

AWARDS, DECORATIONS & HONORS

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This revision of GSDF Regulation 672-1 supersedes all previous versions which should be discarded.

1. **PURPOSE:** To establish policy, responsibilities and procedures for the submission of recommendations, review for approval and presentation of legitimately earned and justified awards, decorations and honors to deserving members of the Georgia State Defense Force.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This regulation is applicable to all Georgia State Defense Force personnel.
3. **POLICY:** It is the policy of the Georgia State Defense Force to recognize exceptional courage, outstanding performance, unique or unusual accomplishments, long and faithful service, or other significant and distinctive achievements by members of the Force. Commanders, Staff Section heads and Senior Non-commissioned officers are directly responsible to ensure that exceptional performances by personnel under their supervision are recognized as provided for by this regulation.
4. **DEFINITIONS:**
 - a. **Anniversary Year:** That period of time commencing with the Date of Entry into the Georgia State Defense Force, generally evidenced by execution of the oath and acceptance into the GSDF.
 - b. **Distinguished:** To have distinguished oneself, a person must by actual accomplishment, be set apart from other persons in the same or similar circumstances. Determination of the "distinction" requires careful consideration of exactly what is or was expected as ordinary, routine or customary behavior and accomplishment for the circumstances involved.
 - c. **Duty of Significant or Great Responsibility:** Duty which, by virtue of the position held, carries a high degree of responsibility for the successful operation of a major command, activity, agency or project; or which requires the exercise of careful judgment and decision making affecting plans, policies and operations, or the lives and well-

being of others. The discharge of such duty must involve the fulfillment of the obligations in a manner to greatly benefit the interests of the GSDF.

d. Heroism: Specific acts of courageous conduct at the risk of his/her life above and beyond the call of duty, or a closely related series of heroic acts performed within a short period of time.

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

f. Meritorious Achievement: A praiseworthy accomplishment, with an easily discernible beginning and end, carried through to completion. The length of time involved is not necessarily a consideration, but speed of accomplishment may be a factor in determining the value of the endeavor.

g. Noncommissioned Officer: The word “noncommissioned officer” (NCO) shall include the grades Sergeant (E5) through Sergeant Major (E9).

h. Officer: The word “officer” means commissioned or warrant officer.

5. GSDF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: The following Georgia State Defense Force decorations and awards, in order of precedence, are authorized for presentation to and wear by members of the GSDF.

SECTION	DECORATION / AWARD	CODE	NUMBER
5-1-1	Medal of Valor	MV	G17- 4024
5-1-2	Legion of Merit (Medal)	LM	115.0181
5-1-3	Medal of Merit	MM	G17- 4026
5-1-4	Distinguished Service Medal	DSM	112.0321
5-1-5	Commendation Medal	COM	112.0310
5-1-5A	Commendation Ribbon	CR	306.0434
5-1-6	Enlisted Member of the Year Ribbon	EM	SAEMY
5-2-1	Achievement Ribbon	AR	G17- 3507
5-2-2	Unit Commanders Citation w/Gold Frame	OC	306-0431
5-2-3	Military Qualification Training Ribbon	MI	G17- 7118
5-2-4	Military Proficiency Ribbon	MP	G17- 3500
5-2-5	State Active Duty Ribbon	AD	306.0435
5-2-6	Emergency Service School Ribbon	ES	G17- 3322
5-2-7	Military Readiness Ribbon	MR	G17- 4019
5-2-8	Recruiting Achievement Ribbon	RA	G17- 404
5-2-9	Volunteer Service Ribbon	VS	G17- 4018
5-2-10	Good Conduct Ribbon	GC	G17- 4027
5-2-11	Longevity Service Ribbon	LS	G17- 3613
5-2-12	Military Indoctrination Ribbon	MI	G17- 3702
5-3-1	Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon w/Gold Frame	OU	G17- 5210

(See Appendix A for pictorial description)

5-1. Procedure and Criteria For GSDF Decorations:

a. All GSDF 5-1 decorations described below must be initiated by a unit commander or General Staff Section head using GSDF Recommendation for Award Form 638A, processed through the chain of command and ultimately submitted to the ACofS, G1. (See paragraph 9d).

b. The ACofS, G1 will submit the recommendation to the HQ, GSDF Review Board.

c. The HQ, GSDF Review Board will consider the recommendation and either concur or non-concur. The Review Board will instruct the ACofS, G1 to notify the unit commander of the Board’s decision.

d. For approvals, the ACoS, G1 will prepare orders announcing the decoration.

e. The presentation of decorations may be conducted by the GSDf Commanding General or Deputy Commanding General, the GSDf Chief of Staff, a Brigade Commander or a GSDf senior officer designated to act on behalf of the Commanding General or on behalf of a Brigade Commander.

f. A copy of the orders authorizing the award will be maintained in the GSDf Awards Log and in the individual's 201 personnel file.

