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GM-39

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Subject: Insignia for Active Duty Volunteers, Merit Awards, and Specialists

To: All Unit Commanders

1. Volunteers--CAP members who volunteer for specified periods of active-duty service, pursuant to GM-32, shall be classed as Vanguard Members and shall, on signing active duty oath, be entitled to wear a special V-shaped emblem on the forearm of the left sleeve, half way between elbow and the bottom of the cuff, in colors as follows:

Red	V-1	1 or 2 months continuous service per year
White	V-2	3 months per year
Blue	V-3	duration of war

2. Service Stripes--A Vanguard Member may wear a service stripe for each term of active duty he has completed; not more than one stripe per year. The service stripes shall be centered 3/4 in. below the V emblem and 1/2 in. apart. Colors shall be red for one month service completed; white for two months; and blue for three months or more service in a year.

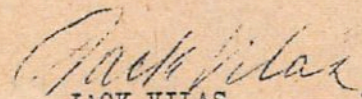
3. Merit Awards--Emblems shall be triangular and will be worn point down above the left pocket of the blouse or shirt. Colors will be:

Red:	<u>Commendation</u> --For exceptional performance contributory to the carrying out of missions of unusual merit.
White:	<u>Merit Citation</u> --For initiative and performance of unusual merit on specific missions.
Blue:	<u>Distinguished Service Citations</u> --For exceptional performance of specific missions, or acts of heroism, under unusually difficult or hazardous conditions.

4. Specialists--Sleeve insignia are available for A & E mechanics with currently valid licenses from CAA; also for radio operators holding currently valid FCC certificates for First or Second Class Radiotelephone or Radiotelegraph or Amateur Class A. These are to be worn on the forearm of the right sleeve, half way between the elbow and the bottom of the cuff.

5. Placement of Orders--Orders may be placed for the above insignia by Wing, Group, and Squadron Supply Officers with the Hill Lettering Co., 1311 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C. Terms strictly cash. V insignia, 15¢ each. Service stripes, 10¢ each. A & E and radio, 65¢ each. Other manufacturers may also make these items, and as no official insignia appears thereon, no license is required under GM-40.

By direction of National Commander JOHNSON:


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