

HB 1128 -- NATIONAL GUARD RIBBONS AND AWARDS

SPONSOR: Largent

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Veterans by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Adjutant General 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 Missouri National Guard who has participated on 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 or achievement to the state or to the Missouri National Guard. 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 next of kin.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill authorizes this special recognition for members of the Missouri National Guard who have provided special service.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Largent; Missouri National Guard Association; and Dewey Riehn, Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations and Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Missouri Department.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.