5-1-1. GSDf Medal of Valor: May be awarded to a member who distinguishes him/herself by courageous conduct at the risk of his/her life, above and beyond the call of duty, while in the service of the State. This award shall be made only upon clear, convincing and uncontestable proof by affidavit of at least one (1) eyewitness having personal knowledge of the act or deed.

5-1-2. GSDf Legion of Merit: May be awarded to any member of GSDf for exceptionally meritorious performance of outstanding services and achievements. The performance must have been such as to merit recognition for service rendered in a clearly exceptional manner in a key position or in the accomplishment of a critical function. Performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, specialty or assignment, and experience of an individual is not an adequate basis for this award. Service should be in the nature of a special requirement or of an extremely difficult duty performed in an unprecedented and clearly exceptional manner. Justification for the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of important positions. The individual honored with this award must have at least ten (10) years of exceptional service, in good standing.

5-1-3. GSDf Medal of Merit: May be presented to any member who distinguishes him/herself by exceptional meritorious service to the State in a duty of great responsibility or to any person who, by unselfish and untiring activities in connection with the GSDf, has rendered distinct services in furthering the interest of and in promoting the security and welfare of the State. The individual honored with this award must have at least five (5) years of exceptional service in good standing.

5-1-4. GSDf Distinguished Service Medal: For sustained performance of outstanding service in a position of responsibility and trust where the position held and results obtained reflect upon the accomplishments and prestige of the GSDf on a statewide scale. Recognition should be for an extremely difficult duty of marked significance which has been performed in an outstanding manner and which has clearly aided the GSDf in furthering its mission. The individual honored with this award must have at least three (3) years of exceptional service in good standing and have a minimum time period of two (2) years in the position of assignment. Any member in the grade of Corporal (E4) or higher in good standing is eligible.

5-1-5. GSDf Commendation Medal: For award to any commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member in good standing who has distinguished him/herself by dedicated and productive service in course of State Active Duty operational service. It may be awarded on basis of exceptional and exemplary performance under operational conditions, for initiative action(s) that made a significant, on site contribution to the success of a given operational mission or for sustained (multiple day) performance of State Active Duty service during a given operational mission.

5-1-6. GSDf Commendation Ribbon: For award to any commissioned officer, warrant officer or enlisted member in good standing who has distinguished him/herself by dedicated and productive service. It may be awarded on basis of consistent, exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity while actively serving as a member of the GSDf. The Commander's recommendation must be based on personal knowledge of the individual and official record of garrison level military accomplishments or rear area support provided in planning and support of identified operational missions.

5-1-7. GSDF Enlisted Member of the Year Ribbon: An annual award established to recognize the Enlisted Member of the Year in all of the GSDF who has contributed most to the success of the GSDF and its mission. Selection is based on the enlisted member's accomplishments and contributions to the GSDF during the preceding 12 months. Nominations describing the nominee's accomplishments will be submitted through the chain of command in narrative form according to the following timetable:

a. By October 1, unit commanders will submit nominations to Brigade level commanders. Separate, non-brigade units and General Staff section Chiefs will submit recommendations to the GSDF Deputy Commander.

b. Brigade level nominees will make a personal appearance during the month of October before a brigade level Preliminary Review Board established by their brigade commander to select a single nominee. Separate unit and HQ, GSDF General Staff nominees will appear during October at a location to be specified before a similar HQ, GSDF Preliminary Review Board established for that purpose by the GSDF Deputy Commander.

c. The Commanding General will appoint an Enlisted Member of the Year Special Selection Board during the October Drill meeting of Headquarters GSDF.

d. By October 31, Commanders, based upon the findings of their Preliminary Review Boards, will submit their nominations with appropriate remarks to Headquarters GSDF, attention ACofS, G1.

e. By November 15, the ACofS, G1 will have assembled, reviewed for completeness and provided to the President of the Special Selection Board all nominations submitted by brigade level commanders and the HQ, GSDF Preliminary Review Board.

f. By December 15, the nominees for Enlisted Member of the year will appear before the Special Selection Board at a centralized location to be specified by the Deputy Commander.

g. By January HQ, GSDF drill date, the Special Selection Board will submit its recommendation for Enlisted Member of the Year through the HQ, GSDF Personnel Board to the Commanding General for review and approval.

h. The nominee selected will be awarded the Enlisted Member of the Year ribbon and an accompanying plaque during an appropriate drill formation in the month of February.

