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MEMORANDUM FOR: ALL CHIEF PATROL AGENTS

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SUBJECT: Newton-Azrak Award for Heroism

The purpose of this memorandum is to reaffirm the Newton-Azrak Award as a proud and important part of the Border Patrol's honor and traditions. This annual award recognizes and pays tribute to the ultimate sacrifice made by Patrol Inspectors Theodore L. Newton, Jr., and George F. Azrak, who were murdered by drug smugglers in Oak Grove, California, on June 17, 1967.

The Newton-Azrak Award is the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Border Patrol Agent for acts of bravery or heroism. Consideration for eligibility to receive this award is based on the following criteria:

1. exercise of unusual courage or bravery in the line of duty and/or
2. a heroic or humane act during times of extreme stress or in an emergency.

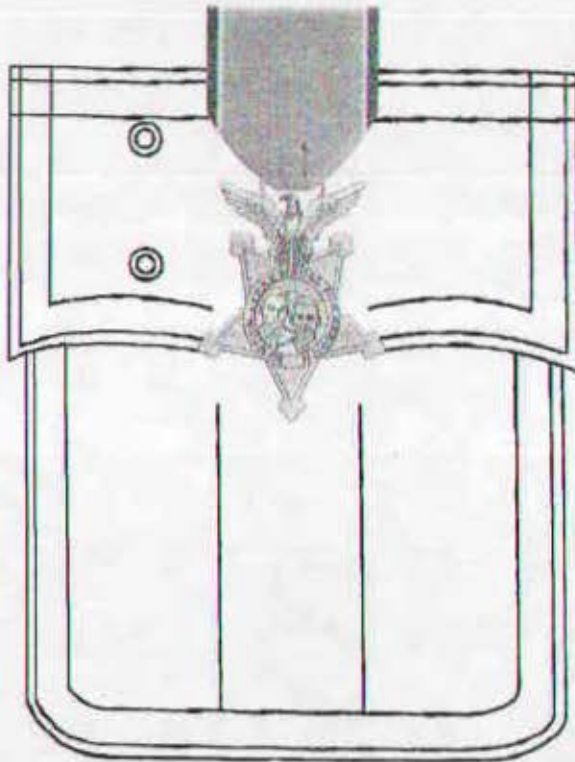
Nomination criteria, information on the nomination process, and related information will be provided at a later date. Meanwhile, sectors should continue to document situations that warrant consideration for nomination for this prestigious award.

This memorandum further serves to formally establish the Newton-Azrak medal and authorize its wear on the Eisenhower Jacket as depicted on the attachment.

Staff may direct questions to Assistant Chief Dan Harris, Jr., at 202-927-0933.

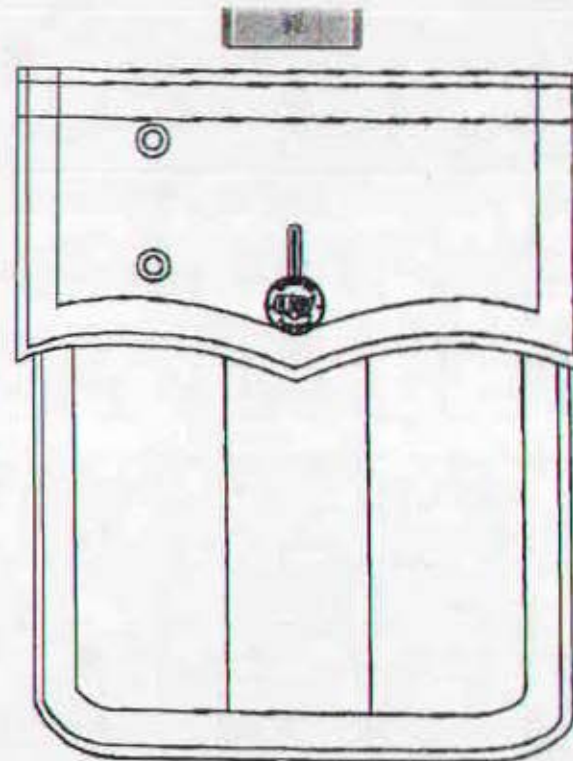
Attachments

The two figures below depict the proper manner of wear of the Newton and Azrak full size medal and ribbon bar. The miniature medal may be worn in lieu of the full size medal and is to be worn in the same position as the full size medal.



Placement of Full-Size Medal on Top of Left Pocket on Eisenhower Jacket

The Border Patrol Badge, not shown is worn in its normal position



Placement of N-A Award Ribbon Above Left Pocket of Eisenhower Jacket

The Border Patrol Badge, not shown is worn in its normal position

Border Patrol's Newton-Azrak Award



Ribbon Bar



Obverse



Miniature



Reverse



Lapel Device

Ribbon: Green, gold, bluebird (Medal of Honor blue)

Medallion: Gold