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DEFENSE FORCE**

Regulation 600-8-22



DECORATIONS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

ASDF 600-8-22

Wear and Appearance of ASDF Uniforms and Insignia

This rapid action revision of 28 June 2007---

- o Updates the regulation Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 throughout).
- o Adds the Alabama State Defense Force Scuba and Communications Badge

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Decorations, Awards and Honors

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Summary. This Regulation sets forth policy and guidance for awarding of Decorations, Awards and Honors to members of the Alabama State Defense Force and other individuals.

Supersedes. This regulation supersedes ASDF Regulation 672-5, w/changes 15 February 2007.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all components, elements, detachments, units and personnel of the Alabama State Defense Force.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of command and local policies award or wear of decorations, awards or honors are prohibited without prior written approval from the Commander, ASDF.

Suggested Improvements. Suggested improvements which may be considered for this regulation should be forwarded in writing to the proponent agency of this regulation, the Office of the ACofS J1, Ft. Taylor Hardin 1600 Northeast Blvd, Montgomery, Al.

Appendixes.

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Chapter 1

General

1-2. Purpose. The purpose of this regulation is to establish an awards program so as to provide tangible evidence of public recognition by the State of Alabama for acts of heroism performed and exceptional or outstanding service or achievement rendered by members of the Alabama State Defense Force (ASDF).

1-2. Policy.

a. Decorations are awarded on a restricted and individual basis in recognition of heroic, extraordinary, outstanding and meritorious acts, achievements and services.

b. No more than one decoration will be awarded for the same act, achievement or period of meritorious service except that a decoration may be awarded for an act of heroism performed within the same period for which a meritorious service award has been made or recommended.

c. No decoration shall be awarded or presented to any individual whose entire act; achievement of service subsequent to the time of award shall not have been honorable.

d. Special consideration shall be given to the recognition of outstanding company grade and warrant officers and enlisted personnel whose achievements and services have met the prescribed criteria herein.

e. Service ribbons are awarded generally in recognition of loyal and faithful performance of duty and accomplishments during designated periods of service. Unit commanders and/or custodians of personnel records will administratively award appropriate service ribbons to individuals whenever they meet the criteria prescribed in this regulations.

f. Only one decoration or award will be given to any individual. Except as noted in Section II, all entitlements subsequent to the initial award will be awarded a bronze cluster. When more than one cluster is authorized, they will be arranged in a horizontal row centered in the middle of the ribbon. A silver cluster is worn in lieu of five (5) bronze clusters and is worn to the wear's right of any bronze cluster(s). All clusters are worn with the oak stems to the wearer's right.

g. While no time limitations on awards is prescribed, the award should be made as soon as practicable after it is earned.

h. Unless specifically noted otherwise, decorations or awards may only be awarded for acts or activities, which occur subsequent to the adoption of a given decoration or award.

i. An appropriate certificate and citation will be presented as a part of each decoration awarded. Certificates and citations are not presented with service ribbons (awards).

1-3. Definitions.

a. As used in this regulation, the use of the pronouns such as himself, include she, her and herself as appropriate.

b. Heroism. Specific acts of courageous conduct at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty or a closely related series of heroic acts performed within a short period of time.

c. Distinguished himself by. A person to have distinguished himself must have, by praiseworthy accomplishment, be set apart from all other persons in the same or similar circumstances. Determination of the distinction requires careful consideration of exactly what is or was expected as the ordinary, routine or customary behavior and accomplishment for the individuals of like rank and experience for the circumstances involved.

d. Duty of responsibility. Duty which, by virtue of the position held, carries a high degree of the responsibility for the successful operation of a major command, activity, agency or project or which requires the exercise of judgment and decision affecting plans, policies and operations on the lives and well-being of others. The discharge of such duty must involve the acceptance and fulfillment of the obligation so as to greatly benefit the interest of the State.

e. Key individual. A person who is occupying a position that is indispensable to an organization, activity, or project.

f. Meritorious achievement. A praiseworthy accomplishment, with an easily discernible beginning and end, carried through to completion. The length of time involved is not a consideration but speed of accomplishment may be a factor in determining the worth of the enterprise.

g. Meritorious service. Praiseworthy execution of duties over a period of time. Service differs from achievement in that service concerns a period of time, while achievement concerns an enterprise having definite beginning and end, but not necessarily connected with a specific period of time.

h. Officer. The word "Officer" means, "Commissioned or Warrant Officer".

i. Non-Commissioned officer. The word "Non-Commissioned Officer" (NCO) shall include the grades Corporal (E-4) through Command Sergeant Major (E-9).

1-4. Authorized Decorations and Awards. Authorized ASDF Decorations and Awards are named in order of precedence in Figure 1.

ASDF Awards and Decorations in order of precedence

Decorations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>
1. Alabama War Ribbon	ASDFAWR
2. Distinguished Service Ribbon	ASDFDSR
3. Meritorious Service Ribbon	ASDFMSR
4. Commendation Ribbon	ASDFCR
5. Achievement Ribbon (Officer)	ASDFOAR
6. Achievement Ribbon (Enlisted)	ASDFEAR
7. Merit Ribbon	ASDFMR

Awards

<u>Name</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>
8. Desert Shield/Storm Support	ASDFODSSR
9. Disaster Readiness Ribbon	ASDFDRR
10. Service Ribbon	ASDFSR
11. Sergeant Dixie Club (Gold)	ASDFSDCGR
12. Sergeant Dixie Club (Silver)	ASDFSDCSR
13. Sergeant Dixie Club (Bronze)	ASDFSDCBR
14. Distinguished Graduate	ASDFDGR
15. Profession Development	ASDFPDR
16. Officer Training Ribbon	ASDFOTR
17. Warrant Officer Training Ribbon	ASDFWOTR
18. NCO Training Ribbon	ASADNCOTR
19. Community Emergency Response Team Ribbon	ASDFCERTR
20. Outstanding Recruiting	ASDFORR
21. Super Recruiting	ASDFSRR
22. Alabama SDF Assn. Membership	ASDFAMR

Unit Awards

<u>Name</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>
23. Outstanding Unit Commendation Ribbon.	ASDFOUCR

Chapter 2

Criteria for Decorations, Awards, and Unit Awards

2-1. Decorations.

a. **ALABAMA WAR RIBBON:** The Alabama War Ribbon may be awarded to members of the Alabama National Guard and members of the Alabama State Defense Force who served on active duty with a federal, reserve or national guard unit while U.S. armed forces actively participated in combat. This Alabama state award, is similar to the National Defense Ribbon. It recognizes professional military members who were at risk and willing to accept assignments in combat areas. WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Iraq are a few examples of occasions when members may have become qualified to receive this award. A narrative will be attached to the ASDSF Form 638 and will include the dates of eligibility for each conflict. Awarded by the Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders

b. **ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE RIBBON:** The Alabama State Defense Force Distinguished Service Ribbon may be awarded to State Defense Force members who perform a distinguished service which makes a significant impact upon the State, the ASDF and the citizens of Alabama. Eligibility generally conforms to the Army Distinguished Service Medal and may be for acts of valor in which the recipient risked his life or injury to save another or major command authority service. The Alabama State Defense Force Distinguished Service Ribbon is awarded by the Commander, ASDF upon receipt of a recommendation by the individuals immediate Battalion or Brigade Commander who has personal knowledge of the individual's unique contribution to the ASDF mission. Each recommendation must be accompanied by detailed documentation and justification.

(1) An Oak Leaf cluster will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote a successive award of the ASDFDSR

c. **ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON.** The Alabama State Defense Force Meritorious Service Ribbon may be awarded by the Commander, ASDF upon recommendation by the individuals Brigade Commander or by the Commander ASDF in recognition of outstanding service to the State of Alabama and the Alabama State Defense Force that favorably impacted the ASDF mission. The service performed might be of a sustained nature or a single distinguished accomplishment far above the normal call of duty, but that does not qualify for the Distinguished Service Ribbon.

(1) An Oak Leaf cluster will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote a successive award.

(2) The MSR may be awarded to an eligible person of another SDF or State Guard.

d. **ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE COMMENDATION RIBBON.** Awarded by the Commander, ASDF upon receipt of recommendation by the individuals immediate commander or anyone else who has personal knowledge of the individual's outstanding service or achievement. Recommendations submitted by units below Brigade must have the Brigade Commanders approval. Eligibility for this award may include a period of sustained achievement or a single outstanding accomplishment above and beyond the call of duty.

(1) An Oak Leaf cluster will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote a successive award.

e. **ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE ACHIEVEMENT RIBBON.** Awarded by the Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders upon receipt of a recommendation by the individuals immediate commander or anyone in official capacity, forwarded through channels, who has personal knowledge of the individuals exemplary service that reflected credit upon the State, the ASDF and the individuals unit.

(1) This ribbon has two designs, one for officers and one for enlisted.

(2) An Oak Leaf cluster will be worn centered on the ribbon to denote each successive award.

f. **ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE MERIT RIBBON.** This ribbon may be bestowed upon members of the ASDF as recognition for outstanding performance of extra duties voluntarily assumed by the member which enhanced the success of an ASDF activity. Awarded by the Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders

- (1) An Oak Leaf cluster will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successive awards.

2-2. Awards.

a. ASDF OPERATION DESERT SHIELD/STORM SERVICE RIBBON. Awarded by the Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders to individuals who served voluntarily in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm from 2 August 1990 through 1 April 1991. Providing armory security, working in family support centers and assisting the ASDF to perform its Desert Storm/Shield support missions, are examples of activities required to qualify for this ribbon".

b. ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE DISASTER READINESS RIBBON. Awarded by the Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders to those personnel who participates in two (2) Alabama Emergency Management Agency, county EMA, or Red Cross directed exercises and/or disasters or a combination there of. Authorized upon certification by the unit/EMA liaison officer.

- (1) An Oak Leaf cluster will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successive awards.

c. ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE SERVICE RIBBON. Awarded by the Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders to members of the ASDF who have successfully completed two (2) years of honorable service with the ASDF and must have attended twenty-four (24) drills. Unexcused drills must be completed, but excused drills need not be made up.

- (1) An Oak Leaf cluster will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successive awards.

d. ASDF SERGEANT DIXIE CLUB – GOLD MEMBERSHIP RIBBON: Awarded by the Commander, ASDF to members of the ASDF who are in the rank CPL through SFC, who have been selected as a member of the ASDF's Sergeant Dixie Club.

e. ASDF SERGEANT DIXIE CLUB – SILVER MEMBERSHIP RIBBON: Awarded by the Commander, ASDF to members of the ASDF who are in the rank 1SG through CSM, who have been selected as a member of the ASDF's Sergeant Dixie Club.

f. ASDF SERGEANT DIXIE CLUB – BRONZE MEMBERSHIP RIBBON: Awarded by the Commander, ASDF to members of the ASDF who are a civilian or officer, who have been selected as a member of the ASDF's Sergeant Dixie Club.

g. ASDF DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE RIBBON: Awarded by the Commander, ASDF to members of the ASDF Awarded to an individual who is designated a Distinguished Honor Graduate from any ASDF Training Command school.

h. ASDF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON: Awarded by the Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders to members of the ASDF who has taught a minimum of 12 classes at the unit level or higher.

i. ASDF OFFICER TRAINING DEVELOPMENT RIBBON: Awarded by the Commandant, ASDF Training Command to a Commissioned Officer of the ASDF for completion of an ASDF Training Command Officer Leadership Course.

- (1) A Bronze Numeral will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successive awards.
- (2) A Bronze Numeral 1 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a Officer Basic course.
- (3) A Bronze Numeral 2 will be worn, to denote successful completion of an Officer Advance course.

j. ASDF WARRANT OFFICER TRAINING DEVELOPMENT RIBBON: Awarded by the Commandant, ASDF Training Command to a Warrant Officer of the ASDF for completion of an ASDF Training Command Warrant Officer Leadership Course.

- (1) A Bronze Numeral will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successive awards.
- (2) A Bronze Numeral 1 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a Warrant Officer Basic course.
- (3) A Bronze Numeral 2 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a Warrant Officer Advance course.

k. ASDF NCO TRAINING DEVELOPMENT RIBBON: Awarded by the Commandant, ASDF Training Command to a Non-commissioned Officer of the ASDF for completion of an ASDF Training Command Non-commissioned Officer Leadership Course.

- (1) A Bronze Numeral will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successive awards.
- (2) A Bronze Numeral 1 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a PLDC course.
- (3) A Bronze Numeral 2 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a BNCOC course.
- (4) A Bronze Numeral 3 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a ANCOC course.
- (5) A Bronze Numeral 4 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a 1SG course.
- (6) A Bronze Numeral 5 will be worn, to denote successful completion of a CSM course.

l. ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT) RIBBON. Awarded by the ASDF Commander, Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders to members of the ASDF who have successfully completed a certified FEMA "Community Emergency Response Team" course.