5-2 Procedure and Criteria for GSDF Individual Awards:

a. All the GSDF 5-2 awards described below are initiated using GSDF Recommendation for Award Form 638A, generally by a company, battalion or staff section officer, processed through the chain of command and ultimately submitted to the Brigade Commander or General Staff Section head for approval.

b. The Brigade level Commander/General Staff Section head will review and either concur or non-concur with the recommendation. Approved recommendations will be forwarded to the ACofS, G1 for final processing.

c. The ACofS, G1 will review the recommendation to ensure all requirements for the award have been met. If all requirements are met, the ACofS, G1 will mark the recommendation form "Approved" and return the form together with the award ribbon or appurtenance concerned to the unit S-1 or unit S-1 or the General Staff Section head concerned.

d. Upon receipt of the approved recommendation form the unit S1 will prepare orders announcing the award and the unit commander will present or arrange for presentation of the award. Two copies each of the unit orders and the Recommendation for Award Form 638A will be forwarded to the ACofS, G1 for Awards records and 201 File purposes. The unit S1 will retain one copy for unit records purposes. The ACofS, G1 will accomplish this function for members of HQ, GSDF.

e. The ACofS, G1 will place one copy of the orders and recommendation form in the GSDF Awards Log and one copy in the individuals 201 personnel file.

f. In the case of approved recommendations submitted by General Staff Sections, the ACoS, G1 will prepare and provide for issuance and filing of records copies of the orders concerned.

g. The actual presentation of 5-2 awards to the recipient may be accomplished by the unit commander, General Staff head or other designated GSDF officer.

5-2-1 GSDF Achievement Ribbon: The Achievement Ribbon may be awarded to any commissioned officer, warrant officer, noncommissioned officer or soldier who has distinguished him/herself by meritorious achievement or service to a lesser degree than that required for award of the Commendation Ribbon. It may be awarded for specific examples of exemplary performance, efficiency, and fidelity while serving as a member of the GSDF. The commander or staff section supervisor's recommendation must be based upon direct personal knowledge of the individual and his/her official record of military achievement in administrative or non-operational mission support duties. Due to the varying amounts of time and effort that can be applied by an individual in non-operational administrative or training support activities, the Achievement Ribbon will consist of three (3) classes. The appropriate level (Class 1, 2 or 3) of the award will be determined by the Brigade Commander or General Staff Section head based on evaluation of the individual's performance in meeting the various Class criteria.

a. Class 1: Achievement Ribbon First Class (Ribbon with Bronze Palm) awarded for extensive meritorious achievement. (Example: Sustained, outstanding performance in preparation and conduct of unit training, or preparation and delivery of GSDF PME instruction).

b. Class 2: Achievement Ribbon Second Class (Ribbon with Hourglass) awarded for significant meritorious achievement. (Example: Honor Graduate OCS or ANCOC Class).

c. Class 3: Achievement Ribbon Third Class (Ribbon only) awarded for meritorious achievement. (Example: Honor Graduate SLC or BNCOC Class).

5-2-2 GSDF Unit Commander's Citation with Gold Frame: This award is presented to any member within a unit by the Unit Commander to recognize an individual's outstanding duty and service to their unit. It must be based on the Unit Commanders personal knowledge of the individual, his/her official record and his/her support to the unit and its mission. This award may only be authorized once in any twelve (12) month period by a Brigade, Battalion or Separate Company Unit Commander, and may not be awarded to the same individual more than one (1) time in a forty eight (48) month period. This award is not intended for mass distribution. It is to be awarded only to individual member(s) who display outstanding dedication to duty, to service performance and to their unit over a reasonable period of time.

