

## Cold War Certificate Program

In the 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding Cold War Recognition Certificates to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States any time during the Cold War Era, Sept. 2, 1945, through Dec. 26, 1991.

National Guard and Reservists are eligible. Contractors and volunteers are not eligible. Those who are currently active duty military or civilian employees of the U.S. Government are also eligible if they had at least one day of honorable service during the Cold War Era.

Applicants must certify that their service was "faithful and honorable", and they must supply a copy of a supporting document which proves that they served during the Cold War era. The certificate may be awarded posthumously to those whose relatives apply on their behalf. There is no charge for a Cold War Recognition Certificate.

Note that no medal has been authorized or issued for Cold War Recognition. The program is scheduled to run until the supply of certificates is exhausted. This award is only issued one time. No replacement certificate will be issued.

To apply for a certificate you must:

1. Fill out either the **U.S. Resident, International Resident,** or the **Primary Next of Kin** application depending upon your current status or mailing address. Complete all fields that are applicable.

- A. An acceptable supporting document includes any official government or military document that contains the recipient's name, Social Security Number or Military Service Number or Foreign Service Number, and a date showing at least one day of service during the Cold War Era (2 September 1945 to 26 December 1991).

2. Print the application. You must certify your honorable service by signing and dating the application or your application will be rejected. If you are unable to print the application you may submit a signed and dated letter containing the same information as the application. You must include the phrase "I confirm my faithful and honorable service to the nation during the Cold War Era."

3. Mail or fax the application to the Cold War Office along with your supporting document to:

USAHRC  
Cold War Recognition Program  
ATTN: AHRC-PDP-A, Dept 480  
1600 Spearhead Division Avenue  
Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

FAX: 1-800-723-9262 or 502-613-9510

You may email your application to:

USARMY.KNOX.HRC.MBX.TAGD-AWARDS@MAIL.MIL