

Cold War vets certificate

There is such a thing as a Cold War Veterans Recognition Certificate. The certificates were created as part of the National Defense Authorization Act in 1998. They honor military veterans and U.S. government employees who served "faithfully and honorably" during the Cold War Era.

For the purposes of this honor, the era is defined as Sept. 2, 1945, through Dec. 26, 1991.

National Guard and Reserve members are eligible, but government contractors and volunteers are not.

To document your claim, send a copy of a dated document from the era that includes your name, Social Security number, Military Service number or Foreign Service number. Acceptable documentation includes LES or SF50 forms.

All requests must include the words, "I certify that my service was honorable and faithful."

- Applications can be mailed to Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top Road, Fairfax, VA 22030-7445 or submitted over the Internet at <http://coldwar.army.mil>.

The program is so popular, according to information on the site, that it will take four months to get a certificate.

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Your request for a Cold War Recognition Certificate has been received for the following person and will be mailed to the following address. You should print this page or make a note of your Reference Number and include it with the supporting documentation that you submit.

Richard I. Bernard

7632 157th St W #301

Apple Valley, MN 55124

Please send the supporting documentation for your request by regular mail or fax. Supporting documentation must be received within 12 months of the date on which the request is received.

Mail: Cold War Recognition Fax: 1-800-723-9262

4035 Ridge Top Road

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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION

RICHARD I. BERNARD

*In recognition of your service during the period of the
Cold War (2 September 1945 - 26 December 1991) in promoting
peace and stability for this Nation, the people of this Nation are
forever grateful.*

Robert Gates
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE