

Office of the Sheriff

Lee County

Medal Description



1. Medal of Honor Posthumous

The family of a Law Enforcement Officer killed in the performance of his or her duty.



2. Medal of Honor

Awarded for: An outstanding act in the line-of-duty at imminent personal hazard of life, with full knowledge of the risk involved. (Worn on left breast over Sheriff's star.)



3. Combat Cross

Awarded for: An individual act of heroism, at imminent Personal hazard of life in combat with an armed adversary. (Worn on right breast.)



4. Gallantry Star:

Awarded for: An act of distinguished bravery in the arrest of a person who is a major threat to the welfare of the community and/or the Office. (Worn on right breast.)



5. Meritorious Service:

Awarded for: A highly unusual accomplishment under adverse conditions with some degree of hazard to life and limb to the Nominee or where death or injury to a third party is prevented. (Worn on the right breast with blue section toward center of shirt.)



6. Wounded In Combat:

Awarded for: A wound received in the line-of-duty, inflicted intentionally by an armed adversary and resulting in severe puncture wounds, lacerations, fractures, heart failure or concussions being suffered by the nominee. (Worn on the left breast above the Sheriff's star.)

7. Legion of Honor:



Awarded for: Permanent injury and/or work related heart Condition in the active role of his or her job, thereby preventing an officer from further serving for a minimum period of three (3) months or longer. (Worn on right breast, blue section of bar toward center of shirt.)

8. Life Saving Medal:



Awarded for: An act performed in the line-of-duty, which through disregard of personal safety or prompt and alert action, results in saving a life. (Worn on the right breast, white section of bar toward center of shirt.)

9. Drug Buster:



Awarded for: The successful arrest of a narcotic criminal. (Worn on right breast.)

10. Unit Citation:



Awarded for: A team effort under combat conditions including all participating staff members, who, in support of Office operations, distinguished themselves to effectuate the protection of life and property. (Worn on the right breast.)

11. Grand Cordon:



Awarded for: Individual participation by a member of an operating unit whose efforts led the entire Office staff in cited action. Worn on the right breast.



12. Deputy of the Year:

Awarded for: Performance of a highly creditable accomplishment, which brought public acclaim to himself/herself, the Office of the Sheriff, or law enforcement in general. Chosen by Office Staff from a list of members who attained the honor of deputy of the month during one (1) calendar year. Presented at the first

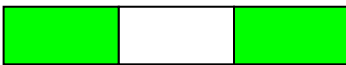
awards ceremony after December 31 of each year. Worn on the right breast.

13. Deputy of the Month/Quarter:



Awarded for: Performance by a member of a creditable act in the line-of-duty; that act showing initiative and accomplishment. Nominated by section/division commanders and submitted in writing by the 1st of each month. Nominations reviewed and member selected at the staff meeting held on the first Thursday of the month. Worn on the right Breast.

14. Outstanding Detention Officer:



Awarded for: Outstanding services and dedication to duty and acknowledges the nominees commitment to the highest of standards in the field of detention. Worn on the right breast.

15. Civilian of the Year



16. K-9 Commendation:



Awarded for: Successfully aiding and / or assisting to overcome any dangerous encounter through the coordinated team of Officer/Master and K-9. Worn on the right breast.

17. Distinguished Volunteer Service Cross:



Awarded for: Voluntary assistance and additional safety measures provided by Auxiliary Members and/or Volunteer members which improved services for their community. Worn on the right breast, white section towards center of shirt.

18. Chief's / Sheriff's Achievement:



Awarded for: An act or achievement by Chief or Sheriff bringing acclaim to the Office and/or the Law Enforcement profession. Worn on the right breast.

19. Exceptional Service Medal:



Awarded for: A highly creditable accomplishment bringing public acclaim to the Officer, his or her Office and/or the Law Enforcement profession as a result of training and devotion to duty, or service to the public. Also awarded for the completion of the FBI academy. Worn on the right breast.

20. Official's Medal:



Awarded for: Achievement, courage or high ability in carrying out the mission of an elect body of government officials.

21. Negotiator's Medal:



Awarded for: Maintaining the presence of composure, alert talk-down and wit under extreme circumstance which prevented a life threat. Worn on the right breast.

22. Samaritan Medal:



Awarded for: An act of humanity as a friend to those in need, by attending to them in the time of crisis, accident or danger and providing them with understanding and confidence. Worn on the right breast with white section toward center of shirt.

23. Disaster Response Commendation Award



Awarded for: A highly creditable accomplishment bringing public acclaim to the agency member, his or her Office and/or the Law Enforcement profession as a result

of his/her efforts during a natural or manmade disaster.
(Worn on the right breast with the white portion to the top.

24. Honorable Service:



Awarded for: A creditable act in the line-of-duty, which meets some, but not all of the requirements for other medals, and is unusual in nature, showing initiative and accomplishment. Worn on the right breast.



25. Volunteer of the Year

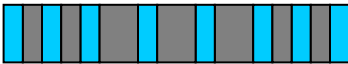
Awarded for: Outstanding services and dedication to duty and acknowledges the nominees commitment to the highest of standards in the field of detention. Worn on the right breast.