5-2-3 GSDF Military Qualification Ribbon: This may be earned by any non-commissioned officer member who successfully completes one or more of the following GSDF standardized Professional Military Education (PME) courses:

- 1st Award – The basic ribbon upon completion of GSDF Soldier Leadership Course
- 2nd Award – A brass metal numeral 2 is affixed to the ribbon on completion of BNCOC
- 3rd Award – On completion of ANCOC, a brass metal numeral 3 replaces the numeral 2
- 4th Award – On completion of SNCOC (E8/E9) a brass metal numeral 4 replaces the numeral 3.

The basic ribbon will only be issued once. Numerals may be obtained through the ACoS, G4 upon presentation of a Certificate of Completion for the course(s) concerned.

5-2-4. GSDF Military Proficiency Ribbon: This may be awarded to any member in rank and grade SSGT (E6) or above who has attained an overall military rating of 'excellent' or 'exceeds' in the performance of his/her assigned duties as well as displaying a high level of proficiency in all skills required of his/her primary duty function over a minimum period of twenty-four (24) months.

5-2-5. GSDF State Active Duty Ribbon: This ribbon is earned for ten (10) days of qualifying service performed in a State Active Duty status on GaDOD approved Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) or Guard Augmentation operational missions. It may be awarded to officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel of the GSDF. A qualifying day shall consist of an individual reporting in uniform to a State Active Duty mission operational location and serving one or more assigned duty shifts within a 24 hour period (to include preparation and travel time) while under official orders published by Headquarters GSDF or the Georgia Department of Defense. State Active Duty service for Drill, Annual Training, FTX operations, and Administrative activities do not qualify. The ribbon will be administratively issued upon submission of request to the ACofS, G1 accompanied by copies of the applicable State Active Duty orders and mission rosters for the missions concerned or a Brigade Commander/General Staff Section head's signed statement certifying that the service was performed.. (See also paragraphs 6 and 8b).

5-2-6. GSDF Emergency Service School Ribbon: This may be awarded to any member who has successfully completed five (5) qualifying courses dealing with military or civilian emergencies by correspondence or as a resident student in a US Armed Forces, National Guard, Federal or State Emergency Management Agency, or civilian school program. Qualifying courses are those concerned primarily with areas of planning, coordination, management or execution. Evidence of completion of each course is mandatory and it must be in the form of an official diploma or certificate or letter from the senior officer/instructor of the institution or organization conducting the course. The diploma/certificate/letter must accompany the Recommendation for Award form. Courses taken and credited toward the Military Qualification Training Ribbon (5-2-3) and the Military Indoctrination Ribbon (5-2-12) may not be counted toward this award.

5-2-7. GSDF Military Readiness Ribbon: This may be awarded to any member in good standing for 100% attendance at all scheduled GSDF drills, training functions and annual training over a two (2) Anniversary-Year period. Substantiating documentation must accompany the award recommendation.

5-2-8. GSDF Recruiting Achievement Ribbon: This may be awarded to any member who recruits ten (10) new members in any twenty-four (24) month period. A certified list indicating names and dates of those enlisted or appointed is required. The ACoS, G1 must verify the list. Reenlistments do not qualify in meeting the criteria for this award.

5-2-9. GSDF Volunteer Service Award: This may be awarded to any member who has completed a minimum of one hundred (100) hours of volunteer service to the GSDF during an anniversary year, exclusive of attendance at drills, annual training, staff meetings, ceremonies and parades. For those personnel who complete a minimum of five hundred (500) hours, the Service Ribbon will have a gold oak leaf affixed. Substantiating documentation must accompany the award recommendation.

5-2-10. GSDF Good Conduct Ribbon: This may be presented to any enlisted person who has demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve significant recognition. The minimum period of service for consideration for this award is at least twenty-four (24) months of continuous active enlisted service.

5-2-11. GSDF Longevity Service Ribbon: This may be awarded to any officer, warrant officer or enlisted member for honorable and satisfactory service in the GSDF for a continuous period of at least two (2) years active service. A small silver star will be affixed to the ribbon upon completion of the 5th, 10th and 15th and 20th years of continuing honorable active GSDF service. The years will be determined on the Anniversary Year rather than calendar year.

5-2-12. GSDF Military Indoctrination Ribbon: This award is made upon successful completion of the GSDF standard Initial Entry Training (IET) course for new recruits to include CPR, First Aid and such FEMA correspondence course(s) as may be prescribed as an integral part of that program. The award is made at unit level upon commander's certification that all IET program requirements have been met and the individual is ready for graduation from IET and assignment to duty status. A certificate or checklist from the senior instructor conducting the IET training validating successful completion of the prescribed training and FEMA correspondence course(s) must be forwarded through channels to the ACofS, G1 for placement in the individual's permanent 201 file. The ACofS, G1 will maintain accountability for bulk issue of this ribbon to unit commanders through correlation with numbers of IET completion certificates or checklists received from the unit for 201 file entry.

5-3 Procedure and Criteria for GSDF Unit Awards:

5-3-1 GSDF Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon with Gold Frame: This award is intended to foster unit morale and to provide incentive and 'esprit de corps' by recognizing those units which meet both of the following criteria:

- a. Service: The unit has maintained an average unit training assembly attendance of 90% or better for eight or more of the twelve (12) months of the training year, and
- b. Achievement: The unit has distinguished itself through performance of specific acts, deeds, or missions; the performance of which must have been accomplished in a manner that clearly exceeds that which is normally expected.

This award, with supporting documentation, may be recommended by a Brigade level commander for a subordinate unit's service and achievements, or by the GSDF Deputy Commander for a separate unit that reports directly to HQ, GSDF. Recommendations will be submitted through the ACofS, G3 for documentation review and subsequent forwarding to the ACofS, G1 for processing.

6. GSDF MISSION BADGE: Effective from the date of 1 July 2005, members of the Georgia State Defense Force who have actively served on site under authority of State Active Duty mission orders in five (5) or more Defense Support to Civil Authorities (DSCA) or five (5) or more National Guard Augmentation missions (as defined in paragraph 5-2-5, above), or any combination thereof, are entitled to wear the subdued, pin-on GSDF Mission Badge. (See Appendix B).

- a. Members who have actively participated in ten (10) or more such missions are entitled to wear the Senior version of the Mission Badge displaying a star above the centerpiece of the badge.
- b. Members who have served on twenty (20) or more such missions may wear the Master version of the Mission Badge displaying a star within a wreath above the centerpiece of the badge.
- c. Mission Badges can be purchased through the ACofS, G4 upon presentation of copies of orders and After Action Report mission rosters reflecting the name(s) of the individual(s) concerned, plus a copy of the Commander or General Staff Section head's written certification that the named individual(s) have met the specified requirements and are entitled to purchase the Mission Badge. The subdued Mission Badge may be worn only on the Duty uniform, centered directly above the GEORGIA name strip over the left breast pocket, and below all other authorized, prior service earned badges. (See paragraph 12c).
- d. The previously authorized, sew-on GSDF Mission Patch may not be worn on the ACU duty uniform and is no longer available for purchase or issue. It may continue to be worn on the BDU duty uniform by members who have earned the right to wear that patch until December 31 2007 at which time it expires.

7. SGAUS MEMS Badge: A subdued metal version of this non-governmental State Guard Association of the United States MEMS award may be worn centered on the right breast pocket of the duty uniform. A silver metal version may be worn centered on the right breast pocket of the Class A uniform. This badge can only be worn by

members who have successfully completed the SGAUS prescribed number of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) courses and have a copy of the Certificate of Award in their GSDF 201 File. The previously authorized SGAUS MEMS Cloth Patch that was worn centered on the right breast pocket of the BDU uniform may not be worn on the ACU uniform.

8. GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (GaDOD) Decorations: Members of the Georgia State Defense Force may be awarded and entitled to wear certain Georgia Department of Defense decorations and awards:

a. GaDOD Decorations. Policies, procedures and criteria for awarding GaDOD decorations are set forth in GaARNG regulation 672-1. GSDF recommendations for GaDOD decorations must be prepared at Brigade Commander or higher level on GSDF Form 638B and submitted through channels to the ACofS, G1 for GSDF Review Board evaluation prior to forwarding to GaDOD for approval or disapproval. GaDOD decorations for GSDF personnel may also be directly initiated, processed and awarded by authorized commanders of Georgia National Guard elements.

b. GaDOD Service Award. Members of the GSDF may be authorized by the Adjutant General to wear the Georgia Department of Defense State Active Duty ribbon for qualifying service on GaDOD authorized missions providing direct augmentation support to Georgia National Guard Forces during emergency or non-emergency State functions. When so recommended by a National Guard Commander and approved by the Adjutant General, this ribbon will be awarded administratively

9. RECOMMENDATIONS AND APPROVAL:

a. It is the responsibility and privilege of every individual having personal knowledge of an act, achievement or service believed to warrant a decoration or award to submit a formal recommendation for appropriate consideration.

