



The State Guard Association of Texas now has eight decorations that recognize individuals or organizations who have performed above and beyond the call of duty. The decorations are: The Sam Houston Superior Service Medal, Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Medal, William B. Travis Meritorious Service Medal, James Bowie Commendation Medal, Juan Seguin Distinguished Achievement Medal, Almaron Dickinson Achievement Medal, Jesse Billingsley Excellence Medal and the Susanna Dickinson Decoration.

Active, retired, and honorably discharged members of the Texas State Guard are eligible for nomination for the Sam Houston and Stephen F. Austin Decorations. Active, retired and honorably discharged members of the Texas State Guard and civilians are eligible for nomination for the William B. Travis, James Bowie, Juan Seguin, Almaron Dickinson and the Jesse Billingsley Medals. The Travis and Bowie Medals may be presented to any individual, living or deceased, or organization, military or civilian who have demonstrated outstanding service to the Texas Military Department with emphasis on the State Guard of Texas. The Sequin Medal is specifically presented for an act of valor. The Dickinson and Billingsley Medals are for levels of achievement and/or excellence ranging from service over a period of time or may be for achievement in a specific event.

The Susanna Dickinson Decoration (a rosette) is presented only to non-Texas State Guard persons who have provided support to the State of Texas, Texas Military Department, Texas State Guard or the State Guard Association of Texas.

Wearing medals is governed by the policies and rules of the organization to which the recipient belongs. Active or retired members may wear their medals on their uniform in accordance with the Texas State Guard Uniform Policy.

The deeds of the nominated individual, or organization must have been of such magnitude to reflect great credit on the Texas Military Department, the Texas State Guard and the citizens of Texas.

The Decorations

Sam Houston Superior Service Medal



A certificate with neck medal and ribbon is presented only to an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the Texas State Guard. The nominee may be for a living or deceased member and is cited for superior service furthering the aims and goals of the nation, state, community and the State Guard Association of Texas. The nominee must be considered a visionary whose distinguished service was conducted with the highest military standards of integrity, leadership, patriotism and professionalism.

The Sam Houston Superior Service Medal of the State Guard Association of Texas is considered the highest and most prestigious of all decorations granted by the State Guard association of Texas.

The Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Medal



A certificate with neck medal and ribbon is presented only to an active, retired, or honorably discharged member of the Texas State Guard. The nomination may be for a living or deceased member and is cited for distinguished service furthering the aims and goals of the nation, state, community and the State Guard Association of Texas. The nominee must be considered a visionary whose distinguished service was conducted with the highest military standards of integrity, leadership, patriotism and professionalism.

The Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Medal is considered the second highest of all decorations granted by the State Guard Association of Texas.

William B. Travis Meritorious Service Medal



A certificate with medal and ribbon is awarded by the State Guard Association of Texas for meritorious service furthering the aims and goals of the State of Texas, Texas Military Department, Texas State Guard or the State Guard Association of Texas. The nominee must have demonstrated loyalty by demonstrating a commitment to the organization such as contributing to the leadership of the organization and the organization's mission. Additionally, the nominee's service must have been conducted in such a way that it reflected the highest military standard of leadership and integrity for the betterment of others. The nominee is not required to be a current member of the State Guard Association of Texas or a current or former member

of the Texas Military Department.

James Bowie Commendation Medal



A certificate with medal and ribbon is awarded by the State Guard Association of Texas for excellent service that furthered the aims of the State of Texas, the Texas Military Department, the Texas State Guard or the State Guard Association of Texas. The nominee will have demonstrated humanitarianism through the individual's generosity of time and self and whose noteworthy service was conducted with the highest military standard of leadership, organizational ability, and skills for the betterment of the organization and its members. The nominee is not required to be a current member State Guard Association of Texas or a current or former member of the Texas Military Department.

Juan Seguin Distinguished Achievement Medal



A certificate with medal and ribbon is presented by the State Guard Association of Texas for distinguished achievement demonstrated for an act of valor which resulted in action of life saving or the prevention of death or injury and should demonstrate the individual awardee acted due to the skills and training enhanced through the individual's participation in the Texas Military Department. This decoration could also be presented to a person who assisted in a lifesaving or injury prevention act. The nominee is not required to be a current member of the State Guard Association of Texas or a current or former member of the Texas Military Department.

