

**73-1239. Same; award; rules and regulations; applications.** The Vietnam war era medallion, medal and a certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran served within the United States or in a foreign country. The medallion, medal and the certificate shall be awarded regardless of whether or not such veteran was under eighteen years of age at the time of enlistment. For purposes of this bill, "veteran" means any person defined as a veteran by the United States department of veterans' affairs or its successor agency. The director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office shall administer the program and shall adopt all rules and regulations necessary to administer the program. The agency shall determine as expeditiously as possible the persons who are entitled to a Vietnam war era medallion, medal and a certificate and distribute the medallions, medals and the certificates. Applications for the Vietnam war era medallion, medal and the certificate shall be filed with the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office at any time after January 1, 2010, on forms prescribed and furnished by the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office. The deputy director of veteran services shall approve all applications that are in order, and shall cause a Vietnam war era medallion, medal and a certificate to be prepared for each approved veteran in the form approved by the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office. The deputy director of veteran services shall review applications for the Vietnam war era medallion, medal and a certificate to ensure recipients are enrolled for eligible federal benefits.

**History:** L. 2009, ch. 62, § 2; L. 2014, ch. 83, § 29; L. 2014, ch. 129, § 4; July 1.