b. The GSDF Commanding General or his designated representative is the approving authority for all 5-1 decorations.

c. Brigade Commanders will serve as the approving authority for 5-2 awards affecting personnel under their command. The GSDF Deputy Commander will serve as approving authority for 5-2 awards affecting Headquarters, GSDF personnel and personnel of separate, non-brigade units. The documentation requirements and procedures outlined for the various individual awards in paragraph 5-2 above apply.

d. Recommendations for all GSDF 5-1 decorations and awards, and for GSDF 5-2 awards must be submitted on GSDF Form 638A, "Recommendation for Award". (See Appendix C). Recommendations for GaDOD awards must be submitted on GSDF Form 638B (See Appendix D). All recommendations must be forwarded through command channels to the appropriate approval authority. Copies of the recommendation and all supporting documentation, including orders that announce the award must be submitted to the ACofS, G1 for 201 File and Awards Log record purposes.

(1) A separate recommendation will be submitted for each proposed decoration or award. Only one proposed recipient will be named on the recommendation form with the exception that recommendations for the GSDF Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon with Frame shall incorporate all members of the unit who actively served eight (8) or more months with that unit during the time period stipulated.

(2) All recommendations for 5-1 decorations and awards must be received by the ACofS, G1 at least sixty (60) days prior to the desired date of presentation.

e. GSDF Awards Review Board: The HQ, GSDF Awards Review Board will review all recommendations for 5-1 decorations and the GSDF Commanding General will be the approval authority. Under certain circumstances, the Board may request individuals, including the recipient, to appear in person before the Board. The GSDF Awards Review Board will consist of the following personnel:

(1) The GSDF Commanding General (Approval Authority).

- (2) The Deputy Commander, serving as Review Board President, or his/her assign.
- (3) The Chief of Staff, or his/her assign.
- (4) The ACofS, G1, or his/her assign.
- (5) The ACofS, G3, or his/her assign.

f. Unit Review Boards. Brigade and equivalent commanders may wish to establish and convene a similar review Board as described above to review recommendations for 5-2 awards. The Brigade Commander will be the final approval authority for 5-2 awards in accordance with the process described in paragraph 5-2, above.

g. Announcement of Decorations and Awards: Permanent orders will be published by the ACofS, G1 for all 5-1 decorations and awards. Brigade S1s will publish orders for all 5-2 awards and provide two (2) copies to ACofS, G1. Preparation of orders for 5-2 awards involving HQ, GSDF and separate unit personnel will be accomplished by the ACofS, G1. Where appropriate, a single order can be used to announce the award of a 5-2 decoration or award that has been approved for presentation to more than one individual and which lists the names of all the individuals concerned.

h. Recording Decorations and Awards: A copy of the orders announcing the decorations and awards, and a copy of the citation/certificate, if applicable, will be placed in the individual's 201 personnel file, and a copy of the orders will be placed in the GSDF Awards Log.

10. PRESENTATION: The following standards will apply when planning for the presentation of decorations and awards:

a. Decorations: GSDF 5-1 decorations (Medal of Valor, Legion of Merit, Medal of Merit, Distinguished Service Medal, Commendation Medal and Enlisted Member of the Year Ribbon) shall be presented by the Governor, the Adjutant General, the GSDF Commanding General, the Deputy Commanding General, the Chief of Staff or a designated GSDF Brigade Commander in the name of the Governor of the State of Georgia. Each will be accompanied by an appropriately designed Certificate citing the name and rank of the recipient and the reason(s) for which the decoration is being awarded.

b. Awards: GSDF 5-2 awards (ribbons) may be presented by the GSDF Commanding General, the Deputy Commanding General, the Chief of Staff, the head of a General Staff Section, a Brigade Commander or other designated GSDF officer.

11. LETTERS OF COMMENDATION OR APPRECIATION: Unit Commanders and heads of General Staff Sections may recognize individual acts or exceptional performance not meriting a decoration or an award through the issuance and presentation of appropriate Letters of Commendation or Appreciation over their personal official signature. The original will be given or forwarded through channels to the individual and a copy will be forwarded to the ACoS, G1 for placement in the individual's 201 personnel file.

