

MILPER Message Number**16-303****Proponent****AHRC-PDP-A****Title****Acceptance, Retention, and/or Wear of Foreign Badges and Decorations****...Issued:[10/20/2016 1:29:14 PM]...**

A. Title 5 United States Code Section 7342, Receipt and Disposition of Foreign Gifts and Decorations.

B. Department of Defense (DoD) 1348.33, Volume 3, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD-wide Performance and Valor Awards; Foreign Awards; Military Awards to Foreign Personnel and U.S. Public Health Service Officers; and Miscellaneous Information, 23 November 2010, and change 2, 13 March 2015.

C. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22, Military Awards, 25 June 2015.

1. This message will expire on 19 Oct 17.

2. The purpose of this message is to clarify Army procedures on acceptance, retention, and/or wear of foreign badges and decorations by U.S. Army personnel. This message includes guidance and procedures for approving or requesting approval for acceptance, retention, and/or wear of foreign badges and decorations listed in reference C, Appendices D and E. This message also includes an updated list of foreign badges and decorations approved for acceptance, retention, and/or wear.

3. In accordance with reference C, paragraphs 9-26b and 9-27b, Commanders serving in the rank of brigadier general (BG/O-7) or above and colonel (COL/ O-6) -level commanders who exercise general court-martial convening authority (GCMCA)

are delegated authority to approve the acceptance, retention, and/or permanent wear of foreign badges and decorations listed in Appendices D and E, respectively. Commanders delegated this authority must ensure that badges and decorations are offered by foreign governments without solicitation or encouragement from U.S. Army personnel. Additionally, in order to qualify for acceptance, retention, and/or wear on the Army uniform, the acts and achievements must have been overseen by an official of the issuing nation and performed in an official military capacity (active duty, inactive duty for training, annual training, etc.).

4. Procedures:

a. The procedures for processing requests for acceptance, retention, and/or wear when the badge or decoration is listed in reference C, Appendix D or E, or in paragraph 5 below, are as follows:

Foreign Badges and Decorations Listed in Appendices D and E		
Step	Requestor and HR Office	Required Action
1	Requestor	Provide a copy of the certificate and/or citation for the badge or decoration in the original language and an English translation to the servicing HR Office.
2	HR Office	Verify that the badge or decoration is listed in Appendix D or E or paragraph 5 below (including online versions located at https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Awards%20FAQ).
3	HR Office	1. Validate that the badge or decoration was earned in accordance with guidance in paragraph 3 above. 2. Prepare memorandum or DA Form 4187 authorizing acceptance, retention, and/or wear and submit to the approval authority along with supporting documentation; both the token acceptance and accept and wear memorandum templates can be found at: https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Award%20and%20Decoration%20Templates .
4	Approval authority	Approve acceptance, retention, and/or wear of foreign badge or decoration (commanders in the grade BG/O-7 or higher and COL/O-6 commanders with GCMCA).
5	HR Office	Process memorandum or DA Form 4187 and return copy of decision to the requestor. a. If determination is acceptance, retention and wear, submit a copy of the approval document to iPERMS along with the certificate (original and English translation) for posting to the Soldier's Army Military Human Resource Record (AMHRR). b. If determination is acceptance and retention (token acceptance), no further action is required.
Notes:		
1. Organizations that do not have commanders BG/O-7 or COL/O-6 with GCMCA in their chain of command may submit their requests to Human Resources Command (HRC), Awards and Decorations Branch (ADB) for processing.		

2. Foreign badges and decorations approved for honorary or token acceptance only (not for wear on the U.S. Army uniform) are NOT posted to the recipient's AMHRR.
3. Foreign badges and decorations included in reference C, Appendices D and E (including those in paragraph 5 below) will not be updated in Electronic Military Personnel Office (eMILPO) (for posting to the Enlisted Records Brief or Officer Record Brief, or DD Form 214); only those foreign badges and decorations published in reference C, Chapter 9, Sections III and IV, can be updated in eMILPO.

b. Foreign awards and decorations not listed in reference C, Appendix D or E, or in paragraph 5 below, must be approved by HRC, ADB. The procedures for processing requests for acceptance, retention, and/or wear when the badge or decoration is not listed in reference C, Appendix D or E, or in paragraph 5 below, are as follows:

Foreign Badges and Decorations Not Listed in Appendices D and E		
Step	Requestor and HR Office	Required Action
1	Requestor	Provide a copy of the certificate or citation for the badge or decoration in the original language and an English translation to servicing HR Office.
2	HR Office	Verify that the decoration or badge is not listed in Appendix D or E (or paragraph 5 below).
3	HR Office	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that the badge or decoration was earned in accordance with guidance in paragraph 3 above. 2. Prepare memorandum requesting a determination on acceptance, retention, and/or wear of the decoration and badge; the memorandum template can be found at: https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Award%20and%20Decoration%20Templates.
4	HR Office	Submit memorandum, copy of original certificate, and English translation to the following email address: usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-awards-policies-inquiries@mail.mil or by regular mail to Commander, HRC, ADB (AHRC-PDP-A), Department 480, 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408.
5	HRC, ADB	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review documentation. 2. If complete, make a determination on acceptance, retention, and/or wear; if needed, request additional information from the host/issuing country. 3. Prepare memorandum. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. If determination is acceptance, retention and wear, submit a copy of the signed memorandum to the requesting HR Office and iPERMS along with the certificate (original and English translation) for posting to the Soldier's AMHRR. b. If determination is acceptance and retention (token acceptance), submit signed memorandum to the requesting HR Office.
6	HR Office	Provide a copy of memorandum to the Soldier.

Notes:

1. Such requests for Army National Guard personnel will be routed through the National Guard Bureau, (ARNG–HRH–A), 111 S. George Mason Drive, Arlington, VA 22204–1373.
2. Notes 2 and 3 from the table in paragraph 4a apply when determination is for acceptance, retention, and wear.

5. Below is a list of foreign badges and decorations, in addition to those listed in reference C, Appendix D or E, that have been approved for acceptance, retention, and/or wear:

Appendix D -- Table D–1**Foreign badges – approved additions**

Country	Badge	Notes
Afghanistan	Afghanistan Ministry of Defense Flight Insignia Badge Afghanistan National Army Flight Wings Badge	See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Algeria	Algerian Parachutist Badge	
Austria	Austrian Shooting Performance Badge	
Brazil	Brazilian Airmobile Operations Course Insignia Brazilian Advanced Mountain Badge	Officers – gold, Enlisted – silver. See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Cambodia	Cambodian Parachute Badge Cambodian Crew Chief Badge	Basic, Jumpmaster, Freefall.
Canada	Canadian Parachutist Badge Canadian Combat Diver Badge	Must make 3 jumps with issuing nation.
Chad	Chadian Parachute Badge	
Chile	Chilean Parachutist Badge Chilean Air Force Jumpmaster Parachutist Badge Chilean Mountain Skill Badge	
Colombia	Colombian Dive Badge Colombian Military Police Course Decoration	Class 1, 2, Master.
Czech Republic	Czech Airborne Wings Czech Badge of the BRNO Military Academy	1st, 2d, and 3d Degree. Officers only.
Denmark	Royal Danish First Aid Skill Badge	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Dominican Republic	Dominican Republic Parachutist Badge	
Ecuador	Ecuadorian Parachute Jump Badge Ecuadorian Parche de Curso de Selva	Must make 3 jumps with issuing nation.

Country	Badge	Notes
	(Jungle School Tab) Ecuadorian Special Operations Badge	
Egypt	Egyptian Scuba Badge	
El Salvador	El Salvadorian Military Intelligence Badge	
Estonia	Estonian Military Parachutist Wings	Must make 5 jumps with issuing nation.
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Imperial Bodyguard Badge	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
France	French Joint Defense College Badge French Staff School Badge French Desert Warfare Insignia French Military Skier Badge French Combat Training Badge French Certificate of First Aid Training	Officers only. Officers only. See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Germany	German Activity Badge for Logistics and Supply Personnel German Air Force Badge for Air Traffic Control Personnel The Federal Armed Forces Foreign Duty Medal	Bronze, silver, and gold.
Honduras	Honduran Military Freefall Badge	
Israel	Israeli Defense Force Parachutist Badge Israeli Basic Parachute Badge	Must attend Israeli parachute school refresher training.
Italy	Italian Parachutist Badge	
Jordan	Jordanian Parachutist Badge	Basic, senior, and master.
	Jordanian Flight Wings Jordanian Military Freefall Badge Jordanian Army Fighting in Built up Areas Special Skill Badge	
Korea	Republic of Korea Army Aviator Wings Honor Badge Republic of Korea Army Master Aviation Mechanic Badge of Honor Republic of Korea Master Airborne Badge	Officers only; must have specific number of flying hours documented with the Korean Air Force.
Kuwait	Kuwait Naval Diving Badge Kuwait Engineer Wings	
Laos	Laotian Parachute Badge	
Malaysia	Malaysian Police Static Jump Wings	
Mexico	Mexican Marine Airborne Wings Mexican Army Parachutist Badge	

