

Figure 5.1. DECS.



5.4.1.3. Process. Reference paragraphs 1.5, 1.8, 2.4, and 2.6.

5.4.1.4. Approval Authority: Reference Table 5.1.

5.4.1.5. Award Description. A gold-colored medal bearing the AF coat of arms with a wreath of laurel leaves. The ribbon is dark blue silk with three dotted golden-orange lines in the center. An illustration of the medal is provided at Figure 5.1.

5.4.1.5.1. A miniature medal, gold colored lapel emblem and AF Form 1310, *Department of the Air Force Exceptional Civilian Service Award Certificate* available through AF E-Publishing (<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil>), will accompany this award.

5.4.1.5.1.1. The emblem with a ruby indicates second award of the DECS.

5.4.1.5.1.2. The emblem with a diamond indicates receipt of more than two DECS.

5.4.1.5.2. The certificate is prepared and provided by SAF/AAR for nominations being reviewed by SAF/AA.

5.4.1.5.3. The servicing CPS provides the medal set (stock #8455-00-965-4763) and the miniature medal (#8455-00-546-6108). The gold-colored emblem with a ruby stock #8455-00-890-1868 and the gold-colored emblem with a diamond stock #8455-00-848-5237 are available through the Defense Supply System.

#### 5.4.2. Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award (OCCSA).

5.4.2.1. Purpose. To recognize outstanding career service meriting recognition at the time of retirement.

5.4.2.2. Eligibility. Civilian employees who, throughout their career, provided leadership or unusual competence, and their noteworthy accomplishments had a significant impact upon the AF mission. Submit the nomination through proper channels within 60 days of the presentation ceremony.

5.4.2.3. Process. Reference paragraphs 1.5, 1.8, 2.4, and 2.6.

5.4.2.4. Approval Authority: Reference Table 5.1.

5.4.2.5. Award Description: A bronze-colored medal bearing the AF coat of arms within a wreath of laurel leaves. The ribbon is white, trimmed in maroon, with three maroon strips in the center. An illustration of the medal is provided at Figure 5.2.

5.4.2.5.1. A bronze-colored lapel emblem and AF Form 2856, Outstanding Civilian Career Service Award; available through AF E-Publishing (<http://www.e-publishing.af.mil>), will accompany this award.

5.4.2.5.2. The approval authority provides the medal set (Stock #8455-01-187-0127); available through the Defense Supply System.

**Figure 5.2. OCCSA.**



#### **5.4.3. Air Force Civilian Award for Valor (AFCAV).**

5.4.3.1. Purpose. To recognize an act of heroism with voluntary risk of personal safety in the face of danger, either on or off the job.

5.4.3.2. Eligibility. Civilian employees (as defined in paragraph 2.4) who exhibited great courage and voluntarily risked personal safety beyond the call of duty, such as approaching or entering a burning aircraft in an attempt to rescue trapped victims. Submit the nomination through proper channels. Submit the nomination through the proper directorate (i.e., SAFPC or SAF/AA) to the SecAF within six months of the desired presentation.

5.4.3.3. Process. Reference paragraphs 1.5, 1.8, 2.4, and 2.6.

5.4.3.4. Approval Authority. Reference Table 5.1.