

U.S. Military Awards & Decorations

How to Request & Replace Military Medals



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Carol Ann Fausone (ret.)

Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone (ret.) served for over 36 years with the U.S. Air Force and Michigan National Guard. As a nurse, her duty assignments took her around the country, and the world, assisting commanders with troop readiness.

A close-up photograph of a Purple Heart medal resting on an American flag. The medal is purple with a gold ring and a small emblem. The flag's stars and stripes are visible in the background.

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MILITARY AWARDS & DECORATIONS

Defining a Military Decoration:

A Military Decoration is an award, usually a medal of some sort, given to an individual as a distinctively designed mark of honor denoting heroism, or meritorious or outstanding service or achievement.

Awards and decorations of the United States Military recognize service and personal accomplishments while a member of the United States Armed Forces. Together with military badges, such awards are a means to outwardly display the highlights of a service member's career.

Today military decorations include:

- Orders of Chivalry
- Bravery awards, in the form of a cross, star or medal on a ribbon
- Distinguished service awards, in the form of a cross, star or medal on a ribbon
- Campaign medals worn on a ribbon
- Service medals worn on a ribbon
- Awards for entire units

MEDALS & DECORATIONS ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

The General Order of Priority:

While each service has its own order of precedence, the following general rules apply to all services:

- U.S. military personal decorations
- U.S. military unit awards
- U.S. non-military personal decorations (after unit awards in order of receipt; if from the same agency, the applicable agency precedence listing should be consulted)
- U.S. non-military unit awards
- U.S. military campaign awards
- U.S. military service and training awards
- U.S. Merchant Marine awards and non-military service awards
- Foreign military personal decorations
- Foreign military unit awards
- Non-U.S. service awards (e.g., United Nations, NATO)
- Foreign military service awards
- Marksmanship awards (Navy and Coast Guard)
- State awards of the National Guard (Army & Air Force)
- Cold War Recognition certificate

**NOTE: Precedence of particular awards will vary slightly among the different branches of service.*

RIBBON/AWARD NAME

Personal Decorations

Awarded for "Gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty"

- Medal of Honor

Service Cross medals. Awarded for "Extraordinary heroism"

- Distinguished Service Cross (Army)
- Navy Cross
- Air Force Cross
- Coast Guard Cross

Distinguished Service medals Defense

- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Homeland Security Distinguished Service Medal
- Distinguished Service Medal (Army)
- Navy Distinguished Service Medal
- Air Force Distinguished Service Medal
- Coast Guard Distinguished Service Medal
- Silver Star Awarded for "Gallantry in action"
- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Legion of Merit
- Distinguished Flying Cross

Medals for non-combat heroism

- Soldier's Medal
- Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- Airman's Medal
- Coast Guard Medal

- Bronze Star Medal
- Purple Heart
- *Meritorious service medals*
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Medal
- Aerial Achievement Medal
- *Commendation medals*
- Joint Service Commendation Medal
- Army Commendation Medal
- Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal
- Air Force Commendation Medal
- Coast Guard Commendation Medal
- *Achievement medals*
- Joint Service Achievement Medal
- Army Achievement Medal
- Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal
- Air Force Achievement Medal
- Coast Guard Achievement Medal
- Commandant's Letter of Commendation
- Navy & Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon
- Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon
- Air Force Combat Action Medal

Unit Awards

Presidential Unit Citations

- Army & Air Force Presidential Unit Citation
- Navy & Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation
- Coast Guard Presidential Unit Citation
- Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- Army Valorous Unit Award
- Navy Unit Commendation
- Air Force Gallant Unit Citation
- Coast Guard Unit Commendation

Meritorious Unit Commendations

- Army Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Air Force Meritorious Unit Award
- Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation
- Army Superior Unit Award
- Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
- Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation

Efficiency Awards

- Navy “E” Ribbon
- Air Force Organizational Excellence Award
- Coast Guard “E” Ribbon

Service

- Prisoner of War Medal
- Combat Readiness Medal
- Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon
- Air Force Recognition Ribbon

