



**United States Army
Soldier Support Institute**

Adjutant General School

**Career Program (CP) 50
Advanced Course**

**ADMINISTER AWARDS AND
DECORATIONS**

Practical Exercise

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STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS

OBJECTIVE: This Practical Exercise is designed to measure your ability to Administer Awards and Decorations. You will demonstrate your learned knowledge by identifying appropriate awards, their approval authorities, and the processing cycles related to recognizing superior performances or heroic acts of Soldiers and civilians assigned to your multi-component brigade. Most importantly, you will be able to provide your commander with the correct tactical and technical guidance to execute the Army's Awards and Decorations programs.

MATERIALS REQUIRED:

- a. Answer sheet
- b. Pencil/Pen
- c. AR 600-8-22

INSTRUCTIONS:

- a. Ensure that your name, student number, course/class number, and today's date are on your answer sheet.
- b. This practical exercise contains 10 short answer and narrative questions. Determine the correct response for each question or situation. There is only one correct answer for each question. Ensure that the question number on Practical Exercise corresponds with your answer on the answer sheet.
- c. **ALL WORK ON THIS PRACTICAL EXERCISE MUST BE YOUR OWN.** You may NOT communicate with other students, give or receive assistance, make record of your answers anywhere but on your answer sheet, or pass on information about this practical exercise to other students. You will complete and turn in this practical exercise IAW your class schedule.

**PRACTICAL EXERCISE
ADMINISTER AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

1. What are the objectives of the Army Military Awards Program?

2. How many days should it take for recommended decorations to be expeditiously processed, and recorded in military orders and certificates by the final approving authority?

3. The DA Form ____ is used to initiate, process, and approve award recommendations of all U.S. Army individual decorations, to include valor and heroism decorations. The DA Form _____ is used for recommending combat badges and the Purple Heart (PH).

4. How does the Purple Heart Medal differ from all other awards?

5. What documents are required to request an award of the Purple Heart Medal?

6. What are the current required documents to request an award of the Combat Action Badge from MNC-I?

7. True or False? While in Federal Service, ARNG Soldiers may accept State decorations and wear State awards. Explain your answer.

SITUATION: Today is 20 June 2010. You are the S-1 for 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), 1st Cavalry Division. After your excellent briefing on the Army Awards Program, your brigade commander, COL John James, has some questions. He desires the staff to become more knowledgeable in the area of award and decorations. He specifically wants to talk about his approval and disapproval authority for individual Soldier/civilian awards and combat badges for members of the brigade. Many commanders within the brigade are serving their first rotation in Iraq. He asks you the following questions:

REQUIREMENTS: Answer the Brigade Commander's questions.

8. What are the rules for awarding decorations to Soldiers who are flagged because of APFT and/or overweight?

9. What civilian decorations can the brigade commander approve?

10. Based on current MNC-I guidance, what are the awards the brigade commander approve?
