**Replacement of U.S. Coast Guard Military Medals and Ribbons**

Veterans of the U.S. Coast Guard (or their immediate Next of Kin (NOK)) may request a **one-time** set of replacement service medals and ribbons awarded to them during their U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) service. This is provided at no cost to the veteran (or their immediate NOK). Only USCG medals and ribbons are available and we do not provide replacement devices or badges.

Subsequent replacement of USCG service medals and ribbons, as well as uniform devices and badges, are available for purchase at personal expense through various civilian sources. Veterans may find replacement items for purchase through the Coast Guard Exchange at: <https://shopcgx.com/>

**Requesting Replacement Military Medals and Ribbons**

**USCG Veterans with DD-214 or Equivalent Separation Document:**

Veterans (or their immediate NOK) requesting replacement of USCG service medals and ribbons listed on their DD Form 214 or Equivalent Separation Document (if separated before 1 January, 1950) should mail a **copy** of the document(s) and a completed Standard Form (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records, to the following mailing address:

Commander

Personnel Service Center

Attn: PSC-PSD-M&A

U.S. Coast Guard Stop 7200

2703 Martin Luther King Jr., Ave. S.E.

Washington, DC 20593-7200

This process takes approximately 60 days upon receipt of the request **and** all required documentation.

\*Please do **not** mail the original DD Form 214 or Equivalent Separation Document.

**USCG Veterans without DD-214 or Equivalent Separation Documents:**

Veterans (or their immediate NOK) who are not in possession of a DD Form 214 or Equivalent Separation Document (if separated before 1 January 1950), may **not** request replacement of service medals and ribbons directly from Coast Guard Personnel Service Center (PSC-PSD-M&A (CG Military Medals and Awards).

These veterans (or their immediate NOK) are required to contact the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri to request a review of their Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) for eligibility to service awards. It is highly recommended you also request a replacement copy of your DD Form 214 or Equivalent Separation Document and a copy of your complete OMPF.

When submitting a request to NPRC for documents follow one of the following processes:

1. Submit a request online at: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>
2. Or, mail a completed Standard Form (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records, to NPRC through the Postal Service to the following mailing address:

**National Personnel Records Center**

**1 Archives Drive**

**St. Louis, Missouri 63138**

**Commercial Phone: (314) 801-0800**

Once NPRC performs a review of your OMPF, they will forward a Transmittal listing your awards to CG Military Medals and Awards, who will issue the item(s) to you within 60 days of receipt.

**Post-Service Issuance of Coast Guard Military Medals and Ribbons**

USCG Veterans (or their immediate NOK) requesting issuance of Coast Guard medals and ribbons **not** listed on their DD Form 214 or Equivalent Separation Document (if separated before 1 January, 1950), must provide supporting documentation from their Coast Guard Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) as proof of eligibility. If not in possession of the required documentation, you must request it from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, MO.

When submitting a request to NPRC for your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF), follow one of the following processes:

1. Submit request online at: <https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>.
2. Or, mail a completed Standard Form (SF) 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records, to NPRC through the Postal Service to the following mailing address:

**National Personnel Records Center**

**1 Archives Drive**

**St. Louis, Missouri 63138**

**Commercial: Phone: (314) 801-0800**

Once sufficient supporting documentation is received by CG Military Medals and Awards, a final verification review will be performed. Once completed, the item(s) will be issued to you within 60 days of receipt of documentation.

**Issuance of DD Form 215, Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty For Medals and Ribbons:**

If information on your DD Form 214 needs to be corrected to add a newly issued medal and/or ribbon, a DD Form 215, Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty may be requested.

**Current USCG Active Duty or Reserve Member:**

If you are a current active duty or reserve member of the U.S. Coast Guard, contact your Servicing Personnel Office for assistance in correcting your DD Form 214.

**USCG Veterans:**

If you separated or retired from the Coast Guard, CG Military Medals and Awards will review and oversee correction of the DD Form 214 as appropriate.

**Non-USCG Veterans:**

CG Military Medals and Awards will assist non-USCG veterans in determining eligibility to USCG awards as needed. Veterans are required to provide supporting documentation when inquiring about eligibility of USCG awards. Once verified by CG Military Medals and Awards, Non-USCG service members must then contact their parent service to request correction of the DD Form 214.