12. WEARING OF DECORATIONS, AWARDS, BADGES AND PATCHES

a. Ribbons representing decorations and awards may only be worn on the Class "A", Class "B" and Dress Blue uniforms. Miniature medals may be worn on the Mess Dress uniform.

b. Individuals receiving a previously earned GSDF decoration or service award shall affix either the bronze oak leaf cluster device or the GSDF silver star device, as appropriate, onto the ribbon representing that decoration or award to indicate each subsequent earning of the decoration or award.

c. Certain badges and patches, principally those earned in prior active or reserve military service, may be worn by GSDF personnel on the Class "A" or "B" or Dress Blue uniform and the Duty uniform. These include the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist, Ranger, Pilot Wings, Air Crewman Wings, Submariner and Divers badges,

and the (right shoulder) cloth patch of the U.S. Armed Forces unit with which the individual served in a combat zone. In the case of the Duty uniform, these are worn in subdued color, where available. (Navy and Marine Corps do not authorize subdued color versions of their badges. Therefore, GSDF prior service U.S. Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel may wear the service issue, metal version of earned badges on the Duty uniform as well as the (right shoulder) subdued color cloth patch of the unit with which they served in a combat zone.

d. Only decorations, awards and badges awarded by the President of the United States, the United States Armed Forces, the Armed Forces of a friendly ally, the Governor of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Defense, the Georgia State Defense Force, or another legally established State Defense Force may be worn on the uniform. If worn, the following order of precedence will apply:

- (1) Presidential or Congressional
- (2) United States Armed Forces
- (3) Armed Forces of a friendly Foreign Nation
- (4) State of Georgia including GaDOD
- (5) Georgia State Defense Force
- (6) Other Legally Established State Defense Forces

c. No other items (decorations, medals, badges, pins, patches or ribbons) may be worn on the uniform by GSDF personnel. Additional information on proper placement and wear of awards and decorations may be found in GSDF Regulation 670-1, "Uniforms and Insignia".

Note: A CY 2006 change enacted to the U.S. Code in CY2006 makes it a punishable federal offense for any individual to wear military decorations or insignia to which they are not entitled.

The proponent of this regulation is the ACoS, G1. Local supplementation or alteration is not authorized. Comments or suggested changes may be submitted directly to the ACoS, G1

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 <p>1. Medal of Valor (G17-4024)</p>	 <p>2. Legion of Merit (Medal) (115.0181)</p>	 <p>3. Medal of Merit (G17-4026)</p>
 <p>4. Distinguished Service Medal (112.0321)</p>	 <p>5. Commendation Medal (112.0310)</p>	 <p>6. Commendation Ribbon (306.0434)</p>
 <p>7. Enlisted Member of the Year Ribbon (SAEMY)</p>	 <p>8. Achievement Ribbon (G17-3507)</p>	 <p>9. Unit Commander's Citation w/Frame (306.0431)</p>
 <p>10. Military Qualification Training Ribbon (G17-7118)</p>	 <p>11. Military Proficiency Ribbon (G17-3500)</p>	 <p>12. State Active Duty Service Ribbon (306.0435)</p>
 <p>13. Emergency Service School Ribbon (G17-3322)</p>	 <p>14. Military Readiness Ribbon (G17-4019)</p>	 <p>15. Recruiting Achievement Ribbon (G17-404)</p>
 <p>16. Volunteer Service Ribbon (G17-4018)</p>	 <p>17. Good Conduct Ribbon (G17-4027)</p>	 <p>18. Longevity Service Ribbon (G17-3613)</p>
 <p>19. Military Indoctrination Ribbon (G17-3702)</p>	 <p>20. Outstanding Unit Citation w/Frame (G17-5210)</p>	

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Georgia State Defense Force
RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD

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1. TO: Commanding General, GSDF Attn: Asst Chief of Staff, G1	2. FROM:	3. DATE:
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PART 1 – SOLDIER DATA

4. SOLDIER'S NAME:	5. RANK:	6. SSAN:
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7. UNIT:	8. REASON(S) FOR AWARD: <input type="checkbox"/> Service <input type="checkbox"/> Performance <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Meritorious Act <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Achievement <input type="checkbox"/> Education / Development <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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9. RECOMMENDED AWARD:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medal of Valor	<input type="checkbox"/> Legion of Merit	<input type="checkbox"/> Medal of Merit	<input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service
<input type="checkbox"/> Commendation Ribbon	<input type="checkbox"/> Enlisted Member of the Year	<input type="checkbox"/> Achievement Ribbon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Unit Citation / Frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Good Conduct Ribbon	<input type="checkbox"/> Longevity Service Ribbon	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Active Duty Service Ribbon	<input type="checkbox"/> Qualification Training Ribbon	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Indoctrination Ribbon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Service School Ribbon	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Service Ribbon	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Readiness Ribbon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unit Commander's Citation / Frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting Achievement Ribbon	<input type="checkbox"/> Military Proficiency Ribbon	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____			

