

## The Battles of Bataan and Corregidor

7 December 1941 - 10 May 1942

All branches of the military serving the United States of America involved in the battles numbered approximately 12,000 personnel.

### The Bronze Star Medal

Members of the Armed Forces participated in the Battle of Bataan and Corregidor from 7 Dec 41 - 10 May 1942 are entitled to one or more Bronze Star Medals by meeting any one of three different circumstances:

#### FIRST

1. The Bronze Star Medal, with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances, which was first established by Executive Order No. 9419 of February 4, 1944, may be awarded by the Secretary of a military department or the Secretary of Transportation with regard to the Coast Guard when not operating as a service in the Navy, or by such military commanders, or other appropriate officers as the Secretary concerned may designate, to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, after December 6, 1941, distinguishes, or has distinguished, himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight--

- (a) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;
- (b) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
- (c) 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.

#### **Executive Order 11046**

##### **AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL**

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the armed forces of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The Bronze Star Medal, with accompanying ribbons and appurtenances, which was first established by Executive Order No. 9419 of February 4, 1944, may be awarded by the Secretary of a military department or the Secretary of the Treasury with regard to the Coast Guard when not operating as a service in the Navy, or by such military commanders, or other appropriate officers as the Secretary concerned may designate to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard of the United States, after December 6, 1941, distinguishes, or has distinguished, himself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight--

- (a) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;
- (b) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
- (c) 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.

2. The Bronze Star Medal and appurtenances thereto shall be of appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Defense, and shall be awarded under such regulations as the Secretary concerned may prescribe. Such regulations shall, so far as practicable, be uniform, and those of the military departments shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of Defense.

3. No more than one Bronze Star Medal shall be awarded to any one person, but for each succeeding heroic or meritorious achievement or service justifying such an award a suitable device may be awarded to be worn with the medal as prescribed by appropriate regulations.

4. The Bronze Star Medal or device may be awarded posthumously and, when so awarded, may be presented to such representative of the deceased as may be deemed appropriate by the Secretary of the department concerned.

5. This order shall supersede Executive Order No. 9419 of February 4, 1944, entitled "Bronze Star Medal". However, existing regulations prescribed under that order shall, so far as they are not inconsistent with this order,

remain in effect until modified or revoked by regulations prescribed under this order by the Secretary of the department concerned.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

THE WHITE HOUSE,  
August 24, 1962.

## **SECOND**

### **AR 600-8-22 11 December 2006 Page 41, paragraph 3-14:**

#### **3-14. Bronze Star Medal**

*a.* The Bronze Star Medal was established by Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (superseded by Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, as amended by Executive Order 13286, 28 February 2003).

*b.* The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the Army of the United States after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, in connection with military operations against an armed enemy; or while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. Title 10, United States Code, section 1133, (10 USC 1133) limits award of the Bronze Star Medal to service members receiving imminent danger pay.

*c.* Awards may be made for acts of heroism, performed under circumstances described above, which are of lesser degree than required for the award of the Silver Star.

*d.* The Bronze Star Medal may be awarded for meritorious achievement or meritorious service according to the following:

(1) Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or meritorious service. The lesser degree than that required for the award of the Legion of Merit must nevertheless have been meritorious and accomplished with distinction.

(2) Award may be made to each member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, after 6 December 1941, has been cited in orders or awarded a certificate for exemplary conduct in ground combat against an armed enemy between 7 December 1941 and 2 September 1945, inclusive, or whose meritorious achievement has been otherwise confirmed by documents executed prior to 1 July 1947. For this purpose, an award of the Combat Infantryman Badge or Combat Medical Badge is considered as a citation in orders. Documents executed since 4 August 1944 in connection with recommendations for the award of decorations of higher degree than the Bronze Star Medal will not be used as the basis for an award under this paragraph. Veterans and retirees may submit letter application to National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: NPRMA-M, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100. Soldiers who retired or were discharged after to 1 October 2002 and the next of kin of Soldiers who died after 1 October 2002 should send their letter application to the Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command, ATTN: AHRC-CC-B, 1 Reserve Way, St. Louis, MO 63132-5200. The letter application should include documentary evidence, if possible.

## **THIRD**

(3) Upon letter application, award of the Bronze Star Medal may be made to eligible Soldiers who participated in the Philippine Islands Campaign between 7 December 1941 to 10 May 1942. Performance of duty must have been on the island of Luzon or the Harbor Defenses in Corregidor and Bataan. Only Soldiers who were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation (Presidential Unit Citation) may be awarded this decoration. Letter application should

be sent to the National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: NPRMA–M, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132–5100.

### The Purple Heart Medal

All military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense wounded or killed in combat, and/or captivity are authorized the Purple Heart Medal. It includes all who are wounded in action against an enemy of United States or as a direct result of an act of such enemy (including severe frostbite). (Ref: AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, and 3 May 1944. Memorandum for Secretary of the Military Departments Chairman Joints Chief of Staff, dated 1 October 2008).

### The POW Medal

All military personnel and civilian employees of the Department of Defense held prisoner are authorized the POW Medal. (Ref: Public Law 99-145, section 1128, title 10, United States Code (10 USC 1128), 8 November 1985).

### The Combat Infantryman Badge

All U.S. Army personnel that served as an infantryman and displayed:

- a. Exemplary conduct in action against the enemy, or
- b. By satisfactory performance of duty in action against the enemy are authorized the CIB. This includes “any infantryman” stated in the second reference (Ref: War Department Circulars 269, dated 27 October 1943, and WD Circular 105, dated 13 March 1944).

### The Distinguished Unit Citation (Presidential Unit Citation)

General Orders 22, dated April 30, 1942 was amended by DA GO 46-48. It authorized all participants the Distinguished Unit Citation (Presidential Unit Citation).

A list of units authorizing the PUC is identified in Department of the Army Pamphlet 672-1, dated 1 July 1961. Additional AAF units are listed in Air Force Pamphlet 900-2, dated 15 June 1971.

### The Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

A list of units authorizing the PPUC is identified in the latter guideline listed in previous paragraph.

### Additional Awards and Decorations

The Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal  
WWII Victory Medal  
American Defense Service Medal  
Gold Star Lapel Pin (Only KIA)  
Honorable Service Lapel Pin (Survivors only)  
Philippine Liberation Medal (Served minimum of 30 days during the period October 17, 1944 – September 2, 1945).