Country	Badge	Notes
Mongolia	Mongolian Parachutist Badge Mongolian Badge of Honor	
Netherlands	Royal Netherlands Army Diving Badge Royal Netherlands Engineers Diver Badge Netherlands Military Ex-Airmobile Badge Netherlands Marksmanship Badge	
New Zealand	New Zealand Air Force Parachute Badge New Zealand Parachutist Badge	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Nicaragua	Nicaraguan Army Parachute Wings	
Norway	Norwegian Military Sharpshooter Medal/Badge Norwegian Military Ski Medal Badge Norwegian Biathlon Badge Norwegian Military March Metal/Badge Norwegian Foot-March Skill Insignia (also known as the Road March Badge) Norwegian Military Basic Parachute Badge	Bronze. Bronze. See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only). Bronze, silver and gold.
Pakistan	Pakistani Parachutist Badge	
Panama	Panamanian-Pana Jungle Badge Panamanian Parachutist Badge	
Philippines	Philippines Outstanding Achievement Medal Philippines Military Civic Action Medal	
Poland	Polish Military Contingent Multi-National Division Center South Badge Polish 6 th Airborne Brigade Krakow Parachute Badge	
Portugal	Portuguese Parachutist Badge	
Saudi Arabia	Saudian Parachutist Badge GCDA Instructor Crew Chief Advisor Aircrew Wings The Royal Saudi Land Force Aviator Badge	See note 1 (token acceptance only). Enlisted only.
Singapore	Singapore Chemical Biological Radiography Defense Course	Must complete full course to wear.
Somalia	Somalian Parachutist Badge	
South Africa		

Country	Badge	Notes
	South African Defense Force Parachutist Badge	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Spain	Spanish Armed Forces Parachutist Badge Spanish Army General Staff College Badge	Officers only.
Sudan	Sudanese Parachutist Badge	
Thailand	Thai Counter-Insurgency Badge	
Ukraine	The Order of Merit Decoration from the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine	
United Arab Emirates	United Arab Emirates Special Forces Operations Command Static Line Parachutist Badge United Arab Emirates Basic Free Fall HALO Wings	See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Venezuela	Venezuelan Armed Forces of Cooperation/National Guard Superior College Badge Venezuelan Cavalry Leaders Badge	Officers only. Officers only.
Note:		
1. Honorary. Unless otherwise specified, this foreign badge or decoration may only be accepted and retained; it is not allowed for wear on the U.S. Army uniform.		
2. Foreign badges and decorations are continually reviewed and updated as new information is received from the host/issuing country.		

Appendix E -- Table E-1
Foreign decorations – approved additions

Country	Decoration	Notes
Afghanistan	Baryal Medal Ghazi Mir Bacha Khan Medal Ghazi Mir Bacha Khan Superior Medal Afghanistan Commemorative Service Medal EUPOL Afghanistan Gold Medal Ghazi Mir Masjedi Khan Magnificent State Medal	1st, 2d degree. See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Albania	Medal of Military Service	
Argentina	Argentina Merit of Military Fraternity	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Belgium	Commemorative Medal for Overseas Missions or Operations	For active combat service deployments only.

Country	Decoration	Notes
	Belgian Order of Leopold Medal Belgian Order of Leopold II Medal	
Brazil	National Order of Southern Cross The Military Firefighter National Meritorious Medal	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Bulgaria	For Faithful Service Under the Colors Commendation Medal of the Ministry of Defense "St. George" For Faithful Service Under the Colors Bulgarian Lady's Cross	Officers only. 2d Degree, Enlisted can receive the award at a lower level.
Cambodia	The National Defense Medal Cambodian Sahak Metrey Medal Silver	Bronze, Silver and Gold. Officers only.
Canada	Canadian Chief of the Defence Staff Commendation Canadian Commander In Chief's Unit Commendation Canadian Meritorious Service Medal	
Cherokee Nation	Cherokee Nation Warrior Medal	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Chile	Medal Cross of Victory Chilean Armed Forces Military Star Chilean Army Minerva Medal	Officers Only.
Colombia	Colombian Marine Corps Medal Medal of Honor for Especial Services, National Police Academy Colombian Medal of Honor of the Military Police Colombian National Police Distinguished Service Medal Lancers School Medal The Naval Order of Admiral Padilla in the Grade Of Commander The President of the Council of the Medal Military Engineers: "Tower of Castile"	See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Czech Republic	Premysl Otakar II King of Iron and Gold	Officers Only.
Denmark	Order of Dannebrog, Commanders Grade	Officers Only.
Dominican Republic	Order of Military Merit Medal Order of the Machete	Officer only; Blue, White and Red.
El Salvador	El Salvadorian Distinguished Service Star Republic of El Salvador Ora Al Merito	See note 1 (token acceptance only).

