

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS  
APPLICATION FOR STATE MEDALS**

*NJ Distinguished Service Medal*

*NJ Meritorious Service Medal*

*NJ Korean Service Medal*

*NJ Vietnam Service Medal*

*NJ Desert Storm Medal*

*NJ POW/MIA Medal*

*NJ Global War on Terrorism Medal*

***Please see back page for medal eligibility and mailing instructions***

1. Name of Veteran *(Last, First, Middle Initial)*

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Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Rank/Grade held upon Honorable Retirement

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2A. Branch of Service

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force,  
Coast Guard, Merchant Marines (WWII ONLY))*

3. War Time Service *(Check all that apply)*

- World War II
- Korean War
- Vietnam War
- Desert Shield/Storm
- Enduring Freedom
- Iraqi Freedom

4. Type of Combat *(Check one)*

- Ground
- Air
- Sea
- CONUS

5. Theater of Operations: *(Check all that apply)*

- European-African-Middle Eastern
- Asiatic Pacific
- Southeast Asiatic
- Southwest Asiatic
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**POSTHUMOUS AWARD – Contact Information for Next of Kin**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Deceased Veteran: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Presentation Ceremony

- Yes
- No *(If no, medal will be mailed to your home address)*

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>NJ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)</b>  <i>The awarding of DSM usurps MSM. MSM is not awarded simultaneously with DSM</i>	If the person was a resident upon entry into service or has been a resident of this State for at least 20 years in the aggregate, honorably discharged, and <b>served in a combat theater</b> of operations during a time of war. (Campaign & Expeditionary Medals must appear on DD214).
<b>NJ MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MSM)</b>	If the person was a resident upon entry into service or if the person has been a resident of this State for at least five years in the aggregate, honorably discharged and served in the organized militia, or the Armed Forces of the US or a Reserve component.
<b>NJ VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL (VSM)</b>	All residents of the State who were honorably discharged and served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the US <b>in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos or Cambodia or the contiguous waters or airspace</b> thereof on or after December 31, 1960 and on or before May 7, 1975. (Vietnam Campaign & Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal must appear on DD214)
<b>NJ KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL (KSM)</b>	All residents of the State who were honorably discharged and served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the US <b>in Korea, Japan, or the contiguous waters or airspace</b> thereof on or after June 23, 1950 and on or before January 31, 1955. (Korean Service Medal must appear on DD214).
<b>POW/MIA MEDAL**</b>	The NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will determine each case on its merits. <b>Must have been officially listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the US Department of Defense.</b>
<b>DESERT STORM SERVICE MEDAL (DDS)</b>	May be awarded to a resident of the State of NJ on active duty or assigned to other service components of the Armed Forces of the US who was honorably discharged and <b>served in theater</b> from 1 August 1990 to 1 October 1991. (Kuwait Liberation Medal & Southwest Asia Service Medal must appear on DD214).
<b>GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL (GWOT)</b>	If the person was a resident of the State upon entry into service or has been a resident of this State for at least 20 years in the aggregate; as attested by the awarding of honorable discharge and the federal DD214 served in at least one of the following Operations: <b>Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, Nomad Shadow, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, Freedom's Sentinel, and Odyssey Lightning.</b>

**NOTE:** An honorable discharge is a mandatory requirement for any New Jersey state award.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Complete and sign application on front side of this form.

**DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS** but copies of the following:

- Proof of residency (Any document showing name and home address)
- DD Form 214 indicating "honorable discharge"
- Evidence of active duty service in qualifying areas or contiguous waters or airspace
- Copy of Death Certificate for posthumous awards
- Evidence of status as POW or MIA

Mail completed application and supporting copied documents to:

The Adjutant General  
 NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs  
 ATTN: DVS-VBB (Awards)  
 PO Box 340  
 Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

For questions please call (609) 530-6954 – FAX: (609) 530-6970 or email: [Elizabeth.Schofield@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Schofield@dmava.nj.gov)