26. Volunteer of the Month/Quarter:



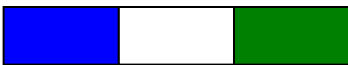
Awarded for: Outstanding services and dedication to duty and acknowledges the nominees commitment to the highest of standards in the field of detention. Worn on the right breast.

27. Ready Commendation:



Awarded for: Completion of 25 years service and continuing to qualify as being professionally ready to perform and dispatch his or her duties in the highest level of performance. Worn on the right breast.

28. Life Achievement:



Awarded for: Completion of 20 years of distinguished service to the citizens of Lee County and the Office of the Sheriff by performing faithfully his or her duties. Selected by Office Staff after review of the members accomplishments. Worn on the right breast with the green section towards the center of shirt.

29. Honorable Discharge:



Awarded for: Recognition of an officer who is eligible for retirement or leaving the agency due to a medical condition and has served the community during his or her period of service in an honorable fashion. Worn on the right breast.

30. Triumphant Bar:



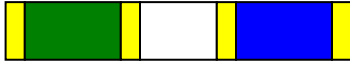
Awarded for: Rising above the “Best of the Best” in the spirit of competition. The event must be sponsored by the approval of the Office. Bar only awarded with certificate. Worn on the right breast.

31. Good Conduct Bar:



Awarded for: A five-year consecutive service hitch by a member of the Office without official discipline reported. Bar only awarded with certificate. Worn on the right breast.

32. Educational Achievement Bar:



Awarded for: Achievement in education/training and or the introduction of a new method or device to improve Office procedure. Education- while employed with the Office, obtaining a two-year college degree, four-year college degree, masters degree, doctorate degree. Training with 350 hours of administrative and/or supervisory instruction, and/or FBI graduate. Worn on the right breast blue section towards center of shirt.

33. Outstanding Explorer:



Awarded for: Dedication to the Explorer Unit and the Office of the Sheriff through contributions of service. This individual exemplifies the standard of future Law Enforcement Officers. Worn on the right breast.

34. Sheriff’s Master Class Award:



Awarded for: Demonstrating a level of outstanding firearms proficiency by qualifying with a perfect score for

three (3) consecutive years. Worn as first attached bar on right breast, closest to the center of shirt.



35. Sheriff's Pistol Expert Award:

Awarded for: Demonstrating a high level of firearms proficiency by qualifying with a perfect score, one or two years consecutively. Worn as first attached bar on right breast, closest to center of shirt.

35. Military Service Bars:

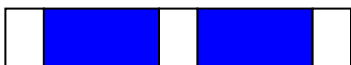
Awarded for: Members of the Sheriff's Office who have served in combat in one or more of the following cited actions. The member must be able to provide documentation that he/she served in a unit directly involved in hostilities. Must have received combat pay and have DD-214 available to support claim. Not given at awards ceremony. Awarded directly to member after review of records/documentation. Worn as the first attached bar on the right breast. MEMBER MUST BE OFF PROBATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS AWARD.



A. *World War I*



B. *World War II*



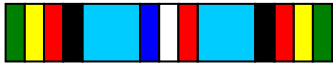
C. *Korea*



D. *Vietnam*

Military Expeditionary Force Service Bar:

Awarded for: Members of the Sheriff's Office who have served in combat in one or more of the following cited campaigns: The member must be able to provide documentation that he/she served in a unit directly involved in hostilities. Must have received combat pay and have DD-214 available to support claim. Not given an annual award ceremony. Awarded directly to member after review of records/documentation. Worn as the first attached bar on the right breast. MEMBER MUST BE OFF PROBATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS AWARD.



- A. *El Salvador*
 - B. *Grenada*
 - C. *Lebanon*
 - D. *Panama*
 - E. *Desert Storm*
 - F. *Bosnia*
 - G. *Kosova*
- and any other campaigns after these

ATTACHMENTS



Silver Star



Gold Star



Silver Oak Leaf



Gold Oak Leaf

Silver Star = 2nd, 3rd, and 4th awards

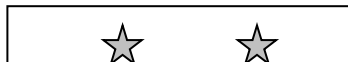
Gold Star = 5th, 6th, and 7th awards

Gold Oak Leaf = 8th, 9th, 10th and Officer/Volunteer of the Year

Second Award



Third Award



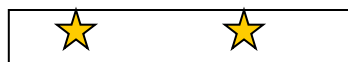
Fourth Award



Fifth Award



Sixth Award



Seventh Award



Eighth Award silver



Ninth Award silver



Tenth Award silver



Wearing Order

The issued medals are to be worn in a directed order. Only one of each medal will be worn. If you have been awarded the same medal a second time, the medal will be reissued with a star. The proper order in wearing the medals is the lowest number, i.e. #1 being the highest award, will be at the top on your chest, under the American Flag Bar. Followed by the remaining bars in order of number, this unless directed to be worn over the Sheriff's star. Observed the following example in priority.

<i>FLAG</i>	
<i>Medal #10</i>	<i>Medal #8</i>
<i>Medal #16</i>	<i>Medal #14</i>
<i>Medal #27</i>	<i>Medal #17</i>

Looking at the uniform the lowest number is closest to the heart