Good Conduct Medals

- Army Good Conduct Medal
- Navy Good Conduct Medal
- Air Force Good Conduct Medal
- Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal
- Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal

Reserve decorations

- Armed Forces Reserve Medal
- Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal
- Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
- Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal
- Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal
- Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal

Expeditionary medals

- Navy Expeditionary Medal
- Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

Campaign & Service Medals

- Army of Occupation Medal
- Navy Occupation Service Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Antarctica Service Medal
- Coast Guard Arctic Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal
- Southwest Asia Service Medal
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
- Korea Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Service Medal
- Humanitarian Service Medal
- Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
- Air and Space Campaign Medal



Service & Training Awards

- Army Sea Duty Ribbon
- Army Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon
- Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- Air Force Overseas Short Tour Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
- Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon
- Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
- Army Sea Duty Ribbon
- Army Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon
- Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- Air Force Overseas Short Tour Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
- Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon
- Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
- Air Force Overseas Long Tour Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon
- Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Overseas Service Ribbon
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
- Air Force Longevity Service Award

Service & Training Awards Cont'd

Recruiting service ribbons

- Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon
- Air Force Recruiter Ribbon
- Army Sea Duty Ribbon
- Army Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon
- Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- Air Force Overseas Short Tour Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
- Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Sea Service Ribbon
- Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
- Army Sea Duty Ribbon
- Army Overseas Service Ribbon
- Army Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon
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- Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
- Air Force Overseas Long Tour Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Restricted Duty Ribbon

- Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon
- Coast Guard Overseas Service Ribbon
- Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon
- Air Force Longevity Service Award

Recruiting service ribbons

- Navy Recruiting Service Ribbon
- Air Force Recruiter Ribbon
- Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon
- Coast Guard Recruiting Service Ribbon

Training service ribbons

- Air Force Military Training Instructor Ribbon
- Navy Recruit Training Service Ribbon
- Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon

Guard ribbons

- Navy Ceremonial Guard Ribbon
- Marine Corps Security Guard Ribbon

Professional Development Ribbons

- Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon
- Air Force NCO PME Graduate Ribbon
- Air Force Honor Graduate Ribbon
- Coast Guard Honor Graduate Ribbon
- Army Service Ribbon
- Air Force Training Ribbon

Marksmanship Awards

- Air Force Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Rifle

- Coast Guard Distinguished Marksman Award (Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon with Distinguished Marksman Device)
- Coast Guard Silver Rifle Excellence-in-Competition Award (Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon with Silver Rifle EIC Device)
- Coast Guard Bronze Rifle Excellence-in-Competition Award (Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon with Bronze Rifle EIC Device)
- Navy Expert Rifleman Medal
- Coast Guard Expert Rifleman Medal
- Navy Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon with Sharpshooter Device

- Coast Guard Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon with Sharpshooter Device
- Navy Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon
- Coast Guard Rifle Marksmanship Ribbon Air Force Training Ribbon

Pistol

- Coast Guard Distinguished Pistol Shot Award
- Coast Guard Silver Pistol Excellence-in-Competition Award
- Coast Guard Bronze Pistol Excellence-in-Competition Award
- Navy Expert Pistol Shot Medal
- Coast Guard Expert Pistol Shot Medal
- Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon with Sharpshooter Device
- Coast Guard Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon with Sharpshooter Device
- Navy Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon
- Coast Guard Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon



REPLACING MILITARY MEDALS

How the Request Process Works:

Who is the request issued to?

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) does not issue service medals; that is a function of each military service department. Requests for the issuance or replacement of military service medals, decorations and awards should be directed to the specific branch of the military in which the veteran served.

The NPRC will verify the awards to which a veteran is entitled and forward the request along with the records verification to the appropriate service department for issuance of the medals.

How does the type of record (archival or non-archival) affect Next-of-Kin (NOK) requests for medals?

The Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) is used to verify awards to which a veteran may be entitled. OMPFs are accessioned into the National Archives, and become archival, 62 years after the service member's separation from the military. This is a rolling date; hence, you would subtract 62 years from the current date to calculate whether or not the record is archival or non-archival. Archival records are open to the public. Records that are non-archival are maintained under the Federal Records Center program. Non-archival records are subject to access restrictions. As such, the veteran's date of separation (separation is defined as discharge, retirement or death in service) will affect how the request is processed.

