

HOUSE BILL 156

**52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS; AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL AWARDS FOR SERVICE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OF NEW MEXICO OR STATE DEFENSE FORCE; REORDERING THE PRECEDENCE OF CERTAIN AWARDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new Section 20-10-9.1 NMSA 1978 is enacted to read:

"20-10-9.1. [NEW MATERIAL] COLD WAR MEDAL.--The New Mexico state defense force commander may award the New Mexico state defense force cold war medal to a member of the state defense force who has received a cold war recognition certificate. The cold war recognition certificate recognizes all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States during the cold war era from September

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1 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991."

2 SECTION 2. A new Section 20-10-9.2 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
3 to read:

4 "20-10-9.2. [NEW MATERIAL] OUTSTANDING ENLISTED LEADER OF  
5 THE YEAR RIBBON.--The adjutant general may award the  
6 outstanding enlisted leader of the year ribbon to a member of  
7 the national guard of New Mexico who has been officially  
8 selected as the New Mexico outstanding soldier of the year,  
9 airman of the year or first sergeant of the year. This ribbon  
10 is established to recognize those members who have performed  
11 above and beyond their peer group in their profession, on- or  
12 off-duty, and in their communities, reflecting great credit  
13 upon themselves and the national guard within the calendar year  
14 of the award."

15 SECTION 3. A new Section 20-10-12.2 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
16 to read:

17 "20-10-12.2. [NEW MATERIAL] COUNTER-DRUG SERVICE  
18 RIBBON.--The adjutant general may award the counter-drug  
19 service ribbon to recognize soldiers and airmen of the national  
20 guard of New Mexico who have provided outstanding support to  
21 state, local and federal law enforcement officers on counter-  
22 drug operations in New Mexico since August 1989 and have served  
23 a minimum of ninety consecutive days performing counter-drug  
24 support missions in accordance with national guard  
25 regulations."

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1           SECTION 4. A new Section 20-10-12.3 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
2 to read:

3           "20-10-12.3. [NEW MATERIAL] COMMUNITY SERVICE RIBBON.--  
4 The adjutant general may award the community service ribbon to  
5 a member of the national guard of New Mexico or New Mexico  
6 state defense force for substantial or particularly meaningful  
7 community service above and beyond the duties required. A  
8 member's community service must contribute to the well-being of  
9 the civilian community, including the military family  
10 community. Service must be significant in nature and produce  
11 tangible results. There is not a specific time period of  
12 community service that must be performed to qualify for the  
13 award. Actions performed in accordance with regular duty  
14 requirements are not to be considered for the award. Community  
15 service may not result in a personal gain for the service  
16 member."

17           SECTION 5. A new Section 20-10-12.4 NMSA 1978 is enacted  
18 to read:

19           "20-10-12.4. [NEW MATERIAL] PHYSICAL FITNESS RIBBON.--

20           A. The adjutant general may present a physical  
21 fitness ribbon to a currently assigned member of the national  
22 guard of New Mexico who:

23                         (1) scores two hundred seventy or above for  
24 three consecutive years when taking all components of the army  
25 physical fitness training and meets the body fat standards for

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1 official record; or

2 (2) scores ninety or above for three  
3 consecutive years when taking all components of the air force  
4 fitness assessment for official record.

5 B. Subsequent three-year periods of service shall  
6 be acknowledged by the presentation and wearing of an affixed  
7 device signifying in arabic numerals the number of such awards  
8 to the member."

9 SECTION 6. TEMPORARY PROVISION--RECOMPILATION.--Section  
10 20-10-12 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1987, Chapter 318, Section 74)  
11 is recompiled as Section 20-10-12.5 NMSA 1978.