

AWARDS

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the individual apart from his comrades or from other persons in similar circumstances. Awards will be made only to recognize single acts of heroism or extraordinary achievement and will not be made in recognition of sustained operational activities against an armed enemy. It should also be noted that if a higher decoration is considered to be merited for the heroism or extraordinary achievement, recommendation may be made for any appropriate higher award.

30. Soldier's Medal. The Soldier's Medal, established by act of Congress 2 July 1926, is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or of a friendly foreign nation who, while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, shall have distinguished himself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an armed enemy (fig. 1). The same degree of heroism is required as for the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. The performance must have involved personal hazard or danger and the voluntary risk of life under conditions not involving conflict with an armed enemy. Awards will not be made solely on the basis of having saved a life.

31. Bronze Star Medal. The Bronze Star Medal, established by Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (WD Bul 3, 1944) (superseded by Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962) (DA Bul 9, 1962), is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after 6 December 1941, shall have distinguished himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party (para 2p (3)).

a. Heroism. Awards may be made for acts of heroism, performed under circumstances described above, which are of lesser degree than required for the award of the Silver Star.

b. Meritorious achievement or meritorious service.

- (1) Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or meritorious service. The required achievement or service while of lesser degree than that required for the award of the Legion of Merit must nevertheless have been meritorious and accomplished with distinction.
- (2) Award may be made upon letter application to The Adjutant General (inclosing documentary evidence, if possible) to each member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after 6 December 1941, has been cited in orders or awarded a certificate for exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945, inclusive, or whose meritorious achievement has been otherwise confirmed by documents executed prior to 1 July 1947. For this purpose, an award of the Combat Infantryman Badge or Combat Medical Badge is considered as a citation in orders. Documents executed since 4 August 1944 in connection with recommendations for the award of decorations of higher degree than the Bronze Star Medal will *not* be used as the basis for an award under the provisions of this paragraph.

★**32. Air Medal.** The Air Medal, established by Executive Order 9158 (amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942) (WD Bul 49, 1942), is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States, shall have distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight (fig. 1). Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or sustained operational activities against an armed enemy, or for heroic acts in aerial flight. The required achievement, while of lesser degree than that required for the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross, must nevertheless have been accomplished with distinction beyond that normally expected.