

Criteria

In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 33 Section 67A, There shall be a Massachusetts Medal of Liberty which shall be awarded to the Next of Kin of service men and women from the Commonwealth killed in action or who died in service while in a designated combat area in the line of duty or who died as a result of wounds received in action or who died as a result of a training accident in the line of duty. The Adjutant General and 2 field grade officers of the armed forces of the Commonwealth detailed by the Adjutant General shall constitute a commission to make recommendations to the Commander-In-Chief for the awarding of the Medal of Liberty. If a fallen service member from the Commonwealth who qualifies for the medal of liberty has no surviving spouse, children, siblings or parents, such service member's next closest surviving relative including, but not limited to, any nephews or nieces, shall be eligible for the Medal of Liberty.

****The criteria for the Medal of Liberty are:***

1. In any action against an enemy of the United States.
2. In any action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States are or have been engaged.
3. While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force, in which the United States is not a belligerent party.
4. As a result of an action of any such enemy of opposing armed forces.
5. As the result of an act of any hostile force.
6. While in a designated combat area in the line of duty or who died as a result of wounds received in action.
7. After 28 March 1973, as a result of an international terrorist attack against the United States of a foreign nation friendly to the United States.
8. After 28 March 1973, as a result of military operations, while service outside the territory of the United States as part of a peace keeping or humanitarian force.
9. After 6 December 1941, by weapon fire while directly engaged in armed conflict, regardless of the weapon causing the wound.
10. While held as a prisoner of war or while being taken captive.
11. Died as a result of a training accident in the line of duty.

RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS MEDAL OF LIBERTY			
For the award process see MGL Ch 33, Section 67A. The proponent agency is the Military Division.			
PART I - NEXT OF KIN			
1. Name (Last, First, Middle initial):		2. Relationship to Service Member:	
3. Address (City, State, Zip Code):			4. Contact Phone Numbers: Primary () _____ Alternate () _____
PART II - SERVICE MEMBER'S DATA AT TIME OF DEATH			
5. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):		6. Rank (If known):	7. SSN and/or Service Number (If known):
8. Branch of Service: Army Air Force Coast Guard Navy Marine Corps Merchant Marine Other _____ Space Force		9. Component (If known): Active Reserve National Guard	10. Organization or Unit (If known):
11. Periods of Service (If known): a. From: _____ b. To: _____		12. War or Conflict (e.g., Vietnam):	13. Date of Death:
14. The Medal of Liberty is presented at an Official Award Ceremony. Would you like to receive the award at the ceremony? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I can be contacted at the phone number in Block 4. (above) concerning ceremony details. <input type="checkbox"/> No, below is the mailing address the medal set is to be delivered to, if different than Block 3. (above). Address (City, State, Zip Code): _____			
I am aware that the Massachusetts Medal of Liberty is awarded to the Next of Kin of service men and women from The Commonwealth killed in action or who died in service while in a designated combat area in the line of duty or who died as a result of wounds received in action. The information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the criteria and order of precedence for the next of kin described in this pamphlet. The Medal of Liberty commission reserves the right to redirect the award where the award has inadvertently been presented to a recipient who is of a lesser degree of kinship pursuant to the order of precedence for Next of Kin.			
15. Printed Name (Last, First, MI)		16. Signature	17. Date
PART III - VERIFICATION FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY			
DD 214	DD Form 1300	Deployment Orders	NGB 22
List other _____		Remarks _____	
Name of Verifier <i>(Last name, First name, MI., Rank)</i>		Signature	Date Verified

Medal of Liberty Degrees of Kinship

In keeping with military protocol, the Massachusetts Military Division will present one (1) Medal of Liberty to qualifying families.

The Next of Kin order of precedence for the Medal of Liberty shall be:

1. Surviving spouse
2. Surviving children by seniority
3. Surviving parent(s)
4. Surviving siblings
5. Surviving nieces or nephews
6. Thereafter surviving kin in accordance with prevailing Massachusetts law.

Where two or more persons apply for the Medal of Liberty, the medal shall be presented to the person senior in the above Next of Kin order of precedence.

In accordance with military protocol the Medal of Liberty is not to be worn but rather displayed in an appropriate manner. The lapel pin is to be worn as a sign of respect to the fallen service member.

The Massachusetts Medal of Liberty Commission is a public body subject to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law. Medal of Liberty Commission meetings are held three (3) times per year in February, June, and September. Notice of scheduled meetings for the Massachusetts Medal of Liberty commission can be found at

<https://massnationalguard.org/index.php/news/announcements.html>

How to Apply:

1. Complete part I and II of TAG MA Form 3367. Also enclose a DD Form 1300 or any documentation you feel will be helpful in the application process. Documentation should come from federal or state medical or Veterans Department, and state the classification of death, and identify how the cause of death was service related.

2. Mail to: *JFHQ-MA*
Office of the Adjutant General
Attention: Medal of Liberty
2 Randolph Road - Bldg. 1505
Hanscom AFB, MA 01731-3001

3. Or Submit via
ng.ma.maarng.mbx.cmd@army.mil

Surviving family members requesting the Medal of Liberty must apply for the award through the Office of the Adjutant General, 2 Randolph Road, Hanscom Air Force Base, MA 01731. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Military Records Office, War Records Section, in the Office of the Adjutant General, is responsible for validating and approving requests.

Following a review, validation and approval of records Next of Kin of service members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, and the United States Merchant Marine found to be qualified are awarded the Massachusetts Medal of Liberty by the Office of the Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard.

Please allow three (3) months for the Medal of Liberty applications to be processed.

Massachusetts MEDAL of LIBERTY

