

SS HB 1128 -- DESIGNATED VETERANS DAYS AND NATIONAL GUARD RIBBONS AND AWARDS

This bill designates March 30 of each year as "Vietnam Veterans Day" in recognition of the courage and patriotism of those who served during the Vietnam Conflict.

March 26 of each year is designated as "Veterans of Operation Iraq/Enduring Freedom Day" in Missouri when citizens are encouraged to observe the day with appropriate events, activities, and remembrances in honor of the veterans who served during military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Adjutant General is authorized to present a Missouri National Guard Overseas Training Ribbon to individual members of the Missouri National Guard who have participated in training outside the United States for 10 or more cumulative days and a Missouri National Guard State Partnership Program Ribbon to a member of the guard who has participated in a state partnership program mission to a country with which Missouri has a federally recognized partnership.

The Governor, upon the recommendation of the Adjutant General, is authorized to present the Order of the Minuteman Award to a military or civilian individual who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service and achievement to the state or to the Missouri National Guard and the Office of the Adjutant General. No more than one award can be presented to any person, and no more than five awards can be issued in a year. In the event of the death of an individual who is entitled to the award, it may be presented to his or her surviving primary next of kin.