PART 2 – RECOMMENDER DATA *(provide information on the person making this recommendation)*

10. NAME:	11. RANK:	12. TITLE:
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13. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE:

14. I certify that the person named in Part 1 above is eligible for this award in accordance with GSDF policies; and that all information contained herein is correct:	15a. SIGNATURE:	15b. DATE:
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PART 3 – JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA *(use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service)*

16. ACHIEVEMENTS
a. ACHIEVEMENT # 1:
b. ACHIEVEMENT # 2:
c. ACHIEVEMENT # 3:
d. ACHIEVEMENT # 4:

17. PROPOSED CITATION:	
18a. SOLDIER'S NAME:	18b. SSN:

PART 4 – APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL / COMMENTS

19. BRIGADE / UNIT COMMANDER		
19a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		19b. COMMENTS:
19c. NAME:	19d. RANK:	19e. TITLE
19f. SIGNATURE:		19g. DATE:

20. CHIEF OF STAFF, GSDF		
20a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		20b. COMMENTS:
20c. NAME:	20d. RANK: COL (06)	20e. TITLE Chief Of Staff, GSDF
20f. SIGNATURE:		20g. DATE:

21. REVIEW BOARD PRESIDENT, GSDF		
21a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		21b. COMMENTS:
21c. NAME:	21d. RANK: COL (06)	21e. TITLE Review Board President, GSDF
21f. SIGNATURE:		21g. DATE:

22. COMMANDER, GSDF		
22a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		22b. COMMENTS:
22c. NAME:	22d. RANK: BG (07)	22e. TITLE Commander, GSDF
22f. SIGNATURE:		22g. DATE:

PART 5 – ORDERS DATA

23. PERMANENT ORDER NUMBER:	24. DATE POSTED:
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PART 1 – SOLDIER DATA

4. SOLDIER'S NAME:	5. RANK:	6. SSN:
7. UNIT:	8. PREVIOUS AWARDS:	
9. RECOMMENDED AWARD:	10. PERIOD OF AWARD:	
	a. FROM:	b. TO:
11. REASON FOR AWARD (<i>summary only, provide specific achievements in Part 3 below</i>):		

PART 2 – RECOMMENDER DATA (*provide information on the person making this recommendation*)

12. NAME:	13. RANK:	14. TITLE:
15. RELATIONSHIP TO AWARDEE:		
16. I certify that the person named in Part 1 above is eligible for this award in accordance with GSDF policies; and that all information contained herein is correct:	16a. SIGNATURE:	16b. DATE:

PART 3 – JUSTIFICATION AND CITATION DATA (*use specific bullet examples of meritorious acts or service*)

17. ACHIEVEMENTS
a. ACHIEVEMENT # 1:
b. ACHIEVEMENT # 2:
c. ACHIEVEMENT # 3:
d. ACHIEVEMENT # 4:

18. PROPOSED CITATION:	
19a. SOLDIER'S NAME:	19b. SSN:

PART 4 – RECOMMENDATIONS / APPROVAL / DISAPPROVAL

20. BRIGADE / UNIT COMMANDER		
20a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		20b. COMMENTS:
20c. NAME:	20d. RANK:	20e. TITLE
20f. SIGNATURE:		20g. DATE:

21. CHIEF OF STAFF, GSDF		
21a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		21b. COMMENTS:
21c. NAME:	21d. RANK: COL (06)	21e. TITLE Chief Of Staff, GSDF
21f. SIGNATURE:		21g. DATE:

22. REVIEW BOARD PRESIDENT, GSDF		
22a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		22b. COMMENTS:
22c. NAME:	22d. RANK:	22e. TITLE Review Board President, GSDF
22f. SIGNATURE:		22g. DATE:

23. COMMANDER, GSDF		
23a. RECOMMEND: <input type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL		23b. COMMENTS:
23c. NAME:	23d. RANK:	23e. TITLE Commander, GSDF
23f. SIGNATURE:		23g. DATE: