

CHAPTER 97

MILITARY AND VETERANS

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AN ACT**CONCERNING DECORATIONS AWARDED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Part 12 of article 3 of title 28, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING NEW SECTIONS to read:

28-3-1208. Non-commissioned officer/soldier/airman of the year ribbon.

(1) A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER/SOLDIER/AIRMAN OF THE YEAR RIBBON", SHALL BE AWARDED EACH YEAR TO FIVE MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO SELECTED THROUGH BOTH THE ARMY AND AIR COMMAND CHANNELS. THE FIVE RECIPIENTS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- (a) AN ARMY NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER;
- (b) AN ARMY ENLISTED SOLDIER;
- (c) AN AIR SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER;
- (d) AN AIR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER; AND
- (e) AN AIRMAN.

28-3-1209. Commendation ribbon. A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "COMMENDATION RIBBON", SHALL BE AWARDED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO AND TO ANY OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

THEMSELVES EITHER BY EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE STATE OF COLORADO OR BY ACCOMPLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL ACT OR DEED REFLECTING CREDIT UPON THE STATE OF COLORADO AND THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO.

28-3-1210. Achievement ribbon. A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON", SHALL BE AWARDED TO PROVIDE RECOGNITION TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO AND OTHER PERSONS WHO HAVE, THROUGH THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL OUTSTANDING AND EXEMPLARY ACTIONS, ATTITUDE, EFFORTS, AND SERVICE, CONTRIBUTED TO THE SAFEKEEPING AND WELFARE OF CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, THE PRESERVATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE READINESS POSTURE OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO, OR WHO HAVE ACCOMPLISHED A PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT OR NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENT OR DEED REFLECTING GREAT CREDIT UPON THE INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS AND THE STATE OF COLORADO.

28-3-1211. Adjutant general's outstanding unit citation. A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OUTSTANDING UNIT CITATION", SHALL BE AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING MERITORIOUS PERFORMANCE, ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 1995, BY ANY UNIT ASSIGNED TO THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO. SAID UNIT SHALL DISPLAY SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE OF AN EXCEPTIONALLY DIFFICULT TASK DEEMED EXTRAORDINARY AND NOT REPRESENTING THE NORMAL DAY-TO-DAY CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT SETS IT APART FROM OTHER UNITS WITH SIMILAR MISSIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

28-3-1212. State emergency service ribbon. A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE RIBBON", SHALL BE AWARDED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO WHO IS CALLED TO STATE DUTY IN EITHER AN ACTIVE OR SUPPORTIVE ROLE FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST ONE DAY DURING A CRISIS WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO, DURING WHICH CRISIS THE WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF COLORADO IS IN PERIL AND WHERE THE PRESERVATION OR PROTECTION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY IS REQUIRED.

28-3-1213. Foreign deployment service ribbon. A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "FOREIGN DEPLOYMENT SERVICE RIBBON", SHALL BE AWARDED TO ANY MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY SERVED THE STATE AND NATION ON A DEPLOYMENT TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF AT LEAST FOUR DAYS.

28-3-1214. State mobilization support ribbon. A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "STATE MOBILIZATION SUPPORT RIBBON", SHALL BE AWARDED TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO AND OTHER PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE, THROUGH THEIR OWN OUTSTANDING AND EXEMPLARY ACTIONS, ATTITUDE, EFFORTS, AND SERVICE, SUPPORTED THE MOBILIZATION OF UNITS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO WHEN CALLED TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY. THESE ACTIONS MAY INCLUDE SUPPORT IN RETURNING UNITS TO STATE CONTROL UPON DEMOBILIZATION.

28-3-1215. Recruiting ribbon. A RIBBON, DESIGNATED AS THE "RECRUITING RIBBON", SHALL BE AWARDED TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN THE NATIONAL GUARD WHO SECURES ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT OF AT LEAST THREE INDIVIDUALS WITHIN ONE YEAR OR AT LEAST FIVE INDIVIDUALS WITHIN A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS TO THE NATIONAL GUARD OF COLORADO.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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