

**TITLE 36 - PATRIOTIC AND NATIONAL OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES,  
AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**Subtitle I - Patriotic and National Observances and Ceremonies**

**Part A - Observances and Ceremonies**

**CHAPTER 9 - MISCELLANEOUS**

**§ 903. Designation of Medal of Honor Flag**

(a) **Designation.**— The Secretary of Defense shall design and designate a flag as the Medal of Honor Flag. In selecting the design for the flag, the Secretary shall consider designs submitted by the general public.

(b) **Presentation.**— The Medal of Honor Flag shall be presented as specified in sections 3755, 6257, and 8755 of title 10 and section 505 of title 14.

(Added Pub. L. 107–248, title VIII, § 8143(b)(1), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1570.)

**Findings**

Pub. L. 107–248, title VIII, § 8143(a), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1570, provided that: “Congress finds that—

“(1) the Medal of Honor is the highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Forces of the United States;

“(2) the Medal of Honor was established by Congress during the Civil War to recognize soldiers who had distinguished themselves by gallantry in action;

“(3) the Medal of Honor was conceived by Senator James Grimes of the State of Iowa in 1861; and

“(4) the Medal of Honor is the Nation’s highest military honor, awarded for acts of personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty.”

**Presentation of Medal of Honor Flag**

Pub. L. 107–248, title VIII, § 8143(d), Oct. 23, 2002, 116 Stat. 1571, provided that: “The President shall provide for the presentation of the Medal of Honor Flag designated under section 903 of title 36, United States Code, as added by subsection (b), to each person awarded the Medal of Honor before the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 23, 2002] who is living as of that date. Such presentation shall be made as expeditiously as possible after the date of the designation of the Medal of Honor Flag by the Secretary of Defense under such section.”