Decorations, Awards and Honors

NATIONAL GUARD CHIEF’S 50 MARKSMANSHIP BADGE

1. Purpose. This regulation establishes the National Guard’s Marksmanship Award entitled “Chief’s 50 Marksmanship Badge,” to provide evidence and public recognition of outstanding marksmanship abilities as demonstrated at the National Guard Championships (Winston P. Wilson Rifle and Pistol Championships).

2. Criteria. The Chief’s 50 Marksmanship Badge is an individual award to be presented as follows:

   a. Awards will be made retroactive for CY 1971 through CY 1975 to the first 30 rifle and the first 20 pistol competitors in the Grand Aggregate Individual Matches at the Wilson Championships.

   b. Awards will be made retroactive for CY 1976 through CY 1977 to the first 20 rifle and the first 13 pistol individual competitors in the Grand Aggregate Individual Matches of the Composite Match Weapons phase and to the first 10 rifle and the first 7 pistol competitors in the Grand Aggregate Individual Matches of the Combat (standard weapons) phase.

   c. Awards will be made for CY 1978 and annually thereafter to the first 18 rifle and the first 12 pistol competitors in the Grand Aggregate Individual Matches of the Composite (match weapons) phase and to the first 10 rifle, the first 7 pistol, and the first 3 machinegun competitors in the Grand Aggregate Individual Matches of the Combat (standard weapons) phase.

   d. The award will be presented the first year the competitor qualifies with either rifle, pistol, or machinegun and will not be awarded to that competitor again. However, individuals who have previously received the award will be included in determining the “first 30, 20,” etc., referred to in a, b, and c above.

3. Description. The National Guard Chief’s 50 Marksmanship Badge, shown in figure 1, is a gold-plated circular medal, 1 1/8 inches in diameter suspended from a gold-plated top bar. The medal is inscribed “Winston P. Wilson Rifle and Pistol Championships” and has both the NGB emblem and the Minuteman stamped on the front. Additionally, the badge is serial numbered and engraved with the recipient’s name and the year it was won. A reproduction of the Chief’s 50 Marksmanship Badge on an embroidered patch will be issued with each badge.

4. Presentation. The badge will be presented by a general grade officer at the award’s ceremony at the conclusion of each phase of the Wilson Matches.

5. Announcement. Each award of the badge will be announced by the Chief, National Guard Bureau and will be documented on orders issued by the National Guard Bureau. A roster of recipients will be included in the “Official Bulletin, Announcement of Winners, the National Guard’s Marksmanship Program” for each calendar year beginning in CY 1977.

6. Recording. Each award will be noted in the military records of the recipient.

7. Supply. The Chief’s 50 Marksmanship Badges will be procured by the NGMTU for the Chief, National Guard Bureau. Badges lost, destroyed, or rendered unfit for use through no fault or neglect of the individual will be replaced when a request is submitted to the Chief, National Guard Bureau, ATTN: NGB-ARO-T. Replacement of badges caused by neglect by the individual may
be made by the Chief, National Guard Bureau with the individual being responsible for the cost.

8. Display. The Chief’s 50 Marksmanship Badge is authorized for wear when not on extended active service. When worn on the service uniform alone, the badge will be centered on the left pocket flap; when displayed with other Federal marksmanship badges, it will be worn to the left. The top bar will be 1/8 inch from the top of pocket flap. Not more than three marksmanship badges will be worn at the same time. The embroidered badge may be worn centered on the left pocket of the fatigue jacket, field jacket, or shooting uniform.

![Chief's 50 Marksmanship Badge](image)

Figure 1.
*Chief’s 50 Marksmanship Badge*

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