- (1) A 5/16 silver star will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successful completion of the CERT course instructor course.
- (2) A 5/16 gold star will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successful completion of the CERT Train-the-Trainer course.

m. RECRUITER AWARDS. Awarded to any ASDF member who has excelled in the field of recruiting by having secured new ASDF members as noted below – Officer or Enlisted of combination thereof.

- (1) 5 new members – ASDF Outstanding Recruiting Ribbon
- (2) 20 new members – A Bronze device to be placed on ribbon
- (3) 30 new members – A Silver device to be placed on ribbon
- (4) 40 new members – A Gold device to be placed on ribbon
- (5) FIFTY new members – ASDF SUPER RECRUITER Recruiting Ribbon .

n. ALABAMA STATE DEFENSE FORCE ASSOCIATION MEMBER RIBBON. This ribbon may be bestowed upon members of the ASDF who are active members of the Alabama State Defense Force Association.

- (1) Authorized upon certification from Unit Association Coordinator.
- (2) A Bronze Oak Leaf cluster will be worn, centered on the ribbon to denote successive awards.
- (3) A Silver Oak Leaf cluster will be worn in lieu of five (5) Bronze clusters.

2-3. Unit Awards.

a. ASDF OUTSTANDING UNIT COMMENDATION RIBBON. Awarded by the Commander or Brigade Commander of the unit meriting this award. Recommendations must be submitted to the Commander. The ASOFOUC may be bestowed upon units which demonstrate exceptional meritorious performance of unusually difficult service. Their outstanding devotion and superior performance must be

beyond what is normally expected, either in a sustained period or in a specific circumstance. Service may include functions as a unit, while on state active duty during an emergency, in a paid or voluntary service, which reflects credit upon the State and the unit itself. The ASOFOUC will not be awarded for annual training excellence demonstrations, regardless of proficiency demonstrated.

(1) All members serving with the unit during the time cited, are authorized to wear the ASOFOUC ribbon and may continue to wear it if transferred to another unit. Those who later service with this unit, are not authorized to wear this award.

(2) The ASOFOUC will be worn over the right breast pocket of the Class A and B uniform, in proper order of precedence with other citations.

(3) Additional awards will be denoted by the attachment of a Bronze Star. A Silver Star will be worn in lieu of five Bronze Stars.

(4) Presentation of this award will be made by the Commander ASDF if at all possible. Only Brigade Commanders may present this award when the Commander ASDF is not available.

2-4. Qualification.

a. For members to discharge the operational mission of the ASDF in the event of full mobilization by the Governor, instruction or training will be required for a multitude of situations and specialties (MOS), some of which may be beyond current experience or imagination. Therefore, any doubt as to the applicability of the training to qualify for the above ribbons should be resolved in favor of the recipient. However, HQ, ASDF will closely monitor all ribbons awarded to preclude obvious deviations from the intent herein and provide guidance for future awards of these training ribbons.

b. Any questions relating to the qualifications for any of the above decorations or awards should be directed informally to the ACofS J1, Awards Board. Differences of opinion or disputes relating to the above decorations or awards will be resolved for the Commander, ASDF, and that decision will be final.

Chapter 3

Recommendations and Approval Authority

3-1. General. It is the responsibility and privilege of every individual having personal knowledge of an act, achievement or service believed to warrant a decoration or an award to submit a formal recommendation for appropriate consideration. No decoration or award may be worn unless approved and an order for its award has been issued by the proper authority. Persons violating this provision will be disciplined according to the violation, up to and including involuntary separation.

3-2. Recommendation for decoration.

a. Recommendations of all decorations will be on ASDF Form 638 (Recommendation for Decoration), with any attached documentation and be forwarded to the authorizing Command for the appropriate Decoration or Award. Letters of transmittal will not be prepared as they defeat the purpose of the Form 638.

b. A separate recommendation will be submitted for each proposed award of a decoration and only one proposed recipient will be named in the ASDF Form 638.

c. All recommendations for decorations must be received at least ninety (90) days prior to the desired date of presentation.

3-3. Decorations Board. An Awards Board of field grade officers for recommended officers and senior NCOs for enlisted soldiers will be assembled as needed at the direction of the J1 to review all recommendations for decorations prior to the recommendation being forwarded to the Commander, ASDF for the final approval process. While the orders appointing such a board may contain a number of officers and senior NCOs, a quorum shall require only three (3) officers/NCO. In unusual circumstances, the board may summon individuals, including the recipient, to appear in person before the board. The oral

deliberations of the Awards Board are confidential and except for their written “approval” or “disapproval”, they will not be in writing or disclosed.

3-4. Recommendation for award.

a. All recommendations for awards will be prepared in memorandum format and a copy of the recommendation memorandum will be placed in the temporary section of the individual’s local personnel records (MPRJ). A separate recommendation will be submitted for each proposed award (ribbon) but multiple recipients may be named on each memorandum.

b. All recommendations for awards must be received at least thirty (30) days prior to the desired date of presentation.

3-5. Processing and announcement.

a. Recommendations will be forwarded through channels to the brigade G-1.

b. The S-1 will immediately forward those recommendations requiring higher authority (refer to paragraphs 3-2a and 3-2b above) to ACofS J1.

c. Brigade level awards will be certified by the brigade G-1 and submitted to the brigade commander for approval.

d. Award recommendations for members of HQs, ASDF, will be forwarded to ACofS J1 for certification and forwarding to either higher authority or the AcofS J1, as required in paragraph 3-2 above.

e. After approval, the original recommendation will be retained by the approval authority. The approving authority will issue permanent orders, forwarding a copy to the recipient's unit personnel manager. The recommendation filed in the temporary section of the MPRJ will be removed and attached to the permanent order which will be filed in the permanent section of the MPRJ.

f. If a recommendation is disapproved, the recommendation will be endorsed with the reason and/or authority for disapproval and returned to the individual's unit. The recommendation filed in the temporary section of the MPRJ will be removed, destroyed, and the disapproval endorsed recommendation will be filed in the permanent section of the MPRJ.

g. Quarterly, all approval authorities will forward to ASDF-J1 copies of all recommendations which have been acted upon, all relative documentation and all award announcement orders issued during the preceding quarter.

Chapter 4

Presentation of Decorations, Awards and Unit Awards

4-1. Decorations. All decorations will be presented at an appropriate ceremony or will be forwarded with ribbon and certificates to the individual’s unit commander with a letter of transmittal.

4-2. Awards and Unit Awards. All awards and unit awards may be presented by the Commander, ASDF, Chief of Staff, Brigade Commanders or Battalion Commanders, in the name of the Commander, ASDF. Any officer may present awards for which he has final approval authority. All awards will be presented at an appropriate ceremony or will be forwarded with ribbon to the individual’s unit personnel manager.

4-3. Issuance of ribbon or device.

a. Decorations. One ribbon, or one device, will be issued with each decoration order from stocks maintained by the award authority.

b. Awards. One ribbon or one device will be issued with each award order from stocks maintained by the award authority.

4-4. Procurement of ribbons and devices.

a. Ribbons. Ribbons for decorations and awards will be ordered by the G4 Section and maintained in stock to meet the needs anticipated by the G1 Section. Quantities of ribbons anticipated to be needed each quarter by local award authorities will be ordered from J4 by memorandum or voice message. Local award authorities are not authorized to issue or sell replacement or duplicate ribbons; all supplemental ribbons must be purchased by individuals through the ASDF-J1 office or its designate representative.

b. Devices. Devices will be ordered by the G4 Section and maintained in stock to meet the needs anticipated by the G1 Section. Quantities of device anticipated to be needed each quarter by local award authorities will be ordered from J1 by memorandum or voice message. Local award authorities are not authorized to issue or sell replacement or duplicate devices; all supplemental ribbons must be purchased by individuals through the J1 office or its designate or commercial outlets.

Chapter 5

Miscellaneous Awards and Honors

5-1. MILITARY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST ACADEMY TAB. The MEMS Academy Tab is worn by ASDF Members serving on the SGAUS MEMS Academy staff. The authority to wear the tab and/or MEMS badge is a set of authorizing orders from SGAUS placed into the individual's MPRJ, and doesn't require a special form or board or other approval for wear. It will be embroidered, the background will be OD Green with the lettering and border in black. Lettering will read MEMS ACADEMY, (see Figure 1).

(Figure 1)



The Military Emergency Management Specialist Badge, or "MEMS Badge," is now offered as professional qualification in the Basic, Senior and Master levels. (see Figure 2).