REPLACING MILITARY MEDALS (Continued)

Is there a cost associated with requesting replacement medals?

Each military service will provide replacement medal requests for the veteran at no cost. This includes family members with the signed authorization of the veteran.

Who do I contact for requesting replacement medals?

Requests for replacement medals should be submitted on Standard Form 180, "Request Pertaining To Military Records," which may be obtained at VA offices or the Internet at: www.va.gov/vaforms/.

What do I need to include in my request?

When requesting medals, type or clearly print the following:

- Veteran's full name,
- the Veteran's branch of service,
- the service number or Social Security number,
- and provide the Veteran's exact or approximate dates of military service.
- The request must contain the signature of the Veteran or next of kin if the Veteran is deceased.
- If available, include a copy of the discharge or separation document, WDAGO Form 53-55 or DD Form 214.

Where do I find more information on requesting replacement medals?

Forms, addresses, and other information on requesting medals can be found on the Military Personnel Records section of NPRC's Website at: www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html.

If you have questions, call Military Personnel Records at: (314) 801-0800 or e-mail them at: MPR.center@nara.gov.

WHERE DO I SEND MY REQUEST?

Army

Where to write for medals	National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138 or REQUEST MEDALS ONLINE!
Where medals are mailed from	U.S. Army TACOM Clothing and Heraldry (PSID) P.O. Box 57997 Philadelphia, PA 19111-7997
Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal	U.S. Army Human Resources Command Soldier Program and Services Division – Awards and Decorations Branch ATTN: AHRC-PDP-A 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Dept 480 Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

Marine Corps

Where to write for medals, and where medals are mailed from	Navy Personnel Command Liaison Office Room 350 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138
Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal	Commandant of the Marine Corps Military Awards Branch (MMMA) 3280 Russell Road Quantico, VA 22134-5100

Navy

Where to write for medals, and where medals are mailed from

Navy Personnel Command
Liaison Office Room 350
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal

Chief of Naval Operations
(OPNAV 09B33)
Awards & Special Projects
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Air Force

(includes Army Air Corps & Army Air Force)

Where to write for medals

National Personnel Records Center
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138 or
REQUEST MEDALS ONLINE!

Where medals are mailed from, and where to write in case of a problem or an appeal

Active Duty Veterans:
Headquarters Air Force
Personnel Center
AFPC/DPPPR
550 C Street West, Suite 12
Randolph AFB, TX
78150-4714

Reserve & Air Guard Veterans
Air Reserve Personnel Center
HQ ARPC/DPTARA
18420 E Silver Creek Ave Bldg 390 MS 68
Buckley AFB, CO 80011

Coast Guard

Where to write for medals, and where medals are mailed from

Navy Personnel Command
Liaison Office Room 350
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

Where to write in case of a problem or an appeal

Commandant U.S. Coast Guard
Medals and Awards Branch
(PMP-4)
Washington, DC 20593-0001

NEXT-OF-KIN

The medal request process for Next-of-Kin:

Who is the Next-of-Kin (NOK)?

- For the Army, the NOK is defined as: the surviving spouse, eldest child, father or mother, eldest sibling or eldest grandchild
- For the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps & Coast Guard, the NOK is defined as: the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister.

NOK NOTE: The process (and cost) for replacement medals requests differs among the service branches and is dependent upon who is requesting the medal, particularly if the request involves an archival record.

NEXT-OF-KIN, MEDAL REQUESTS		
Veteran's Separation Date	Army, Navy, and Marine Corps	Air Force and Coast Guard
If the veteran's separation date from military service was more than 62 years ago (i.e., 2019 minus 62 years is 1957)	Requests are accepted at NO COST Write to: National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138 Or REQUEST MEDALS ONLINE!	These Services do not accept NOK archival requests. The NOK may purchase a copy of the veteran's OMPF to determine the awards due and obtain the medals from a commercial source
If the veteran separated from military service less than 62 years ago	Requests are accepted at NO COST Write to: National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138 Or REQUEST MEDALS ONLINE!	Requests are accepted at NO COST Write to: National Personnel Records Center 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138 Or REQUEST MEDALS ONLINE!

