

## Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 33, Section 67A

*“There shall be a 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.”*



**Description:** Heart shaped medal symbolic of the purple heart with a gold border, 1 3/8 inches wide. The center of the medal bears the Gold Star. The top center of the medal is the coat-of-arms of the Commonwealth. The reverse of the medal top depicts the branch of service of the member. The Reverse consists of the words, “In Honored Memory” above the name engraving surface and “Service and Sacrifice” below. The ribbon is 1 3/8 inches wide and consists of the following stripes: 1/8 inch black; 1 1/8 inch purple; 1/8 inch black.

## How to Apply:

1. Complete part I and II of TAGMA Form 3367. Also enclose any documentation you feel will be helpful in the application process.

2. Mail to:

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

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

Following a review and validation of records, those next of kin of Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, and Coast Guard members so qualified are awarded the Massachusetts Medal of Liberty by the Office of The Adjutant General, Massachusetts National Guard. In the event that a request is made to award the Medal of Liberty and the Award criteria cannot be validated due to lack of military records, or service connected loss cannot be determined as noted in military records, surviving family members must provide official documentation.

# Massachusetts MEDAL of LIBERTY



# Criteria

*In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 33, Section 67A, The 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 adjutant general and 2 field grade officers of the armed forces of the commonwealth detailed by the commander-in-chief constitute a commission to make recommendations to the commander-in-chief for the awarding of the medal of liberty.*

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 act 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 serving 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.

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS MEDAL OF LIBERTY</b>		
For the award process see MGL Ch 33, Section 67A. The proponent agency is the Military Division.		
<b>PART I - NEXT OF KIN</b>		
1. Name (Last, First, Middle initial):	2. Relationship to Service Member:	
3. Address (City, State, Zip Code):		4. Contact Phone Numbers: Primary ( ) _____ Alternate ( ) _____
<b>PART II - SERVICE MEMBER'S DATA AT TIME OF DEATH</b>		
5. Name (Last, First, Middle Initial):	6. Rank (If known):	7. SSN and/or Service Number (If known):
8. Branch of Service: <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force <input type="checkbox"/> Coast Guard <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Marine <input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marine <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	9. Component (If known): <input type="checkbox"/> Active <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> 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.		
15. Printed Name (Last, First, MI)	16. Signature	17. Date
<b>PART III - VERIFICATION FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY</b>		
DD 214 <input type="checkbox"/> DD Form 1300 <input type="checkbox"/> Deployment Orders <input type="checkbox"/> NGB 22 <input type="checkbox"/>		
List other _____		Remarks _____
Name of Verifier <small>(Last name, First name, MI., Rank)</small>	Signature	Date Verified