

FACT SHEET

SUBJECT: Posthumous Awards

1. Purpose. To provide guidance on the preparation and presentation of posthumous awards.
2. Facts.
 - a. Reference AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 25 Feb 95.
 - b. Timely submission of award recommendations will ensure that presentation to the family is successfully accomplished prior to the soldier's burial.
 - c. Orders for awards to soldiers who are deceased at the time the award is approved will indicate that the award is being made posthumously. When a soldier is posthumously promoted to a higher grade, both the orders and certificate should reflect the grade to which promoted.
 - d. Presentation will be made to the primary next of kin. Primary next of kin are, in order of precedence, surviving spouse, eldest child, father or mother, eldest brother or sister, or eldest grandchild.
 - e. Under no circumstances will commanders forward medals, certificates, citations or other elements directly to the next of kin. When presentation cannot be made by the appropriate commander, a memorandum outlining the circumstances, together with the orders, certificate and citation will be forwarded immediately to Commander, PERSCOM, ATTN: TAPC-PDA. Appropriate action will then be taken to accomplish the presentation.
 - f. When an appurtenance, i.e., oak leaf cluster or numeral is presented posthumously, it will be attached to the appropriate medal and the complete decoration will be presented to the next of kin.
3. Point of contact is Division Awards/Badges Section, 798-2808/3291.

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