

## MDANG STATE DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

### STATE OF MARYLAND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (SDSC)



The State of Maryland Distinguished Service Cross (SDSC) may be awarded to any active or former member of the Maryland National Guard, any member of the active or retired military services who, while serving in any capacity and any branch of said service, shall have distinguished themselves in an act of valor or by service beyond the call of normal duty to the Maryland National Guard and the State of Maryland in a duty of great responsibility.

For service not related to war, the term “duty of great responsibility” applies to a narrower range of positions than in time of war and requires evidence of conspicuous significant achievement. However, justification of the decoration may accrue by virtue of outstanding and meritorious service in a succession of positions of great importance.

The award of this medal is not restricted to any specific period of time.

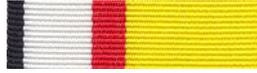
It is particularly desirable that emphasis be placed on the award of this decoration to outstanding officers and enlisted personnel whose achievements, service, or acts of valor meet the prescribed standards.

#### **Description:**

The ribbon is dark scarlet red.

**The “V” device will be worn when the award was for an act of valor.**

## **MARYLAND MEDAL FOR VALOR (MMV)**



The Maryland Medal for Valor (MMV) will be awarded in recognition of acts of personal heroism.

**Award Criteria:** Nominee must be an active member of the Maryland National Guard. The individual must have performed an act of heroism clearly beyond what reasonably might have been expected under the given circumstances and of such a nature that if the act had not been attempted no criticism would be justified. The nominee's act of heroism was voluntary. Performance of the act placed the nominee in personal jeopardy. This award will frequently encompass a life saving action. It may also be appropriate under circumstances in which extraordinary performance has contributed to alleviation of public tragedy or in the preservation of public property, provided that the nominee's life was in jeopardy as a result of voluntary action.

**Duty Status:** Any heroic act performed by a member of the Maryland National Guard is eligible for consideration without regard to their duty status at the time of the event. It may include an act performed while they were actually on military duty, in state status, or while acting in a civilian capacity.

### **Description:**

The ribbon is cross-grained and striped in colors black, white, scarlet, and golden yellow. The black stripe will be to the wearer's right.

## **STATE OF MARYLAND MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (SMSM)**



The State of Maryland Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to any active or former member of the Maryland National Guard, any member of the active or retired military service who, while serving in any capacity and any branch of said service, shall have distinguished themselves in performance of meritorious service while holding a position of great responsibility to the Maryland National Guard and the State of Maryland.

It is particularly desirable that emphasis be placed on the award of this decoration to outstanding officers and enlisted personnel whose achievements and services meet the prescribed standards.

### **Description:**

The ribbon consists of vertical stripes: blue, white, blue, white, and blue.

## **STATE OF MARYLAND COMMENDATION MEDAL (SCM)**



The State of Maryland Commendation Medal may be awarded to any active or former member of the Maryland National Guard, any member of the active or retired military service who shall have distinguished themselves by meritorious and outstanding service to the Maryland National Guard and the State of Maryland. To qualify for this decoration, the individual's achievement should have been such that it clearly places him or her above their peers. For example, clearly outstanding and exceptional accomplishment of one or more special or difficult tasks would justify this award.

It is particularly desirable that emphasis be placed on the award of this decoration to outstanding officers and enlisted personnel whose achievements and services meet the prescribed standards.

### **Description:**

The ribbon consists of vertical stripes red, white, black, yellow, white, and red. The black area of the ribbon will be worn to the wearer's right and bright gold (yellow) to the wearer's left.

## MARYLAND OUTSTANDING UNIT RIBBON (MNGOUR)



This ribbon will be awarded to all members of the unit which has been selected by the Adjutant General as the outstanding unit of the Maryland Air National Guard for the fiscal year. In order to be eligible for award of the ribbon, personnel must have been assigned to the selected unit for at least one day during the qualifying period of the award.

**Description:** The ribbon is cross-grained and consists of vertical stripes of black gold, black, gold and black.

**MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DISTINGUISHED UNIT RIBBON (MDNGAGDUR)**



The Maryland National Guard Adjutant General's Distinguished Unit Ribbon (MDNGAGDUR) is intended to recognize units of the Maryland National Guard for meritorious achievement or service superior to that which is normally expected under any of the following conditions:

When engaged in state military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign or domestic force.

In a declared state emergency situation for humanitarian assistance given to the citizens of Maryland or other states.

Under extraordinary circumstances for meritorious performance of a difficult and challenging mission or for recognition of meritorious civil action service that involves state interests.

To recognize the achievements/accomplishments of Maryland National Guard groups or teams that do not constitute a numbered unit, i.e. the Honor Guard, unit Color Guard, project teams, shooting team, etc.

To justify for award of the ribbon, the members must have performed service that made a significant contribution to the group's overall outstanding accomplishments of a study, process, specific state mission or detail, etc. The degree of exceptional achievement or service required as a group or team is the same as that which would be required for award of the Maryland State Commendation Medals to an individual who cannot be awarded the MDNG Outstanding Unit ribbon since it is only awarded to numbered organizational units.

**When authorized, individuals will wear bronze Arabic numerals to denote subsequent awards.**

Description: The ribbon consists of vertical stripes of black, yellow, red, white, black and yellow, black, white, red, yellow, and black. The outside of the ribbon is surrounded with a gold colored frame.

**MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD OUTSTANDING AIRMAN/FIRST SERGEANT OF THE YEAR RIBBON (MDNGOA/FSYR)**



Awarded to those individuals **nominated** for the Maryland Air National Guard Outstanding Airman and **interviewed** by the OAY selection board. It is also awarded to those **nominated** for the Maryland Air National Guard First Sergeant of the Year Award.

Only those individuals **selected** as the Outstanding Senior NCO; Outstanding NCO; Outstanding Airman/First Sergeant of the Year will be distinguished from the other nominees by affixing a bronze bottony to the ribbon.

A bronze bottony will be affixed to the ribbon each time the member is **selected** as the OAY in a different category. For example: An individual is **selected** as the MDNGOAY in the airman category then later on in his/her career he/she is **selected** in the SNCO category. Upon **selection** in the SNCO category, he/she will display two bronze botonees on the ribbon.

Since there is only three OAY categories and only one FSA category, no more than four botonees will be worn by any one individual on this ribbon.

This ribbon will be presented at an appropriate ceremony during which time the Outstanding Senior NCO; Outstanding NCO; Outstanding Airman and First Sergeant of the Year will be announced.

**Description:** The ribbon is cross-grained and consists of vertical stripes of scarlet red, royal blue, scarlet red, white, scarlet red, royal blue, scarlet red.

**MARYLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD FIRST SERGEANT RIBBON (MDANGFSR)**



Members of the Maryland Air National Guard may be awarded the Maryland Air National Guard First Sergeant Ribbon under the following guidelines:

Must be assigned to a First Sergeant position for at least three-years.

Must have attended the Air National Guard First Sergeant Academy.

**Description:** The ribbon shall consist of a plain blue field with a silver diamond device centered. Only one ribbon per individual will be authorized. Other than the silver colored diamond, no other devices will be affixed to this ribbon.

## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD RECRUITING MEDAL (MNGRM)



The Maryland National Guard Recruiting Medal will be awarded in recognition of those individuals directly responsible for, or causing, the enlistment/appointment of individuals into the Maryland National Guard. The recruiting section has documented referrals dating to 1 Jan 87. However, any individual who has documented proof of at least three referrals prior to 1 Jan 87, and the referrals meet the requirements specified under this section, is eligible to receive this award. Final approval is MDANG/ESSO.

### **Description:**

The ribbon is cross-grained and consists of vertical stripes of scarlet, golden yellow, black, white, golden yellow, white, black, golden yellow and scarlet.

## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON (MNGOSR)



The Maryland National Guard Overseas Service Ribbon is awarded to any member of the Maryland National Guard for service outside the continental limits of the United States (excluding Hawaii and Alaska) while serving in the Maryland National Guard on or after **2 August 1990** to recognize the unique and demanding nature of overseas service performed by guardsmen. Service must be performed for not less than **30 days consecutive or 45 days cumulative** of active duty for training at overseas duty locations involving real world contingency operations or overseas training exercises.

No more than one (1) award will be granted for each period of overseas service.

### **Description:**

The ribbon is cross-grained and consists of vertical stripes of scarlet red, white, golden yellow, black, golden yellow, white and scarlet red.

## **MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG RIBBON (MNGCDR)**



The Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Ribbon was established for meritorious service of members in the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug Program who served on the counterdrug program and meet the requirements prescribed in para 2.11.1.

All eligible individuals must be assigned to the Maryland National Guard Counterdrug program (supply or demand reduction) for a minimum of 365 days (cumulative) under state or federal active duty status. The individuals must have exemplary drill and annual training attendance as well as complete all regularly scheduled professional development and physical fitness exams.

**Subsequent award:** None. This is a one time only award.

### **Description.**

The ribbon consists of vertical strips of purple, white, Air Force blue, white, purple, white, Army green, white, and purple. The ribbon will be worn with the blue color band to the wearer's right.

## MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD STATE SERVICE MEDAL (MNGSSM)



The Maryland National Guard State Service Medal is presented to members of the Maryland National Guard to promote efficiency and as a reward for five years of continuous state service. Commanders may forward request for the issuance of the state award at any time a member completes the service required. The request must include the commander's certification that the service was continuous and satisfactory. Extended periods of unauthorized absence (more than 5 assemblies in a service year) will constitute a break in service and requires the establishment of a new date from which satisfactory service is measured. Statutory and AGR tours do not constitute a break in service.

Bottony devices will be worn to indicate additional awards of five-year increments as follows:

One bronze bottony device for 10 years continuous service.

Two bronze bottony devices for 15 years continuous service.

Three bronze bottony devices for 20 years continuous service.

One silver bottony device for 25 years continuous service.

One gold bottony device for 30 years continuous service.

Additional bronze bottony devices may be worn for each five years of continuous service beyond 30 years service.

### **Description:**

The ribbon consists of vertical stripes of gold, black, gold, black, and gold.

## **MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD STATE ACTIVE DUTY MEDAL (MNGSADM)**



The Maryland National Guard State Active Duty Medal will be presented in recognition of State Active Service by Maryland National Guard members. Nominee must be an active member of the Maryland National Guard. Nominee must meet the regulatory requirements of “satisfactory performance.” Must perform three consecutive days of state active duty or accumulate three days through one calendar year beginning 1 January. State service is at the call of the adjutant general and/or governor to assist the state in a domestic or civic action.

Nominations will contain the name, grade, SSN, unit and inclusive period(s), and a copy of all orders placing member on state active duty.

### **Description:**

The ribbon is cross-grained and consists of vertical stripes of white, black, scarlet red, golden yellow, scarlet, black, and white.

## Bottony Devices



Gold bottony



Silver bottony



Bronze bottony