

S.264
Veteran's Recognition
Plates
Senate Transportation
Committee

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S.264 - Background

- VT's DMV has an excellent program recognizing veterans
- 7.3% of American's have served in the military. Total living Vets in VT 35,000.
- 10% of veteran's have served in combat zones
- Vetted Department of Defense awards
- Co-Sponsors: Senators Champion, Ingalls, Wrenner, Gulick, Hashim, Norris, and Williams



Goal 1 – Adding Two Military Decorations

- Amend Sec 2. 23 VSA 304 (j)
- Additions: Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross
- Silver Star.
 - Third-highest military decoration for valor in combat.
 - Established in 1926
- Distinguished Flying Cross.
 - Awarded to distinguish themselves by acts of heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight.
 - Established in 1918
- Estimated 200 living Vermont awardees



Goal 2 – Administrative Clean Up

Available from DMV and already listed in Sec. 1. 23 VSA 304 (j):

- Purple Heart
- Pearl Harbor
- Prisoners of War
- Disabled Veterans



Available from DMV but not listed in Sec. 1. 23 VSA 304 (j):

- Gold Star Families
- Bronze Star
- Air Medal
- Campaign medals
 - WWII
 - Korea
 - Vietnam
 - Gulf War
 - Iraq
 - Afghanistan
- National Guard members