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)
   __________________________________________________
   Street: ___________________________________________    Apt # ________
   City: ___________________________  State: ___________   Zip Code: ____________
   Phone: _____________________   Email Address: __________________________________________

2. Rank/Grade held upon Honorable Retirement
   ____________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   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: ________________________________________________

SIGNATURE: ___________________________  DATE: ________________________
### NJ DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL (DSM)

**The awarding of DSM usurps MSM. MSM is not awarded simultaneously with DSM**

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 **served in a combat theater** of operations during a time of war. (Campaign & Expeditionary Medals must appear on DD214).

### NJ MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (MSM)

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.

### NJ VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL (VSM)

All residents of the State who were honorably discharged and served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the US **in Vietnam, Thailand, Laos or Cambodia or the contiguous waters or airspace** 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).

### NJ KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL (KSM)

All residents of the State who were honorably discharged and served on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the US **in Korea, Japan, or the contiguous waters or airspace** thereof on or after June 23, 1950 and on or before January 31, 1955. (Korean Service Medal must appear on DD214).

### POW/MIA MEDAL**

The NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will determine each case on its merits. **Must have been officially listed as a prisoner of war or missing in action by the US Department of Defense.**

### DESERT STORM SERVICE MEDAL (DDS)

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 **served in theater** from 1 August 1990 to 1 October 1991. (Kuwait Liberation Medal & Southwest Asia Service Medal must appear on DD214).

### GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM MEDAL (GWOT)

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: **Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, Iraqi Freedom, Nomad Shadow, New Dawn, Inherent Resolve, Freedom’s Sentinel, and Odyssey Lightning.**

**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

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