STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER 287 West Street Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067



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Commissioner Brigadier General U.S. Army (Ret)

INSTRUCTIONS CONNECTICUT VETERANS WARTIME SERVICE MEDAL (INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS OF THE HMONG LAOTIAN SPECIAL GUERRILLA UNITS

In accordance with Conn. Gen. Stat. section 27-73e and Public Act No. 21-51 members of the Hmong Laotian Special Guerrilla Units, with verified qualifying military service, are eligible to receive the CT State Wartime Service Medal. Please use the attached application to apply.

HOW TO APPLY: In order to receive the CT State Wartime Service Medal the applicant must complete the attached application. <u>SGU are not to complete Section '3' of the application</u>. In addition to the application please include the following documents:

- 1. Personal statement explaining your time of service as a member of the Special Guerrilla Units.
- 2. Sworn statement(s) of any person(s) with direct knowledge of your service as a member of the Special Guerrilla Units.
- 3. Copy of any military and/or clinical documents substantiating your time of service as a member of the Special Guerrilla Units.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL: The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) will review applications and based on the information provided therein will make an eligibility determination. Approved applicants will receive the CT Wartime Service Medal via U.S. Mail or presented in person if scheduled in advance through the Office of the Commissioner of the DVA. Disapproved applicants will receive a letter explaining the deficiencies in their application and will be provided an opportunity to resubmit their application with additional evidence of qualifying military service.

SEND APPLICATIONS & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

Use this form to (1) apply for the Connecticut Veterans Wartime Service Medal and/or (2) enroll in the Connecticut Servicemember and Veteran Registry.

CONNECTICUT VETERANS WARTIME SERVICE MEDAL

Department of Veterans Affairs ATTN: Hmong Laotian SGU Review Unit 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067 FAX: 860-616-3562

E-Mail: oaa.dva@ct.gov

CONNECTICUT VETERANS WARTIME SERVICE MEDAL AND/OR CONNECTICUT SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS REGISTRY APPLICATION

1. Service Member's Personal Information (All Applicants Must Complete This Section)								
Last Name			First Name					Middle Initial
Mailing Address	Street Addres	treet Address (if different from mailing address)						
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City				Sta	ite		Zip-Code	
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Primary Phone Number		Secondary Phone Number			E-Mail			
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Military Rank & Grade	filitary Rank & Grade Branch of Service or Speci		Unit Characte			Characte	rization of Discharge	
Army			Navy			Honorable		
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2. Dates of Service: (All Applicants Must Complete This Section)								
From: To:								
3. Recognized Periods	of War	(SGU Applicants I	Do Not Comp	lete ⁻	This S	ection As	They Are All Vietna	am Veterans)
☐ World War I (April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918) ☐ World War II (December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946)								
 □ Korean Conflict (June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955) □ Vietnam (February 28, 1961 – July 1, 1975) □ Persian Gulf Era (August 2, 1990 – a date to be determined by Presidential proclamation or federal law – Operations 								
Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan), Iraqi Freedom, and New Dawn (Iraq) are included in this								
category)								
OR, Military Actions that qualify for medal eligibility <u>IF</u> a veteran engaged in combat or served in a documented								
direct combat support role in: Lebanon (July 1, 1958 – Nov. 29, 1958) Lebanon (Sept 29, 1982 – March 30, 1984)								
☐ Cepanon (July 1, 1936 – Nov. 29, 1936) ☐ Lebanon (Sept 29, 1962 – March 30, 1964) ☐ Grenada (Oct. 25, 1983 – Dec. 15, 1983) ☐ Operation Ernest Will escorting of Kuwaiti Oil Tankers i								
Panama (December 20, 1989 – January 31, 1990) The Persian Gulf (February 1, 1987 – August 1, 1990)								
4. Information Verification, Access & Release Authorization (All Applicants Must Complete This Section)								
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY - This application, required supporting documentation and access to your military records are the								
primary means of determining your eligibility to be awarded the Connecticut Veterans Medal. Disclosure of the requested information is								
voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information or access thereto may result in the inability to verify eligibility based on								
the lack of sufficient information. Unverified eligibility will result in the denial and return of this application. I attest that the information								
provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.								
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5. ELIGIBILITY (TO BE COMPLETED BY CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS)								
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REJECTED					DAI			
Reason for Ineligibility								
Lack of documentation – Could not verify eligibility								
☐ Did not have qualifying military service								
☐ Veteran was not hone								
ALL APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION WITH THIS APPLICATION TO								
VERIFY MILITARY SERVICE AND STATE RESIDENCY								