CORRECTING MILITARY RECORDS

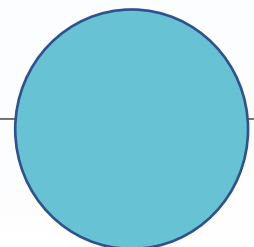
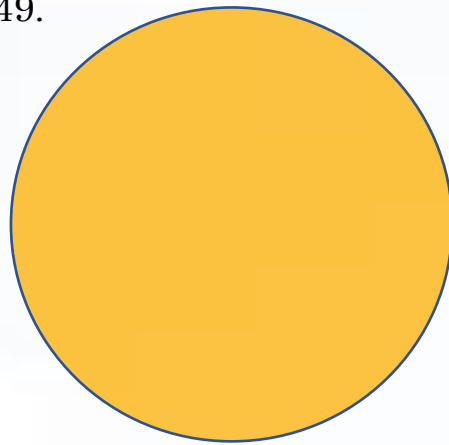
If you are a veteran who received a less than honorable discharge, you can file an application to request your military records be changed as long as justifiable supplemental information is provided to the proper military department review board. A big incentive for veterans to request an upgrade to their discharge is to be able to qualify for VA benefits like the GI Bill and VA mortgages. Those who left the military with any other discharge besides an honorable discharge might be able to show evidence of good conduct to provide to the review board in support of an upgrade, with such evidence including a long job history, absence of additional misconduct, character references, or proof of extensive volunteer work.

On February 19, 2021, the secretaries of each military department were instructed to analyze the records of any service member who was involuntarily separated, discharged, or denied reenlistment or continuation of service in accordance with the last presidential administration's policies on gender identity. This poses another avenue where a need to change records comes into play.

HOW TO REQUEST A CHANGE

Veterans who want to ask for discharge upgrades, reconsiderations of previously denied upgrades, or corrections to other military records must fill out the appropriate form and return it to their service's review board at the address listed on the form.

- For discharges within the last 15 years, veterans should complete DD Form 293.
- For discharges more than 15 years ago or in cases already considered for upgrade and denied by a military department Discharge Review Board, veterans should complete DD Form 149.
- For corrections of records other than discharges, veterans should complete the DD Form 149.



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATIONS

Explain how the discharge was connected to unjust policies, a physical or mental health condition related to military service, or some other circumstance that can be justified and back them up with key facts such as medical records for relevant medical diagnoses and applicable service records. The more information that is provided in the request, the easier it is for the review boards to see the full picture of the circumstances.

According to the US Department of Defense, “Personnel records for veterans who served after 1997 should be accessible online and are usually retrievable within hours of a request through the Defense Personnel record from DPRIS, visit the website, select “Individual Veteran Access” on the left side, and follow the instructions. Veterans must register for access and verify their mailing address before requesting records. Those who served before 1997 or for whom electronic records are not available from DPRIS can request their records from the National Archives’ National Personnel Records Center using the eVetRecs website.”

