

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1496

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

---

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRIFFITH.

3568H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

---

## AN ACT

To amend chapter 42, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to military medal programs for veterans.

---

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Chapter 42, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 42.312, to read as follows:

**42.312. 1. There is hereby created within the state adjutant general's office the "Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge Program". Every veteran who honorably served on active duty in the United States military service at any time beginning October 7, 2001, and ending August 30, 2021, shall be entitled to receive an Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge medallion, medal, and certificate of appreciation under this section, provided that:**

**(1) Such veteran is a legal resident of this state or was a legal resident of this state at the time he or she entered or was discharged from military service or at the time of his or her death, or such veteran served in a unit of the Missouri National Guard regardless of whether such veteran is or ever was a legal resident of this state; and**

**(2) Such veteran was honorably separated or discharged from military service, is still in active service in an honorable status, or was in active service in an honorable status at the time of his or her death.**

**2. The Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Freedom's Sentinel, and Operation Allies Refuge medallion, medal, and certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. The**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in bold-face type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 **medallion, medal, and certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether such veteran**  
19 **was under eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of this section,**  
20 **"veteran" means any person defined as a veteran by the United States Department of**  
21 **Veterans Affairs or its successor agency.**

✓