



STATE *of* NEBRASKA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20—28

**NEBRASKA NATIONAL GUARD COMMENDATION MEDAL WITH “V”
DEVICE FOR VALOR**

WHEREAS, the Nebraska National Guard has responded immediately to the Governor’s order to State Active Duty time and time again;

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Nebraska National Guard have displayed great courage, patriotism, and professionalism by placing their normal lives on hold and sustaining the unique and proud tradition of citizens-soldiers;

WHEREAS, the safety and livelihoods of many citizens in the State of Nebraska were abruptly threatened by historic flooding throughout the state in March 2019;

WHEREAS, the men and women of the Nebraska National Guard saved countless lives and preserved property in Nebraska, by rapidly deploying to various locations in order to rescue stranded persons and animals, delivering consumables to those in need, delivering feed to livestock, providing aerial assets throughout the State, securing public and private facilities, and reinforcing local and state authorities;

WHEREAS, certain men and women of the Nebraska National Guard displayed exceptional and outstanding courage so as to clearly set the individual apart from his or her comrade-in-arms or from other persons;

WHEREAS, the Nebraska National Guard does not currently have the ability to recognize such acts of valor performed by the men and women of the Nebraska National Guard during a State Active Duty response; and

WHEREAS, recognizing such extraordinary acts of the men and women of the Nebraska National Guard would be a benefit to the morale, good order and discipline of the National Guard.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, order the Nebraska Military Department to establish the Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal with “V” device for Valor.

The Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal with “V” device may be awarded to any member of the Nebraska National Guard whose service is distinguished by specific acts of bravery, or a closely related series of heroic acts involving personal hazard or danger. The voluntary risk of life must have resulted in an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the individual’s service apart from the duties of routine service.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 29th day of June, 2020.



Attest:

Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska

Robert B. Evnen,
Secretary of State
State of Nebraska