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Good afternoon,

Brig. Gen. Tom Hannon will be testifying today on Senate Bill No. 2996 (National Guard).

I'll also be passing out this one-page info sheet on the three awards being proposed.

Thank you and see you soon!

v/r,
Mike

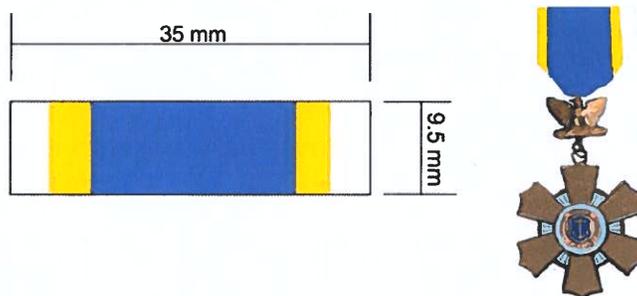


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RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD PROPOSED AWARDS

Legion of Merit (LOM): The Rhode Island LOM would fill the gap between the Rhode Island Cross and the Rhode Island Star. The Cross recognizes “extraordinary heroism” whereas the Star recognizes “meritorious service.” The state LOM would track the same exact language used as its federal counterpart to award any service member “who has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.” By doing so, the Adjutant General would have more than one higher level award to honor our Soldiers and Airmen.



Military Funeral Honors (MFH) Ribbon: Military Funeral Honors represent one of the most solemn and sacred duties performed by our Soldiers and Airmen. These services not only provide dignity and respect to our fallen comrades but also bring honor to their families and to the nation. The RING MFH Ribbon would recognize the importance of this duty and encourage service members to undertake this worthy task. Service members would be eligible for the ribbon upon completion of 100 funeral services (or a suitable number as determined by The Adjutant General).



State Partnership Program (SPP) Ribbon: The RING SPP Ribbon would be awarded to any Soldier or Airman of the Rhode Island National Guard who deploys anywhere outside the state of Rhode Island with a Bahamian or Timorese delegation in support of the SPP and performs such duty under honorable conditions for a period of at least five continuous days. This ribbon highlights the importance of our partnership with The Bahamas and Timor L’Este to our service members and rewards those who mobilize in support of it.

