

## U.S. Customs and Border Protection Awards

Award	Bar/Ribbon	Criteria/Purpose
CBP Medal of Honor for Heroism		A CBP award, developed in 2012, for an employee or any individual/citizen supporting CBP who performed an act of extraordinary bravery, gallantry, or valor (while on or off duty). The act performed must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Above and beyond the call of duty;</li> <li>• Present an imminent and personal danger to life; and</li> <li>• The individual must have knowledge of the risks involved and voluntarily assume them.</li> </ul> This is CBP's highest valor award.
Commissioner's Meritorious Service Award for Valor		A legacy U.S. Customs award to recognize employees who demonstrate exceptional courage during the performance of duty and display valor in a dangerous, life threatening situation involving efforts to save another person's life or the protection of property.
Commissioner's Integrity Award		A legacy U.S. Customs to recognize an employee who clearly demonstrated work habits and devotion to integrity that are above reproach and exemplified CBP's core values and ethical standards while on duty (e.g., participated in an undercover operation, which led to the arrest of an individual or addressed a potential incident of terrorism or corruption).
Commissioner's Humanitarian Award		A legacy U.S. Customs award to recognize heroic or selfless acts performed while on or off duty - demonstrating compassion and competence, exceeding normal expectations, in assisting individuals in extreme circumstances.
Commissioner's Exceptional Service Award		A legacy U.S. Customs recognition used to represent numerous, named Commissioner's Awards, e.g. the Mission Integration Award, the Law Enforcement Officer Award, the Ambassador Award, the EEO/Diversity Award and many others.
Commissioner's Blue Eagle Award		A legacy U.S. Customs award to recognize individual(s) for a single, specific enforcement action with a significant enforcement result(s).
Commissioner's Unit Citation		A legacy U.S. Customs award to recognize a group of individuals whose performance as a unit exceeds quantity and quality of normal requirements.
Operation Secure Line		OFO Award - Presented to employees, both organic and on temporary detail that supported Operation Secure Line. The citation bar will be awarded based on the below criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have served in good standing;</li> <li>• Have been assigned for a period of 30 days or longer, and/or;</li> <li>• Performed activities in direct support of the operation.</li> </ul>
Military Service Citation		OFO recognitions to commemorate the military service of employees.
Hurricane Katrina Citation		An OFO award to recognize CBP service in conjunction with the Katrina.
Pistol Expert		An OFO award to recognize 3 consecutive perfect qualification scores.
USBP Newton-Azrak Award		May be awarded to any USBP employee who performs a conspicuous act of heroism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The act performed must be above and beyond the call of duty.</li> <li>• The act performed must present an imminent and personal danger to the life of the individual.</li> <li>• The individual must have knowledge of the risks involved and voluntarily assume them.</li> </ul>
USBP Purple Cross Award		The May be awarded to any employee who, while in the scope of duty, sustains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Protracted or permanent impairment of any bodily function;</li> <li>• Fatal injury;</li> <li>• Injury as the result of an assault with a deadly weapon, which requires treatment by a medical professional; or</li> <li>• Injuries attributed, directly or indirectly, from an attack by an assailant with the following factors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The injury or wound cannot be attributed to bravado or gross negligence; and</li> <li>○ Any act of valor may be distinguished with the addition of a "V" device to affix to the ribbon.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> The nomination must convey the veracity of the claim.
USBP Commendation Award		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to an employee or a group for exceptional meritorious achievement or service. The acts or services must be accomplished or performed in a manner above that normally expected, and sufficient to distinguish the recipient(s) above those performing similar services, or</li> <li>• Awarded to an individual for extraordinary heroism, not justifying the Newton-Azrak Award, or</li> <li>• Awarded to a group for extraordinary heroism.</li> </ul>
USBP Achievement Award		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to an employee or a group for meritorious achievement or service based on sustained performance or specific achievement of a superlative nature, and shall be of such merit as to warrant more recognition than is possible by nontraditional awards, but which is not significant enough to justify the U.S. Border Patrol Commendation Award, or</li> <li>• Awarded to an individual or a group for heroism, not justifying the U.S. Border Patrol Commendation Award.</li> </ul>
USBP 75th Anniversary Commemorative Award		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to every Border Patrol Agent and Aircraft Pilot serving on and immediately before May 28, 1999.</li> <li>• Agents hired after May 28, 1999 shall not be eligible to receive the award.</li> <li>• Border Patrol Agents attending the Academy on May 28, 1999, shall be eligible to receive the award upon graduation.</li> </ul>
Afghanistan Service Citation		An Office of International Affairs award to commemorate CBP service in Afghanistan.
Iraqi Service Citation		An Office of International Affairs award to commemorate CBP service in Iraq.