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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Chief Patrol  
All Directorate

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SUBJECT: Interim Wear Guidance for U.S. Border Patrol Honorary Awards

The U.S. Border Patrol Honorary Awards and Recognition Program (b) (2) outlines the use of awards, medals, and commendations to recognize employee accomplishments. The attached Interim Wear Guidance provides direction for the proper wear of the following decorations.

- Newton-Azrak Award
- Purple Cross Award
- U.S. Border Patrol Commendation Award
- U.S. Border Patrol Achievement Award
- U.S. Border Patrol 75th Anniversary Commemorative Award

Staff may direct questions or comments to Assistant Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) or via phone at (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Interim Wear Guidance for U.S. Border Patrol Honorary Awards

## 1. Manner of Wear

1.1. Awards shall be worn in order of precedence from top down and from the wearer's right to left. The order of precedence for awards is defined in Section 8 of (b) (2) U.S. Border Patrol Honorary Awards and Recognitions Program.

### 1.2. Medals

1.2.1. Large medals will only be worn on the Class "A" uniform (Ike Jacket) for specific events/occasions as authorized by Chief Patrol Agents, Directorate Chiefs, USBP HQ Executive Directors, or their designee.

1.2.2. Agents will only wear medals in which they are entitled.

1.2.3. Medals will be worn centered above the wearer's left pocket with the top of the suspension ribbons parallel with the top of the pocket and the bottom of the medals generally even with the top of the pocket.

1.2.4. When more than one medal is worn, they should be suspended from a holding bar of sufficient stiffness to support the weight of the medals.

1.2.5. Large Medals - When multiple medals are worn, holding bars should be used. A maximum of three medals may be worn side by side in a single row with no overlap. Multiple rows of medals should be grouped with the same number of medals in each row, with the lesser number in the top row if necessary utilizing a mounting bar with a 1/8 inch space between rows. (See Example A)

1.2.6. Award ribbon appurtenances are defined in (b) (2) U.S. Border Patrol Honorary Awards and Recognitions Program.

### 1.3. Ribbons

1.3.1. May be worn on the Class "A" and Class "B" uniforms.

1.3.2. Wear up to three ribbons in a single row. When more than three ribbons are authorized, wear them in horizontal rows of three each. If ribbons are not in multiples of three, the top row contains the lesser number, and the center of this row sits over the center of the one below it. Wear ribbons without spaces between ribbons or rows of ribbons.

1.3.3. Class "A" uniform (Ike Jacket) - Wear ribbons with the lower edge of the bottom row centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket. (See Example B)

1.3.4. Class "B" uniform (Dress shirts) - Wear ribbons with the lower edge of the bottom row centered 1/4 inch above the nametag. (See Example C)

1.3.5. Award ribbon appurtenances are defined in (b) (2) U.S. Border Patrol Honorary Awards and Recognitions Program.

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1.4. Devices

1.4.1. Class “A” uniform

- 1.4.1.1. Only one authorized device may be worn on the Ike Jacket.
- 1.4.1.2. A large authorized device may be worn centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket, or
- 1.4.1.3. Centered 1/4 inch above ribbons or medals if worn.
- 1.4.1.4. A miniature device may be worn centered 1/4 inch above the nametag if Border Patrol award ribbons preclude the large device from being worn over the left hand pocket.

1.4.2. Class “B” uniform

- 1.4.2.1. Only one authorized device may be worn centered 1/4 inch above the left breast pocket, or
- 1.4.2.2. Centered 1/4 inch above ribbons or medals if worn. (See Example C)

1.4.3. Class “C” uniform

- 1.4.3.1. A combination of two types of devices may be worn with the following precedence:
  - 1.4.3.1.1. Award lapel pin,
  - 1.4.3.1.2. Authorized device,
- 1.4.3.2. Only one award and one authorized device may be worn.
- 1.4.3.3. The lowest device is to be centered 1/4 inch above the name strip.
- 1.4.3.4. The top device is to be 1/4 inch above the lowest device. (See Example D)

