guard and Reserve personnel serving on active duty under 10 USC and National Guard personnel serving on full-time National Guard duty under 32 USC. These personnel are on full-time National Guard duty or active duty (other than training) for 180 days or more for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the RCs and are paid from National Guard personnel, Army, Air Force, or Reserve Personnel appropriations.

Award

Recognition given to individuals or units for certain acts or services, or badges, accolades, emblems, citations, commendations, and streamers. Also, an adjective used to identify administrative functions relating to recognition (for example, awards boards, award recommendations, and so forth).

Bravery

Quality or state showing courage; level of conduct which is expected of professional Soldiers and Airmen.

Chain of command

The sequence of commanders in an organization who have direct authority and primary responsibility for accomplishing the assigned unit mission while caring for personnel and property in their charge.

Decoration

Distinctively designed mark of honor denoting heroism or meritorious and/or outstanding service and/or achievement for individuals and units.

a. Individual Nebraska National Guard decorations are the NENGLM, NENGHM, NENGMSM, NENGCMV, NENGCM, NENGIAM, and the NENGRAM

Detachment

A part of a unit separated from its main organization for duty elsewhere. A temporary military unit formed from other units or parts of units.

Direct support

Services being supplied to participating forces in the area of eligibility by ground units, ships, and aircraft provided in involve actually entering the designated area of eligibility. This includes

units, ships, and aircraft providing logistic, patrol, guard, reconnaissance, or other military support within the designated area of eligibility.

Distinguished himself or herself by

Someone who, by praiseworthy accomplishment, is set apart from other persons in the same or similar circumstances. Determination of this distinction requires careful consideration of exactly what is or was expected as the ordinary, routine, or customary behavior and accomplishment for individuals of like rank and experience for the circumstances involved.

Heroism

Extreme courage demonstrated in attaining a noble end. Varying levels of documented heroic actions are necessary to substantiate recommendations for the BSM with “V” device, AM with “V” device, and the ARCOM with “V” device in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. This phrase covers all military operations including combat, support, and supply which have a direct bearing on the outcome of an engagement or engagements against armed opposition. To perform duty, or to accomplish an act or achievement in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, the individual must have been subjected to either personal hazard as a result of direct enemy action, or the imminence of such action, or must have had the conditions under which his or her duty or accomplishment took place complicated by enemy action or the imminence of enemy action.

Intermediate Authority

A person who is occupying a position of command that is between the award recommender and the award approval authority.

Key individual

A person who is occupying a position that is indispensable to an organization, activity, or project.

Medal

A term used to include the three categories of awards, namely: decorations, AGCMs, and service medals. Also refers to the distinctive physical device, made of metal and ribbon, which constitutes the tangible evidence of an award.

Meritorious achievement

An act which is well above the expected performance of duty. The act should be an accomplishment with a definite beginning and ending date. The length of time is not a primary consideration; however, speed of accomplishment of an important task can be a factor in determining the value of an act.

Meritorious service

Distinguished by a succession of outstanding acts of achievement over a sustained period of time. Individual performance must exceed that expected by virtue of grade and experience based on accomplishments during an entire tour of duty.

Month

Considered to be 30 calendar days.

Officer

Except where expressly indicated otherwise, indicates commissioned or warrant officer.

Operation

A military action, or the carrying out of a strategic, tactical, service, training, or administrative military mission; the process of carrying out combat including movement, supply, attack, defense, and maneuvers needed to gain the objectives of any battle or campaign.

Primary next of kin

Primary next of kin in descending order of precedence are: surviving spouse; eldest surviving child (natural or adoptive); father or mother, unless legal exclusive (sole) custody was granted to a person by reason of a court decree or statutory provision; blood or adoptive relative who was granted legal custody of the person by a court decree or statutory provision; eldest surviving brother or sister; eldest surviving grandparent; eldest surviving grandchild.

Reserve Components

- a. Army: Army National Guard (ARNGUS) and the Army Reserve (USAR).
- b. Air Force: Air National Guard (ANGUS) and the Air Force Reserve (USAFR).

Unit

- a. Any military element whose structure is prescribed by competent authority, such as a TOE; specifically, a part of an organization.
- b. An organization title of a subdivision of a group in a task force.
- c. With regard to RCs of the Armed Forces, denotes a Selected Reserve unit organized, equipped, and trained for mobilization to serve on active duty as a unit or to augment or be augmented by another unit. Headquarters and support functions are not considered units.

Valor

Heroism performed under combat conditions.

Year

Equal to 12 complete calendar months or 365 calendar days (including leap year).

Section III

Special Abbreviations and Terms

A1

Directorate of Air National Guard Personnel Actions

ARIMS

A web based application used to manage unclassified and classified hardcopy and electronic records.

ARNG-DPA-G1

Official 'TO' label for the Director of Personnel Actions section

G1

Directorate of Army National Guard Personnel Actions

G3

Directorate of Army National Guard Operations and Training

G4

Directorate of Army National Guard Logistics

G4-LAT

Official 'TO' label for the Logistics Awards Teams

iPERMS

Internet based Personnel Electronic Records Management System used to load, store, and manage personnel records.

J1

Personnel and Manpower

JFHQ/A1

Official 'TO' label for the Joint Force Headquarters Directorate of Air National Guard Personnel Actions section

NGB-LAT

Official 'TO' label for the National Guard Bureau Logistics Awards Team

NGNE-LAT

Alternate 'TO' label for the G4-LAT; Logistics Awards Teams

NGNE-LOG-FS

Official 'TO' label for the Logistics Food Service section

IPPS-A

Integrated Personnel and Pay System - Army.

TAG-NE

Official 'TO' label for The Adjutant General of Nebraska

TRADOC

Training and Doctrine Command

USP&FO

United States Property and Fiscal Office

