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11 CSR 10-5.010 Missouri World War II Veterans' Recognition Program

PURPOSE: This rule prescribes guidelines as required by section 42.175, RSMo, to administer the World War II Veterans' Recognition and the Missouri World War II "D-Day" Invasion of Europe Medal Program. These guidelines provide a framework for World War II veterans to apply for medal, medallion, and certificates in recognition of their service to Missouri and our nation during World War II.

(1) Definitions as used in this rule, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall mean:

(A) Adjutant General—As defined in Chapter 41, *Revised Statutes of Missouri*, section 41.110 and all amendments thereto;

(B) Appropriate service records—Military records documenting the honorable service of a veteran in the armed forces of the United States eligibility for awards authorized under the Missouri World War II Recognition Program. A Department of Defense DD-214 or other document acceptable to the Adjutant General;

(C) Active service—As defined in Title 10, section 101 of the *United States Code* and all amendments thereto;

(D) Consanguinity—Of the closest blood relation;

(E) Certificate—A document containing a certified statement as to the truth that one has fulfilled the requirement for award or recognition;

(F) "D-Day" Invasion of Europe Veteran— Members of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Army Air Corps, Marines, or Merchant Marines who participated in the Battle of Normandy between June 6, 1944, and September 30, 1944;

(G) Director World War II Veterans' and "D-Day" Invasion of Europe Recognition Program—Person designated by the Adjutant General to administer the World War II Veterans' Recognition Program;

(H) Discharge—A certification of release from military service or duty;

(I) Eligible World War II veteran—Any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at anytime beginning December 7, 1941 and ending September 30, 1945 provided 1) that such veteran was a legal resident of the state of Missouri on August 28, 2000 and 2) such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service or is still in active service in honorable status;

(J) Honorably separated—The release from military service or duty under honorable conditions;

(K) Honorable status—Attesting to creditable conduct while serving on active duty in the military;

(L) Intestate survivor—The survivor of a World War II veteran who has died without a will;

(M) Jubilee of Liberty Medal—A medal created by the Regional Council of Normandy, France, in 1994 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the June 6, 1944, "D-Day" invasion of Europe;

(N) Legal resident—A person (veteran) whose official United States mailing address is within the boundaries of the state of Missouri;

(O) Medal—A small object usually metal in nature bearing an emblem or picture that is issued to commemorate a person's participation in an event or is awarded for excellence or achievement;

(P) Medallion—An object or coin, usually round or oval in shape, resembling a medal;

(Q) Replica—A close reproduction or facsimile of the original;

(R) Veteran—Any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of Veterans' Affairs or its successor agency;

(S) Veterans Commission—The commission created by section 42.007, RSMo;

(T) World War II—The World War beginning December 7, 1941, and ending September 30, 1945;

(U) World War II Veterans' Recognition Award Fund—As defined in section 42.195, RSMo, consisting of gifts, bequests, and donations to be administered by the Adjutant General.

(2) The Adjutant General is responsible for the administration of the Missouri World War II Veterans' Recognition and the World War II "D-Day" Invasion of Europe Medal Program and, subject to an appropriation for this purpose, will distribute a medal, medallion, and certificate to each qualified Missouri World War II veteran.

(3) Design.

(A) The Veterans Commission is responsible for the design of the form of the medallion, medal, and certificates and will provide the approved designs to the Adjutant General for distribution.

(B) The "D-Day" June 6, 1944, Invasion of Europe recognition medal is the "Jubilee of Liberty" created by the Regional Council of Normandy, France, in 1994.

(4) To be eligible for the World War II Veterans' Recognition Awards, the veteran must:

(A) Have served on active duty in the United States military service at anytime beginning December 7, 1941, and ending September 30, 1945;

(B) Be a legal resident of Missouri on August 28, 2000; and

(C) Be honorably separated or discharged from military service or be currently in active service in an honorable status.

(5) To be eligible for the "Jubilee of Liberty" June 6, 1944, "D-Day" Invasion of Europe medal replica, veterans must have served honorably on active duty and participated in the Battle of Normandy between June 6, 1944, and September 30, 1944.

(6) World War II and "D-Day" Invasion of Europe veterans, to obtain authorized medals, medallions, and certificates, must complete an application form and provide copies of appropriate World War II service record verification forms to the Office of the Adjutant General, Attention: Director, WWII Veteran Recognition Program, 2303 Militia Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101-1203. Applications must be submitted anytime after January 1, 2001, and before January 1, 2002. Applications and service forms will not be returned and will become property of the state of Missouri.

(7) Application forms may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Adjutant General or contacting local Missouri Veterans Commission offices. Forms will also be provided to Missouri veterans' organizations upon request to the Director, Veterans' World War II Recognition Program.

(8) If any person dies after applying for a medallion or medal and a certificate pursuant to sections 42.170 to 42.190, RSMo, and such person would have been entitled to the medallion, medal, and the certificate, the Adjutant General shall give the medallion, medal, and the certificate to the person to whom the largest portion of the veteran's estate was given in such veteran's will. If the estate was split evenly among two or more persons, the surviving spouse, the eldest living child or the closest relative by degree of consanguinity, in that order, shall receive the

medallion, medal, and the certificate. If there is no will, the veteran's intestate survivor shall receive the medallion, medal, and the certificate.

(9) The distribution of specific state awards under this rule is subject to the availability of and receipt of funding and the approval of a state appropriation for that purpose. Upon receipt of funding and an approved appropriation, awards will be distributed as expeditiously as possible.

(10) Eligibility Determination.

(A) If the Adjutant General disallows any veteran's claim to a medallion, medal, and a certificate pursuant to sections 42.170 to 42.190, RSMo, for World War II and/or the "D-Day" Invasion of Europe recognition programs, a statement of the reason for the disallowance shall be filed with the application and a notice of ineligibility will be mailed to the applicant at the applicant's last known address.

(B) The notice of ineligibility will include information on the appeal process for applicants whose requests for World War II Recognition Programs awards are denied. Denied applicants will have 30 days from receipt of notices of ineligibility to submit written appeals.

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11 CSR 10-5.015 World War II Veterans' Recognition Award Fund

PURPOSE: This rule outlines the duties and responsibilities of the Adjutant General in administering the World War II Veterans' Recognition Award Fund established by section 42.185, RSMo.

(1) The World War II Veterans' Recognition Award Fund is a state fund established to receive monies generated from all gifts, donations, and bequests to the fund. This fund shall be administered by the Adjutant General for purposes authorized under section 42.185, RSMo and appropriated by the state.

(2) The Adjutant General shall establish procedures and agreements with other state agencies as necessary to manage the World War II Veterans' Recognition Award Fund. The Adjutant General shall develop operational policies and procedures to administer (3) The Adjutant General shall establish accounting procedures which safeguard World War II Veterans' Recognition Award Fund monies received.

(4) The fund will be automatically terminated when all authorized medallions, medals, and certificates have been distributed. Any balance in the fund will be transferred to the Veterans' Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund created in section 313.835, RSMo.

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