Almaron Dickinson Achievement Medal



A certificate with medal and ribbon is awarded by the State Guard Association of Texas for sustained achievement in the performance of service that furthered the aims of the State of Texas, the Texas Military Department, the Texas State Guard or the State Guard Association of Texas. The nominee must have demonstrated sustained humanitarianism through the individual's generosity of time and self and whose noteworthy service was conducted with the highest military standard of leadership, organizational ability and skills for the betterment of the organization and its members. The nominee is not required to be a current member of the State Guard Association of Texas or a current or former member of the Texas Military Department.

Jesse Billingsley Excellence Medal



A certificate with medal and ribbon is awarded by the State Guard Association of Texas for excellent service that furthered the aims of the State of Texas, the Texas Military Department, the Texas State Guard or the State Guard Association of Texas. The nominee will have demonstrated excellence through the individual's generosity of time and self and whose noteworthy service was conducted with the highest military standard of leadership, organizational ability and skills for the betterment of the organization and its members. The nominee is not required to be a current member of the State Guard Association of Texas or a current or former member of the Texas Military Department.

The Susanna Dickinson Decoration



This decoration is awarded to non-Texas State Guard or State Guard Association of Texas members or civilians or organizations for supporting the mission of the State of Texas, the Texas Military Department, the Texas State Guard or the State Guard Association of Texas.

The State Guard Association of Texas also has a decoration that recognizes individuals who are members in good standing.

State Guard Association of Texas Medal



Only Members whose dues are current are authorized to wear the medal or service ribbon.

Subsequent Awards and Devices

Sam Houston Superior Service Medal

No subsequent awards authorized

Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Medal

1) A white enameled five-pointed star, trimmed in gold and 3/8 of an inch in circumscribing diameter, one point up, will be worn centered on the service ribbon and the neck ribbon's octagonal pad for the initial award

2) Additional white stars will be issued to denote second and subsequent awards

3) A maximum of three stars will be worn on one service ribbon

4) A maximum of three stars, centered and aligned horizontally, will be worn on the neck ribbon's octagonal pad

William B. Travis Meritorious Service Medal

Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze service star device for each additional award, worn with one point of the star pointing up and centered on the suspension ribbon of a medal or service ribbon. A silver star device is worn instead of five bronze stars.

James Bowie Commendation Medal

Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze service star device for each additional award, worn with one point of the star pointing up and centered on the suspension ribbon of a medal or service ribbon. A silver star device is worn instead of five bronze stars.

Juan Seguin Distinguished Achievement Medal

Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze service star device for each additional award, worn with one point of the star pointing up and centered on the suspension ribbon of a medal or service ribbon. A silver star device is worn instead of five bronze stars.

Almaron Dickinson Achievement Medal

Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze oak leaf cluster device for each additional award, worn centered on the suspension ribbon of a medal or service ribbon. A silver oak leaf cluster is worn instead of five oak leaf clusters.

Jesse Billingsley Excellence Medal

Subsequent awards will be denoted by a bronze oak leaf cluster device for each additional award, worn centered on the suspension ribbon of a medal or service ribbon. A silver oak leaf cluster is worn instead of five oak leaf clusters.

Susanna Dickinson Award

No subsequent awards authorized

State Guard Association of Texas Medal

Life members may wear a bronze hourglass device worn centered on the suspension ribbon of a medal or service ribbon. Life members who were also life members of the former Texas State Guard Association may wear a gold hourglass device.

Instructions for Nomination

Nominations will not be returned, and all nominations become the property of the State Guard Association of Texas and may be carried over to the next nominating cycle or may be destroyed.

The nominations require a well written narrative. The narrative is critical and is the most important aspect of the nomination. It should include a summary of the nominee's achievements and contributions. However, it should not exceed a single page of type-written narrative.

Supporting documents to include photographs, newspaper articles or eye-witness statements may be included but will not be returned by the State Guard Association of Texas.

A photo of the nominee is acceptable but not required.

Commander's Endorsement Requirement: A nomination for a decoration for a currently serving member of the Texas State Guard for either the Sam Houston Superior Service Medal or the Stephen F. Austin Distinguished Service Medal must be endorsed by the Soldier's Brigade Commander. For recommendations for the William B. Travis Meritorious Service Medal and below will require an endorsement from the Soldier's Battalion Commander. All that is required for the Commander's endorsement is a Concur or Non-Concur statement followed by the Commander's signature block.

Send all award submissions to:

SGATX Awards Committee
P.O Box 9584
Austin, Texas, 78766-9584