Country	Decoration	Notes
	Medal Republic of El Salvador Gold Medal for Distinguished Service	
Estonia	Defense Forces Memorial Medal Distinguished Service Cross of the Estonian Defense Forces Peace Operation Medal of the Estonian Ministry of Defense Estonian Order of the White Cross Estonian Defense League Distinguished Service Medal (Special Class) The Order of the Eagles Cross, 3 rd Class Estonian Defense Forces Merit Medal Estonian Sword and Lynx	See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Ethiopia	The Imperial Order of the Star of Honor of the Ethiopian Empire	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
European Union	European Union Police Officers Cross of Honor European Union European Security and Defense Policy Service Medal	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
France	Cross of War (with star) Legion of Honor National Order of Merit Knight in the National Order of Merit French Military Valor Cross	Knight, officer commander, Grand officer and grand cross. Device based on French recommender level: Bronze Star – Bde level. Silver Star – Division level. Silver Gilt Star – Corps level. Bronze Palm – Army level.
Georgia	The Georgia Commendation Medal	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Germany	European Medal of Sports	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Great Britain	Most Excellent Order of the British Empire Commander of the Order of the British Empire Order of St. John	Grand Cross, Commander, Officer and Member See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Guatemala	Cross of Military Merit	
	National Order of Merit	

Country	Decoration	Notes
Guinea, Republic of		Grand Cross, Grand Commander, Commander, officer and chevalier.
Honduras	Meritorious Class II Medal	Officers only.
Hungary	Hungarian Distinguished Service Medal Hungarian For the Alliance Service Medal	1st and 2d class.
Iraq	Iraq Joint Service Commendation	
Italy	Italian Defense General Staff Cooperation Medal Italian Commemorative Cross The Knight Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy Italian Afghan Campaign Cross Medal Italian Cross for the Military Peace Mission in Kosovo Antica Babilonia Operation Medal Order of Merit of the Italian Republic Italian Army Staff Officer Course Ribbon of Merit The Honorary Decoration of the Joint Defense Chief of Staff	See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Kazakhstan	Kazakhstan Medal for the Development of International Military Cooperation	Officers only.
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyzstan National Guard Service Medal Kyrgyzstan Republic "Mykty" Medal for Excellence, 3d Class	Officers only.
Latvia	Latvian Army Medal of Diligence/ Dedication Of Military Service Latvian Army Medal of Merit	1st (Gold), 2d (Silver) and 3d (Bronze) Class.
Lithuania	Lithuanian Armed Forces Medal of Distinction Grand Commander Cross Order for Merits Lithuania	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Malaysia	Malaysia Honorary Order of Military Service Medal	
Moldova	Fraternity in Arms Medal of the Republic of Moldova Consolidation the Brotherhood of Arms Medal Republic of Moldova	
Morocco	Wissam Medal (Medal of Military Merit)	

Country	Decoration	Notes
		Awarded within four classes; Grand Officer, Commander, Officer and Knight.
Netherlands	Commemorative Medal (Peace Operations) Dutch Armed Forces Medal of Merit Netherlands Armed Forces Marching Cross Netherlands Order of Orange-Nassau Netherlands Reserve Officers Cross	Gold or silver.
Nicaragua	Nicaraguan Medal of Friendship, Defense, and Honor	Officers only.
North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)	NATO Meritorious Service Medal	
Norway	Norwegian Defense Intelligence Service Medal	
Peru	Ayacucho Military Order Award	
Paraguay	Paraguayan Physical Education Medal Honorific Medal of Paraguayan Army Paraguayan Army Medal of Honor Paraguayan Marshal Francisco Solano Lopez Honor Medal Paraguayan Order of Military Merit CECOPAZ Medal of Honor Silver Medal of Honor from the Armed Forces Command	See note 1 (token acceptance only). Officers only. Officers only.
Poland	Bronze Medal of the Polish Army Brown Medal of the Polish Army Polish Armed Forces in Service for Country Medal Silver Medal of the Polish Army	Bronze.
Romania	Honor Crest of the Romanian Armed Forces General Staff Emblem of Honor of the Romanian General Staff Romanian National Order of Merit in Rank of Grand Officer, for War Romanian Chief of Defense's Honor Emblem	See note 1 (token acceptance only). See note 1 (token acceptance only). Enlisted only.
Russia	Medal of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation Russian U.N. Military Observer Medal Russian Federation Award for Strengthening the Military Community	See note 1 (token acceptance only). Officers only. Officers only.

Country	Decoration	Notes
Slovakia	Commemorative Medal of the Ministry Of Defense	
Spain	Great Cross of Distinguished Military Service	Officers only.
Turkey	Turkish Legion of Merit	Officers only.
Ukraine	Commendation Cross "For Merits" of the Ministry of Emergencies of Ukraine Ukrainian Badge of Honor	See note 1 (token acceptance only).
Venezuela	Venezuela Engineer Medal	
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6. A full consolidated list of all badges and decorations approved for acceptance, retention, and/or permanent wear (reference C, Appendices D and E) can be found at <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Award%20and%20Decoration%20Templates>.

7. Point of contact for this message is the HRC Awards and Decorations Branch, AHRC-PDP-A, at 502-613-9126, 983-9126 (DSN), or e-mail at usarmy.knox.hrc.mbx.tagd-adb-policy-inquiries@mail.mil.