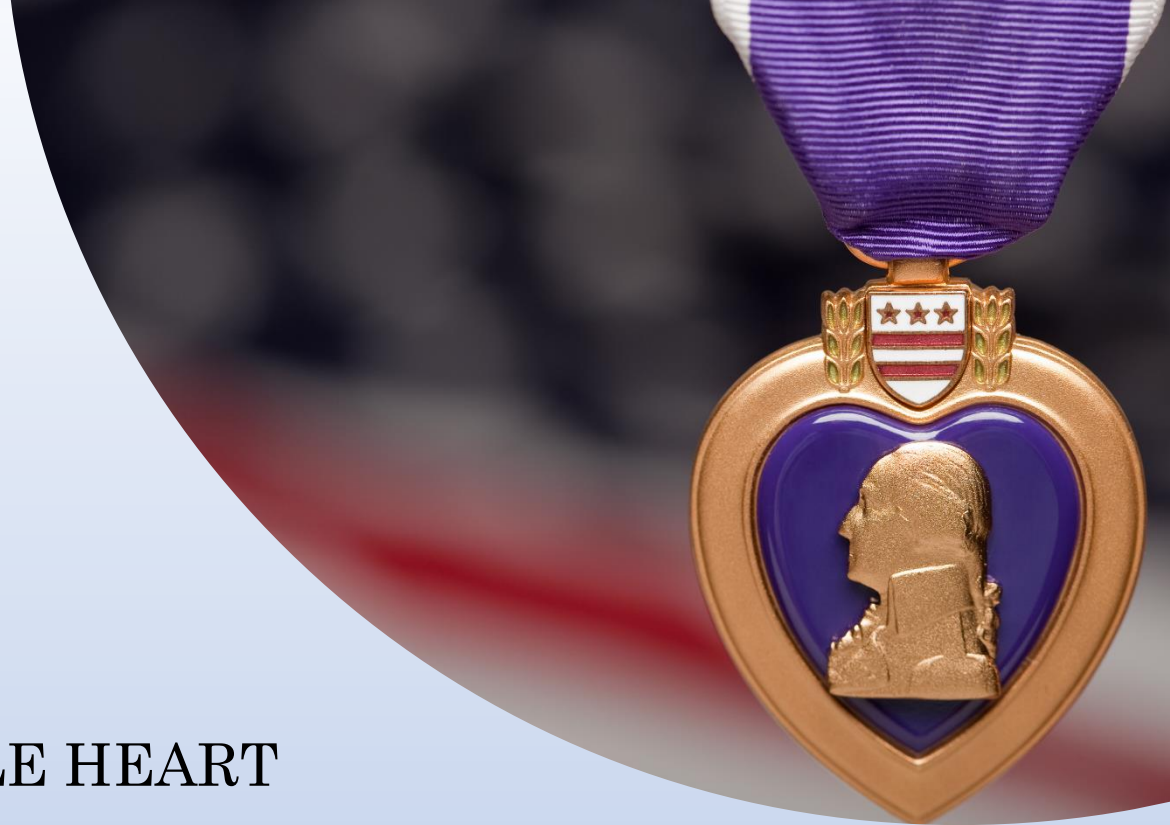


PURPLE HEART

Background:

Purple Heart is awarded to members of the United States Armed Forces who were (i) wounded, killed, or may die (ii) due to wounds received in action against an enemy of the United States, in action against an opposing enemy force from a foreign country that is in conflict with the United States Armed Forces, as the result of any hostile act of force, and (iii) those servicemen who were killed or wounded In action by friendly fire while directly engaged in armed conflict.

The Purple Heart differs from all other military decorations, since recipients are entitled to the award upon qualification instead of being recommended for it. However, not every injury incurred during service qualifies a veteran for the Purple Heart.



PURPLE HEART

Qualification:

Purple Heart qualifying injuries include an injury that was caused by an enemy bullet or other projectile caused by enemy action, injury and especially concussion injuries caused by an enemy mine or explosive, injury caused by chemical, biological, or nuclear agent, vehicle accident caused by enemy fire, and mild traumatic brain injury or concussive severe enough to cause either loss of consciousness or restriction from full duty due to persistent signs, symptoms, or clinical finding, or impaired brain functions for a period greater than 48 hours from the time of the concussive incident.

PURPLE HEART

Qualification (continued):

In addition to the above injuries, there are signs, symptoms, and medical conditions that if documented by a medical officer or professional would meet the threshold required to be awarded the Purple Heart. This non-exhaustive list includes: a diagnosis of concussion or mild traumatic brain injury, any period of loss or a decreased level of consciousness, any loss of memory for events immediately before or after the injury, neurological deficits (such as weakness, loss of balance, change in vision, difficulty with coordinating movements etc.), headaches, nausea, difficulty with understanding or expressing words, sensitivity to light that may or may not be transient.