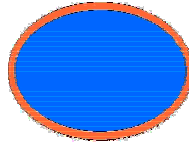
(Figure 2)



MEMS Flash

The MEMS Flash is awarded to individuals who have earned at a minimum the Basic MEMS Qualification skills badge. The MEMS Flash denotes actual military activation and mobilization in response to a state or local disaster or man made emergency. (see Figure 3).

(Figure 3)



5-3. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM TAB. The CERT Tab is worn by ASDF Members serving on CERT Teams. The tab will be embroidered, the background will be OD Green with the lettering and border in black. Lettering will read CERT (for wear on BDU Uniform ONLY!)

(Figure 1)



5-4. Letters of Commendation/Achievement. Local commanders and Staff sections may, and are encouraged to, recognize individual acts not meriting a decoration or an award through the issuance, publication and presentation of appropriate Letters of Commendation or Achievement over the personal signature of the Commander or Chief of Staff. The original will be given to the individual, one copy will be forwarded to HQ, ASDF, and one copy will be placed in the individual's personnel records jacket.

5-5. Certificates of Appreciation. (Civilian) An ASDF Certificate of Appreciation has been established to recognize individual acts not warranting decorations or awards or to express appreciation to individuals or organizations for outstanding services performed. Certificates will normally be signed by the Commander of local ASDF units and will be included as an enclosure to the correspondence described in Paragraph 5-3 above.

5-6. Wearing of Decorations and Awards.

a. Only decorations, and awards awarded by the United States Armed Forces, the Armed Forces of a friendly ally, the National Guard, the State of Alabama, another State, the State Guard Association of the United States (SGAUS), or the Alabama State Defense Force (ASDF), may be worn on the uniform by members of the ASDF.

b. If worn, the following order of precedence will apply: United States Armed Forces, the armed forces of a friendly ally, National Guard, State of Alabama, Alabama State Defense Force (ASDF), other States, and SGAUS.

c. No other decorations, medals, badges or ribbons may be worn on the uniform by members of the ASDF. An exception may be made for temporary identification or participant badges at public events, if required.

Chapter 6

Wear of Badges

6-1. General

This chapter covers badges authorized for wear on the ASDF uniforms. If worn, the following order of precedence will apply: United States Armed Forces, the armed forces of a friendly ally, National Guard, State of Alabama, Alabama State Defense Force (ASDF), other States, and SGAUS

6–2. Authorization

a. Commanders may require the wear of awards on the following occasions.

(1) Parades, reviews, inspections, and funerals.

(2) Ceremonial and social occasions.

b. Awards are worn at the option of the wearer when not prohibited during normal duty hours. Personnel also may wear badges on appropriate uniforms. Personnel are encouraged to wear authorized awards on the dress uniforms.

6–3. When wear of awards is prohibited.

The wear of awards is prohibited in the following circumstances.

a. On any uniform other than those authorized in this regulation.

b. When serving a sentence of confinement.

c. When wearing civilian clothing, except for civilian awards, lapel buttons, or rosettes intended for wear with civilian clothing. Soldiers may wear miniature medals on formal civilian attire at formal social functions, when the wear of the ASDF uniform is inappropriate or not authorized.

6–4. Badges authorized for wear on ASDF uniforms

A badge is awarded to an individual for identification purposes, or for attaining a special skill or proficiency. The following badges are authorized for wear on the ASDF uniform.

a. Military badges awarded by the Department of Army, U.S. Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Director of Civilian Marksmanship, the Alabama National Guard, the Alabama Air National Guard, the Alabama State Defense Force, and SGAUS.

b. Badges awarded by the Regular Army and Navy Union.

c. Marksmanship badges pertaining to national matches, marksmanship badges from other U.S. Services are not authorized for wear on the ASDF uniform.

d. Badges of civic and quasi-military societies of the United States, and international organizations of a military nature.

e. Badges awarded by friendly foreign nations in recognition of military activities.

f. Tabs indicating marksmanship or special skill. Sapper, Ranger, Special Forces, President's Hundred tabs, MEMS Academy, and the CERT are the only tabs authorized for permanent wear. Tabs that are considered an integral part of the SSI-FWT insignia are authorized for wear.

g. The following rules apply when wearing badges from other U.S. Services.

(1) Military combat or special skill badges awarded by other U.S. Services that are similar to U.S. Army combat or special skill badges are worn on the ASDF uniform in the same manner as U.S. Army combat or special skill badges, only if no Army badges are authorized for wear in the same group.

