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gold frame with laurel leaves which encloses a ribbon of the pattern of the Silver Star Medal ribbon centered on a red ribbon. The stripe dimensions of the ribbon are:  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch old glory red 67156;  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch ultramarine blue 67118;  $\frac{1}{64}$  inch white 67101;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch ultramarine blue 67118;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch white 67101; center  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch old glory red 67156;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch white 67101;  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch ultramarine blue 67118;  $\frac{1}{64}$  inch white 67101;  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch ultramarine blue; and  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch old glory red 67156. The streamers are the same pattern as the silver star medal ribbon.

### § 578.59 Meritorious Unit Commendation.

(a) *Criteria.* (1) The Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC) (Army) (previously called the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque) is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services for at least 6 continuous months during the period of military operations against an armed enemy occurring on or after January 1, 1944. Service in a combat zone is not required, but must be directly related to the combat effort. Units based in the continental United States are excluded from this award, as are other units outside the area of operation. The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions. The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual. Recommendations for units larger than brigade will not be submitted. For services performed during World War II, awards will be made only to service units and only for services performed between January 1, 1944 and September 15, 1946.

(2) Effective March 1, 1961, the MUC was authorized for units and/or detachments of the Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least 6 continuous months in support of military operations. Service(s), as used in this paragraph, is interpreted to relate to combat service support type activities and not to the type of activities per-

formed by senior headquarters, combat, or combat support units.

(b) *Awarding authorities.* Approval authority for the MUC is the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-1. Recommendations for award of the MUC will be forwarded to Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471, for processing to the DCS, G-1 for final action.

(c) *Award elements.* The award elements for the MUC are as follows:

- (1) MUC Streamer;
- (2) MUC Emblem;
- (3) MUC Certificate and Citation; and
- (4) DAGO.

(d) *Description.* The MUC emblem is  $1\frac{7}{16}$  inches wide and  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch in height. The emblem consists of a  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch ide gold frame with laurel leaves which encloses a scarlet 67111 ribbon. The previously authorized emblem was a gold color embroidered laurel wreath,  $1\frac{5}{8}$  inches in diameter on a 2 inch square of olive drab cloth.

### § 578.60 Army Superior Unit Award.

(a) *Criteria.* The Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA) was created in 1985 to recognize outstanding meritorious performance of a unit during peacetime of a difficult and challenging mission under extraordinary circumstances. Circumstances may be deemed to be extraordinary when they do not represent the typical day-to-day circumstances under which the unit normally performs, or may reasonably be expected to perform, its peacetime mission. The following additional criteria also applies:

(1) The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set the unit apart from and above other units with similar missions. For the purpose of this award, peacetime is defined as any period during which wartime or combat awards are not authorized in the geographical area in which the mission was executed. The ASUA may be awarded to units that distinguish themselves while conducting humanitarian missions for a minimum of 30 days, however, the ASUA will not be awarded if the same act or period of service has already been recognized by another unit award.

(2) The award applies to both TO&E units and TDA organizations of battalion size or equivalent. TDA organizations may be considered for this award, even if comprised mostly of civilians. As an exception to policy, organizations larger than battalion equivalent size may also be submitted, but the submitting headquarters must take care to highlight the logic associated with the request to justify an exception to policy.

(b) *Approval authority.* The approval authority for the ASUA is the Deputy Chief of Staff (DCS), G-1. Recommendations for award of the ASUA will be forwarded to Commander, USA HRC, ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA, Alexandria, VA 22332-0471, for processing to the DCS, G-1 for final action.

(c) *Award elements.* The award elements for the ASUA are as follows: ASUA Streamer; ASUA Emblem; ASUA Certificate and Citation; DAGO; Army Superior Unit Award Lapel Pin. The lapel pin is authorized for issue and wear by Department of the Army civilians in the employ of the decorated unit. Those individuals employed with the unit during the cited period may wear the lapel pin permanently. Those currently employed with a decorated unit, but who were not employed during the cited period may wear the lapel pin on a temporary basis as long as they remain employed by the unit. The lapel pin is also authorized for optional purchase and wear on civilian clothing by qualified military personnel. Permanent and temporary wear is governed by the provisions of AR 670-1.

(d) *Description.* The ASUA emblem is  $1\frac{7}{16}$  inches wide and  $\frac{9}{16}$  inch in height. The emblem consists of a  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch wide gold frame with laurel leaves which encloses a ribbon of the following pattern:  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch scarlet 67111;  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch yellow 67103;  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch green 67129;  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch yellow 67103; and  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch scarlet 67111. The streamers are the same pattern as the emblem ribbon.

**§ 578.61 Appurtenances to military decorations.**

Appurtenances are devices affixed to service or suspension ribbons or worn instead of medals or ribbons. They are worn to denote additional awards, par-

ticipation in a specific event, or other distinguished characteristics of the award. The following is a list of authorized appurtenances:

(a) *Oak Leaf Clusters.* A bronze or silver twig of four oak leaves with three acorns on the stem,  $\frac{13}{32}$ -inch long for the suspension ribbon, and  $\frac{5}{16}$ -inch long for the service ribbon bar and the unit award emblem is issued to denote award of second and succeeding awards of decorations (other than the Air Medal), the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, and unit awards. A silver Oak Leaf Cluster is worn instead of five bronze Oak Leaf Clusters. If the number of authorized Oak Leaf Clusters exceeds four and will not fit on a single ribbon, a second ribbon is authorized for wear. When wearing the second ribbon, place it after the first ribbon; the second ribbon counts as one award. Wear no more than four Oak Leaf Clusters on each ribbon. If the receipt of future awards reduces the number of Oak Leaf Clusters sufficiently (that is, a silver oak leaf cluster for five awards), remove the second ribbon and place the appropriate number of devices on a single ribbon. Oak Leaf Clusters are not issued for the Legion of Merit awarded in degrees to foreign nationals. Five-sixteenths inch Oak Leaf Clusters joined together in series of 2, 3, and 4 clusters are authorized for optional purchase and wear on service ribbons, and unit award emblems.

(b) *Numerals.* Arabic numerals  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch in height are issued instead of a medal or ribbon for second and succeeding awards of the Air Medal, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon and the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon. The ribbon denotes the first award and numerals starting with the numeral 2 denote the number of additional awards. The numeral worn on the NCO Professional Development Ribbon will denote the highest completed level of NCO development. The numerals are to be centered on the suspension ribbon of the medal or the ribbon bar.

(c) *“V” device.* The “V” (Valor) device is a bronze block letter, V,  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch high with serifs at the top of the members. It is worn to denote participation

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in acts of heroism involving conflict with an armed enemy. It was originally worn only on the suspension and service ribbons of the Bronze Star Medal to denote an award made for heroism (valor). Effective February 29, 1964, the "V" device was also authorized for wear on the Air Medal and Army Commendation Medal for heroic acts or valorous deeds not warranting awards of the Distinguished Flying Cross or the Bronze Star Medal with "V" device. Effective June 25, 1963, the "V" device was authorized additionally for wear on the Joint Service Commendation Medal when the award is for acts of valor (heroism) during participation in combat operations. In the case of multiple "V" devices for the same award, only one "V" device is worn on the service ribbons.

(d) *"M" device.* The "M" (Mobilization) Device is a bronze letter, M, 1/4-inch high with serifs at the bottom of the members. It is authorized for wear on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal by members of the Reserve Components who are called or who volunteer and serve on active duty in support of specific U.S. Military operations or contingencies designated by the Secretary of Defense, as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a) (13). AGR members who receive orders changing their current duty status (legal authority under which they perform duty), their duty location, or assignment to support a contingency operation are also eligible for award of the "M" Device.

(e) *Clasps.* They are authorized for wear on the Army Good Conduct Medal, World War I Victory Medal, American Defense Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, and Antarctica Service Medal. All clasps, except the Army Good Conduct Medal clasp, are worn only on the suspension ribbon of the medal. The clasps are described as follows:

(1) The Army Good Conduct Medal clasp is a bar 1/8-inch by 1 3/8 inches, of bronze, silver or gold, with loops indicative of each period of service. Paragraph 4-9 describes the clasps authorized for second and subsequent awards of the Army Good Conduct Medal.

(2) The World War I Victory Medal battle clasps is a bronze bar 1/8-inch by 1 1/2 inches with the name of the cam-

paign or the words "Defensive Sector," and with a star at each end of the inscription. The campaigns are as follows:

- (i) Cambrai;
- (ii) Somme, Defensive;
- (iii) Lys;
- (iv) Aisne;
- (v) Montdidier-Noyon;
- (vi) Champagne-Marne;
- (vii) Aisne-Marne;
- (viii) Somme, Offensive;
- (ix) Oise-Aisne;
- (x) Ypres-Lys;
- (xi) St. Mihiel;
- (xii) Meuse-Argonne;
- (xiii) Vittorio-Veneto;
- (xiv) Defensive Sector.

(3) The World War I Victory Medal service clasp is a bronze bar 1/8-inch by 1 1/2 inches with the name of the country which the service was performed inscribed thereon. The service clasps authorized are as follows:

- (i) England;
- (ii) France;
- (iii) Italy;
- (iv) Russia;
- (v) Siberia.

(4) The American Defense Service Medal clasp is a bronze bar 1/8-inch by 1 1/2 inches with the words "Foreign Service" and with a star at each end of the inscription.

(5) The Army of Occupation Medal clasp is a bronze bar 1/8-inch by 1 1/2 inches with the word "Germany" or "Japan" inscribed thereon, to denote occupation duty rendered in Europe and/or the Far East.

(6) The Antarctica Service Medal is a clasp bearing the words "Wintered Over" for wear on the suspension ribbon of the medal awarded in bronze for the first winter, in gold for the second winter, and in silver for the third winter.

(f) *Service stars.* Are worn on campaign and service ribbons to denote an additional award. The service star is a bronze or silver five-pointed star 3/16-inch in diameter. A silver star is worn instead of five bronze service stars. The bronze service star is also affixed to the parachutist badge to denote participation in a combat parachutist jump, retroactive to December 7, 1941. See §578.74 on Parachutist badges for