Injuries that do not justify qualification for the Purple Heart include frostbite (excluding severe frostbite requiring hospitalization from December 7, 1941, to August 22, 1951), trench foot or immersion foot, heat stroke, and many other injuries that were not a direct result of foreign enemy action.

Combat theater and unit command policies mandating rest periods or “down time” following incidents do not constitute qualifying treatment for concussion injuries and therefore eligibility for the Purple Heart. To qualify as medical treatment, this rest period must have been directed by a medical officer or medical professional for the individual after diagnosis of an injury.



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PURPLE HEART

Eligibility:

Any member of the U.S. Army who believes that he/she is eligible for the Purple Heart, but under unusual circumstances were not awarded it, are able to submit an application through their chain of command to:

Awards and Decorations Branch
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

The application includes the following documents:

- DD Form 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty);
- SF 600 (Chronological Record of Medical Care);
- One page narrative describing the injuring incident and the conditions present at the time;
- Statements from at least two individuals who are not the proposed recipient who were personally present and observed the incident. Other official documents may be used to corroborate the narrative as well;
- Casualty reports will be needed (if applicable);
- Officer Record Brief/Enlisted Record Brief/DA Form 2-1, 2A, 2B, or 2C.
- If you are **Active Component, Army Reserve, or National Guard**, the form below is also required:
 - DA Form 4187 (chain of command endorsement, deployment orders or mobilization roster).

You can find all of the VA forms at <https://www.va.gov/find-forms/>

PURPLE HEART

Examples of Eligibility:

Examples of enemy-related injuries which clearly justify award of the Purple Heart are as follows:

- Injury caused by enemy bullet, shrapnel, or other projectile created by enemy action
- Injury caused by enemy placed mine or trap
- Injury caused by enemy released chemical, biological, or nuclear agent
- Injury caused by vehicle or aircraft accident resulting from enemy fire
- Concussion injuries caused as a result of enemy generated explosions
- Mild traumatic brain injury or concussive severe enough to cause either loss of consciousness or restriction from full duty due to persistent signs, symptoms, or clinical finding, or impaired brain functions for a period greater than 48 hours from the time of the concussive incident.

Examples of injuries or wounds which clearly do not justify award of the Purple Heart are as follows:

- Frostbite (excluding severe frostbite requiring hospitalization from 7 December 1941 to 22 August 1951).
- Trench foot or immersion foot.
- Heat stroke.
- Food poisoning not caused by enemy agents.
- Chemical, biological, or nuclear agents not released by the enemy.
- Battle fatigue.
- Disease not directly caused by enemy agents.
- Accidents, to include explosive, aircraft, vehicular, and other accidental wounding not related to or caused by enemy action.
- Self-inflicted wounds, except when in the heat of battle and not involving gross negligence.
- Post traumatic stress disorders.
- Airborne (for example, parachute/jump) injuries not caused by enemy action.
- Hearing loss and tinnitus (for example: ringing in the ears).
- Mild traumatic brain injury or concussions that do not either result in loss of consciousness or restriction from full duty for a period greater than 48 hours due to persistent signs, symptoms, or physical findings of impaired brain function.
- Abrasions and lacerations (unless of a severity to be incapacitating).
- Bruises (unless caused by direct impact of the enemy weapon and severe enough to require treatment by a medical officer).
- Soft tissue injuries (for example, ligament, tendon or muscle strains, sprains, and so forth).
- First degree burns.



PURPLE HEART

Statutory Time Limits:

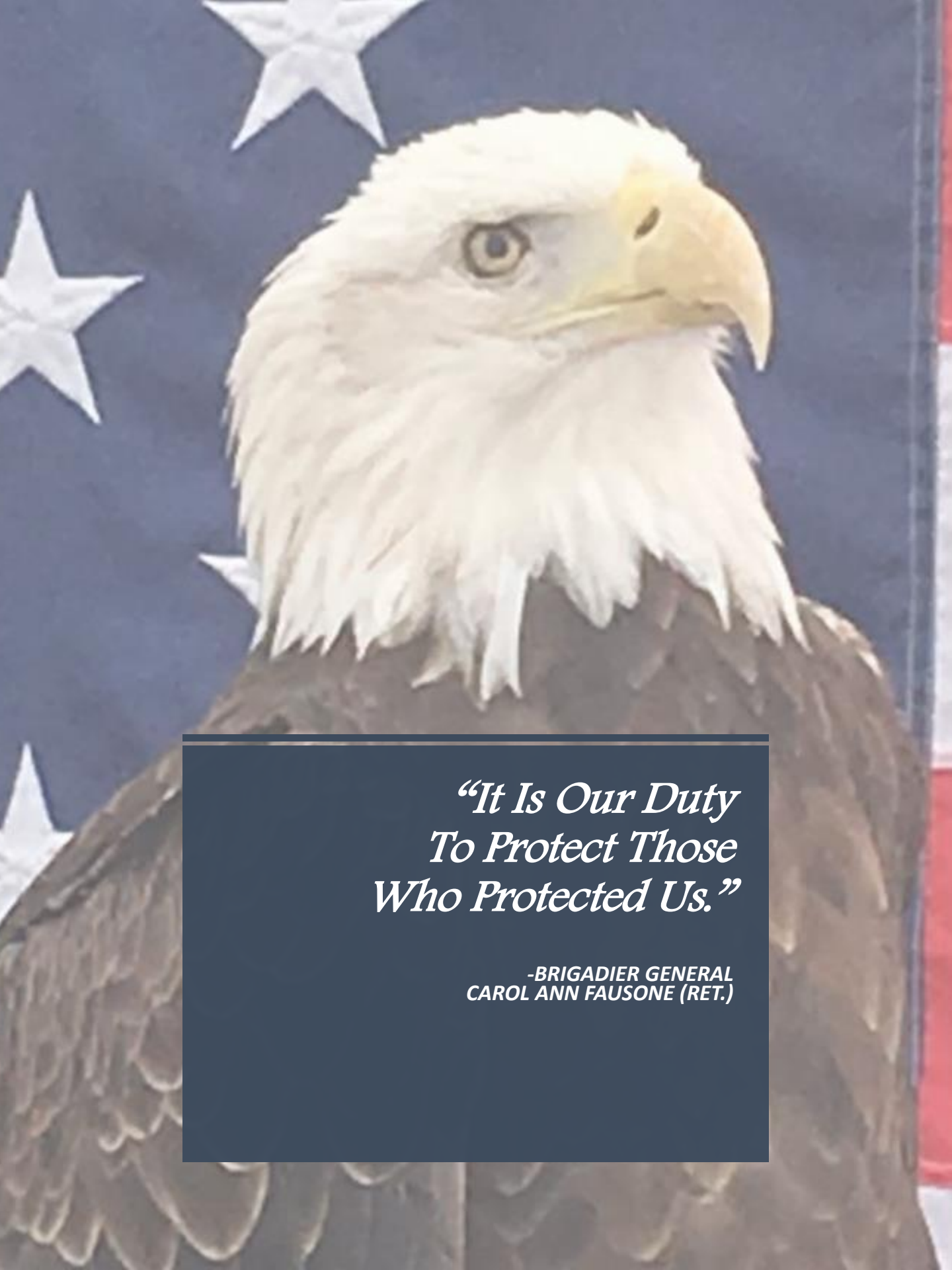
It is important to note that statutory time limits regarding military decorations do not apply to the Purple Heart award. Purple Hearts may be awarded any time after the required documents and criteria have been met. If you or a veteran family member believe they deserve a Purple Heart, you should use this information to see if you qualify.

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Legal Help For Veterans, PLLC has over twenty years of experience helping veterans apply for service-connected disability benefits and starting their claims, appealing VA decisions, and filing claims for an increased disability rating so veterans can receive a higher level of benefits.

If you were denied service-connection or benefits for any service-connected disease, our firm can help. We can also put you and your family in touch with other critical resources to ensure you receive the treatment that you deserve.

Give us a call at 800-693-4800 or visit us online at www.LegalHelpForVeterans.com.



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To Protect Those
Who Protected Us.”*

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