(2) Skill badges awarded by other U.S. Services that are not similar to Army skill badges are worn as group 4 badges.

(3) Badges from other U.S. Services that indicate career fields are not authorized for wear, such as USAF medical insignia, or badges used to identify the duty, function, or classification of the wearer. Some examples are USAF fire protection, air training command instructor, security police, or the Naval aviation warfare specialist.

(4) Personnel will not wear badges awarded by other U.S. Services, which, because of size or configuration, cannot be worn as group 4 badges. Subdued embroidered or metal skill badges authorized for wear by another U.S. Service, and that are authorized for wear on the ASDF uniform, may be worn on utility uniforms in the same manner as prescribed for Army badges.

6–5. Badges not authorized for wear on ASDF uniforms

a. Badges awarded by jurisdictions inferior to foreign state governments.

- b.* Badges awarded by foreign civilian organizations.
- c.* Foreign military badges, except as previously authorized.
- d.* Marksmanship badges awarded by other U.S. Services.

6–6. Categories of badges authorized for wear on ASDF uniforms

The following categories of badges are worn on the ASDF uniform.

- a.* Marksmanship badges and tab.
- b.* Combat and special skill badges and tabs.
- c.* Identification badges.
- d.* Foreign badges.

6–7. Combat and special skill badges and tabs

a. Listed below in order of group precedence are combat and special skill badges authorized for wear on the ASDF uniform.

(1) Group 1. Combat Infantryman badges (three awards); Expert Infantryman badge.

(2) Group 2. Combat Medical badges: (three awards); Expert Field Medical badge.

(3) Group 3. Army Astronaut device (worn attached to any aviation badge); Army Aviator badges (three degrees); Flight Surgeon badges (three degrees); Aviation badges (three degrees); Explosive Ordnance Disposal badges (three degrees).

(4) Group 4. Glider badge; Parachutist badges (three degrees); Parachutist badges with combat jump device (four degrees); Pathfinder badge; Military Freefall Parachutist badges (two degrees); Military Freefall Parachutist badges with combat jump device; Air Assault badge; Diver badges (five degrees); Scuba badge (ASDF) (three degrees); USAF Communications Specialty Badge, Sapper, Ranger, and Special Forces tab (metal replicas).

d. Subdued pin-on and embroidered sew-on combat and special skill badges. Personnel may wear no more than five subdued combat and special skill badges on the BDU shirts. Badges are worn one above the other, centered above the ASDF tape, in order of group precedence. When five badges are worn, three are centered 1/4 inch above the ASDF tape in a vertical line with 1/2 inch between badges, and two are worn on the pocket flap, 1/8 inch below the top of the pocket, with at least 1 inch between badges. When four badges are worn, three are centered 1/4 inch above the ASDF tape in a vertical line with 1/2 inch between badges, and one is worn on the pocket flap, 1/8 inch below the top of the pocket, with at least 1 inch between badges. When three badges are worn, two badges are centered 1/4 inch above the ASDF tape in a vertical line with 1/2 inch between badges, and one is worn centered on the pocket flap, 1/8 inch below the top of the pocket. When two badges are worn, both are centered 1/4 inch above the ASDF tape in a vertical line with 1/2 inch between badges. If only one badge is worn, it is centered 1/4 inch above the ASDF tape. The MEMS Badge and an additional state skill badges are worn on the left upper pocket flap, additional state skill badges will be worn above the ASDF tape.

Chapter 7

Auditing Awards

7-1. Auditing of awards.








a. It is the responsibility of the ACofS of Personnel and Administration (G1), to randomly audit awards on a regular basis to ensure compliance with all current standards for promotion. A report of audit findings will be submitted to the Commander, ASDF not less than annually.

b. Awards found to have been approved in contradiction to standards, or without sufficient documentation, will be revoked by G1 and the person authorizing the award(s) subject to administrative disciplinary action.














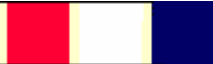

**Alabama State Defense Force Ribbons
(In order of precedence)**

DECORATIONS

Worn on centered with the bottom edge of the ribbons
1/8 above the left breast pocket

 Alabama War Ribbon	 Distinguished Service Ribbon	 Meritorious Service Ribbon	 Commendation Ribbon
 Achievement Ribbon (Officer)	 Achievement Ribbon (Enlisted)	 Merit Ribbon	





AWARDS

 Desert Shield/Storm Support	 Disaster Readiness Ribbon	 Service Ribbon	 SGT Dixie Club Gold Award
 SGT Dixie Club Silver Award	 SGT Dixie Club Bronze Award	 Distinguished Graduate Ribbon	 Professional Development Ribbon
 Officer Training Ribbon	 Warrant Officer Training	 NCO Training Ribbon	 CERT Ribbon
 Outstanding Recruiting	 Super Recruiting Ribbon	 ASDF Association Rbn	

Worn on centered with the bottom edge of the emblem 1/8 above the right breast pocket

 Outstanding Unit Commendation Ribbon

Alabama State Defense Force Ribbons

 Bronze Numeral	 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster
Bronze numerals, starting with 1 are used to denote second and subsequent awards of certain decorations (please refer to the individual award for more information). Numerals can be combined, for example 1 & 3 can be used to represent 13 awards.	The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards.
 Silver Oak Leaf Cluster	 Silver/Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters
The silver oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.	Silver oak leaf clusters are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze oak leaf clusters on the same ribbon.

Alabama State Defense Force Scuba Diver Badge

SUBJECT: ASDF Scuba Diving Badge

DISCUSSION: To authorize a change ASDF Regulation 600-8-22, Chapter 6 to add the ASDF Scuba Badge for qualified ASDF soldiers. The badge will be awarded at three levels:

1. Scuba Diver

a. Description: Scuba: A 1 inch high silver badge consisting of a scuba diver's hood with face mask, mouthpiece, and breathing tubes and a gold star located below the mouthpiece, and breathing tubes. The width is $31/32$ inch.

b. Requirements: Complete a certified course through NAUI, PADI, or the YMCA Scuba Program and possess a current "C" Card.

2. Senior Scuba Diver

a. Description: Scuba: A 1 inch high silver badge consisting of a scuba diver's hood with face mask, mouthpiece, and breathing tubes and two gold stars located below the mouthpiece, and breathing tubes. The width is $31/32$ inch.

b. Requirements: Complete a certified course through NAUI, PADI, or the YMCA Scuba Program and possess a current "C" Card.

c. Complete: 50 certified dives.

d. Complete: Advanced Open Water Diver certification (or qualifying certification from another organization).

3. Master Scuba Diver

a. Description: Scuba: A 1 inch high silver badge consisting of a scuba diver's hood with face mask, mouthpiece, and breathing tubes and two gold stars located below the mouthpiece, and breathing tubes and one gold star on the hood. The width is $31/32$ inch.

b. Requirements: Complete a certified course through NAUI, PADI, or the YMCA Scuba Program and possess a current "C" Card.

c. Complete: 100 certified dives.

d. Complete: Rescue Diver certification (or qualifying certification from another organization)

e. Complete: Five Specialty course certifications

Alabama State Defense Force Communications Specialty Badge

Subject: Wear of the ASDF Communications Specialty Badge

1. Wear of ASDF Communications Specialty Badge is authorized for members of the Air Branch and subordinate units.
2. The following requirements will be strictly applied:
 - a. Air Force Communications Specialty Badge earned while serving with the USAF, USAFR and ANG may be worn where there is supporting documentation in the member's military personnel records. ASDF orders are not required when the badge was earned in prior service.
 - b. Basic Communications Specialist: ASDF minimum requirement of FCC Technician Class Amateur Radio Operator license and demonstrates satisfactory operating skills. (Note: Techs are restricted to VHF radio operations if not under the direct supervision of a General or Extra Class operator.)
 - c. Senior Communications Specialist: ASDF minimum requirement of FCC General Class Amateur Radio Operator license and has satisfied the requirements of Basic plus demonstrated internet skills and have participated in at least one CommEx drill. (Note: General and Extra Class have HF and VHF radio operating privileges.) (G-6 and Deputy CIO)
 - d. Master Communications Specialist: have satisfied the requirements for Senior and has served in that capacity for one year in supervisory capacity and has supervised at least one ASDF CommEx. (J-6 and Deputy CIO)
 - e. The appropriate specialty badge earned in ASDF may be worn only after verifiable documentation is provided to the member's commander, a request made for orders authorizing the wear and orders are published. Requests from unit commanders shall be sent to the respective Brigade Commander for action.

Note: See appropriate Air Force instructions for the correct placement and maximum number of badges worn on the uniform.