

Guard of the United States and are therefore omitted from the revised section. 10:455e (1st proviso) and 32:164d (1st proviso) are omitted since they apply only to the National Guard and are covered by section 320 of title 32.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 100-26, §7(j)(11), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 283, which directed that section 4723 of this title, as amended by section 604(f)(1)(D) of Pub. L. 99-661, be amended by striking out the comma after “disease”, could not be executed because no section 4723 of this title has been enacted. The probable intent of Congress was to amend section 3723 of this title. Pub. L. 100-180, §1231(16), cited as a credit to section 3723 above, made an identical amendment to section 3723.

AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-180 struck out the comma after “disease”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-661, substituted “incurred an injury, illness, or disease” for “was injured, or contracted a disease”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-661 applicable with respect to persons who, after Nov. 14, 1986, incur or aggravate an injury, illness, or disease or die, see section 604(g) of Pub. L. 99-661, set out as a note under section 1074a of this title.

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EXTENSION OF TIME FOR AWARD OF DECORATION

Pub. L. 93-469, Oct. 24, 1974, 88 Stat. 1422, authorized award, not later than Oct. 24, 1976, of a decoration or device in lieu of decoration which, prior to Oct. 24, 1974, has been authorized by Congress to be awarded to any person for an act, achievement, or service performed while on active duty in Armed Forces of United States, or while serving with such forces, for any such act or service performed in direct support of military operations in Southeast Asia between July 1, 1958, and Mar. 28, 1973, inclusive, if written recommendation for award of decoration, or device in lieu of decoration, was made not later than Oct. 24, 1975.

Act Aug. 2, 1956, ch. 877, 70 Stat. 933, authorized award, not later than Aug. 2, 1957, of a decoration or device in lieu of decoration which, prior to Aug. 2, 1956, has been authorized by Congress to be awarded to any person for an act or service performed while on active duty in military or naval forces of United States, or while serving with such forces, for any such act or service performed between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953,

inclusive, if written recommendation for decoration or device in lieu of decoration has been submitted to appropriate office in a military department at seat of Government before Aug. 2, 1956.

CROSS REFERENCES

General military law provisions, see section 1121 et seq. of this title.

Meritorious Service Medal, establishment of, see Ex. Ord. No. 11448, set out as a note preceding section 1121 of this title.

§ 3741. Medal of honor: award

The President may award, and present in the name of Congress, a medal of honor of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a person who while a member of the Army, distinguished himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty—

(1) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;

(2) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or

(3) 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.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 215; July 25, 1963, Pub. L. 88-77, §1(1), 77 Stat. 93.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
3741	10:1403.	July 9, 1918, ch. 143 (8th par. under “Ordnance Department”), 40 Stat. 870.

The words “That the provisions of existing law relating to the award of medals of honor to officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates of the Army be, and they hereby are, amended so that”, in the Act of July 9, 1918, ch. 143 (8th par. under “Ordnance Department”), 40 Stat. 870, are not contained in 10:1403. They are also omitted from the revised section as surplusage. The word “member” is substituted for the words “officer or enlisted man”. The word “only” is omitted as surplusage. The word “award” is inserted for clarity, since the President determines the recipient of the medal in addition to presenting it.

AMENDMENTS

1963—Pub. L. 88-77 enlarged authority to award medal of honor, which was limited to those cases in which persons distinguished themselves in action involving actual conflict with an enemy, to permit its award for distinguished service while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States, 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.

CROSS REFERENCES

Award of Medal of Honor to Navy and Air Force members, see sections 6241 and 8741 of this title.

Pensions for persons on Medal of Honor Roll, see section 1560 et seq. of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3748 of this title.

§ 3742. Distinguished-service cross: award

The President may award a distinguished-service cross of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, distinguishes himself by extraordinary heroism not justifying the award of a medal of honor—

- (1) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;
- (2) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
- (3) 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.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 215; July 25, 1963, Pub. L. 88-77, §1(2), 77 Stat. 93.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
3742	10:1406.	July 9, 1918, ch. 143 (9th par. under "Ordnance Department"), 40 Stat. 870.

The words "but not in the name of Congress" are omitted as surplusage, since a medal is presented in the name of Congress only if the law so directs. The words "since the 6th day of April, 1917" are omitted as executed. The word "award" is substituted for the word "present" to cover the determination of the recipients as well as the actual presentation of the medal, and to conform to other sections of this chapter. The words "or herself" are omitted, since, under section 1 of title 1, words importing the masculine gender include the feminine. The words "or who shall hereafter distinguish" are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1963—Pub. L. 88-77 enlarged authority to award the distinguished-service cross, which was limited to those cases in which persons distinguished themselves in connection with military operations against an armed enemy, to permit its award for extraordinary heroism not justifying award of a medal of honor, while engaged in an action against an enemy of United States, 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 United States is not a belligerent party.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3748 of this title.

§ 3743. Distinguished-service medal: award

The President may award a distinguished-service medal of appropriate design and a ribbon, together with a rosette or other device to be worn in place thereof, to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, distinguishes himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the United States in a duty of great responsibility.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 216.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
3743	10:1407.	July 9, 1918, ch. 143 (10th par., less words after 1st semicolon, under "Ordnance Department"), 40 Stat. 870.

The words "but not in the name of Congress" are omitted as surplusage, since a medal is presented in the name of Congress only if the law so directs. The words "since the 6th day of April, 1917" are omitted as executed. The word "award" is substituted for the word "present" to cover the determination of the recipients as well as the actual presentation of the medal, and to conform to other sections of this chapter. The words "or herself" are omitted, since, under section 1 of title 1, words importing the masculine gender include the feminine. The words "or who shall distinguish" are omitted as surplusage.

CROSS REFERENCES

Award of distinguished-service medal to Navy and Air Force members, see sections 6243 and 8743 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3748 of this title.

§ 3744. Medal of honor; distinguished-service cross; distinguished-service medal: limitations on award

(a) No more than one medal of honor, distinguished-service cross, or distinguished-service medal may be awarded to a person. However, for each succeeding act that would otherwise justify the award of such a medal or cross, the President may award a suitable bar or other device to be worn as he directs.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d), no medal of honor, distinguished-service cross, distinguished-service medal, or device in place thereof, may be awarded to a person unless—

- (1) the award is made within three years after the date of the act justifying the award;
- (2) a statement setting forth the distinguished service and recommending official recognition of it was made within two years after the distinguished service; and
- (3) it appears from records of the Department of the Army that the person is entitled to the award.

(c) No medal of honor, distinguished-service cross, distinguished-service medal, or device in place thereof, may be awarded or presented to a person whose service after he distinguished himself has not been honorable.

(d) If the Secretary of the Army determines that—

- (1) a statement setting forth the distinguished service and recommending official recognition of it was made and supported by sufficient evidence within two years after the distinguished service; and
- (2) no award was made, because the statement was lost or through inadvertence the recommendation was not acted on;

a medal of honor, distinguished-service cross, distinguished-service medal, or device in place thereof, as the case may be, may be awarded to the person concerned within two years after the date of that determination.