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Summary

This report is intended for congressional use. It identifies sources of information on military awards and decorations, including the Department of Defense, other government agencies, and private organizations. It provides addresses, telephone numbers, and Web addresses. This report will be updated as needed.

Department of Defense

Each of the military services has an office that responds to requests regarding military awards and decorations. This includes requests for the issuance or replacement of military awards, information on eligibility criteria, statistics, and historical data on military awards.

Military Awards Branch

U.S. Army Human Resources Command
ATTN: AHRC-PDO-PA
200 Stovall Street, Suite 3S67, Hoffman II
Alexandria, VA 22332-0474
(703) 325-8700

[<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/awards/index.htm>]

U.S. Navy Department

Navy Awards NO9B33
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-2000
NavyAwards@Navy.Mil

[<https://awards.navy.mil>]

U.S. Air Force Personnel Center

Attn: Air Force Recognition Programs
550 C Street West, Suite 12
Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4714
(210) 565-5000

[<http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/awards/default.asp?prods3=152&prods2=2&prods1=1>]

Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps

Attn: Military Awards
Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
3280 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134
(703) 784-9206

[<https://lnweb1.manpower.usmc.mil/manpower/mm/mmma/awardsref.nsf>]

U.S. Army Center of Military History

103 Third Avenue
Collins Hall
Fort Lesley J. McNair
Washington, D.C. 20319-5018
(202) 685-2194

[<http://www.army.mil/cmh/Moh1.htm>]

The U.S. Army Center of Military History provides a full-text listing of official citations for Medal of Honor recipients at the above Web address.

The Institute of Heraldry

9325 Gunston Rd., Room S-112
Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-5579
(703) 806-4972

[<http://www.tioh.hqda.pentagon.mil/>]

The Institute of Heraldry provides services to the armed forces as well as to U.S. government agencies. These services include design and standardization of badges, insignia, decorations, and medals of the U.S. military, as well as information on how they are displayed, and how and why they are worn.

Department of Transportation

U.S. Maritime Administration

Medals and Decorations, Room 7302
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590
(202) 366-2646

[<http://www.marad.dot.gov/history/medals.html>]

The U.S. Maritime Administration provides information on awards to members of the U.S. Merchant Marine who served in support of the U.S. armed forces.

National Archives and Records Administration

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) of the National Archives and Records Administration houses military service records, which include information on medals, awards, and decorations received by individual service members. The NPRC responds to veteran requests for verification and issuance or replacement of military service awards. Veterans should contact the NPRC Office of the appropriate service (note that the NPRC does not accept telephone requests for records). For more information, see [<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/replacement-medals.html>].

Army

National Personnel Records Center
Medals Section (NRPMA-M)
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Air Force

National Personnel Record Center
Air Force Reference Branch (NRPMF)
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard

Bureau of Naval Personnel
Liaison Office, Room 5409
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100

Organizations

Organizations whose memberships consist of recipients of awards are a source of publications, historical information, and services to veterans.

Congressional Medal of Honor Society

40 Patriots Point Road
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
(843) 884-8862

[<http://www.cmohs.org/>]

Legion of Valor of the United States of America

c/o Philip J. Conran
4706 Calle Reina
Santa Barbara, CA 93110
(805) 692-2244

[<http://www.legionofvalor.com/>]

Military Order of the Purple Heart

5413-B Backlick Road
Springfield, VA 22151
(703) 642-5360

[<http://www.purpleheart.org/>]

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