

**Table 5.1. Civilian Honorary Awards Approval Authority (see all notes).**

<b>Decorations</b>						
<i>(An "X" in a column indicates approval authority for the decoration in the heading.)</i>	<b>OCCSA</b>	<b>AFCAV</b>	<b>MCSA</b>	<b>CCAV</b>	<b>ECSA</b>	<b>CAA</b>
<b>HAF: Secretariat, Air Staff DCS/ADCS and 2-Letter Directors</b>	X		X (see note 4)	X	X	X
<b>HAF: Air Staff ADCS and Directors (colonel or higher and CL equivalents)</b>			X		X	X
<b>MAJCOM/CC/CV and Director/Deputy Director of ANG</b>	X (see note 5)		X	X	X	X
<b>MAJCOM Director/Head of Staff Office, or DCS/Staff Office (colonel or higher and CL equivalents), and Chief Air Directorate Staff/ANG</b>			X		X	X
<b>NAF, DRU, FOA, and Center CC (see note 6)</b>	X (see note 5)		X	X (see note 7)	X	X
<b>NAF, DRU, FOA, and Center CV (colonel or higher and CL equivalents)</b>			X		X	X
<b>JTF/CTF Commander/AF Component Commander (Maj Gen or higher and CL equivalents)</b>		X (see note 3)	X	X (see note 3)	X	X
<b>Wing CC/CV (colonel or higher and CL equivalents)</b>	X (see note 7)		X	X (see note 7)	X	X
<b>Wing CV (colonel or higher and CL equivalents)</b>			X		X	X

Group/CC/CV (colonel or higher and CL equivalent)			X		X	X
State Adjutants General			X		X	X
Group/CC (Lieutenant colonel and CL equivalent) (military must be on G-series orders)					X	X
Squadron/CC (military must be on G-series orders)						X

**Notes:**

1. SECAF approved delegation is outlined in the table above. SAFPC will board and process all nominations (except for career CSE) to the SecAF (refer to paragraph 2.1.2 of this publication). SAF/AA will process all career CSE nominations through the ERB to the SecAF (refer to paragraph 2.1.5 of this publication).
2. SECAF retains award/approval authority for the DECS and AFCAV, unless delegated. Refer to paragraphs 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 of this publication for additional procedures.
3. This authority is delegated by SECAF (or designee) during combat operations, upon written request. The Commander Air Force Forces (COMAFFOR) will act as the sole approval authority for personnel entering the area of operations and support the operations within their purview. The COMAFFOR will process all decorations based solely on accomplishments in their area of responsibility.
4. MCSA approval authority may be delegated to Directors in the grade of colonel and above (to include equivalent CLs).
5. On 8 Sep 14, SecAF authorized MAJCOM/CCs to delegate OCCSA approval authority to MAJCOM/CVs in the grade of Major General (MajGen) and higher (or civilian leader equivalent). Also, SecAF delegated OCCSA approval authority to commanders of Number Air Forces, Field Operating Agencies, Centers and Direct Reporting Units, in the rank of MajGen and higher (or CL equivalents).
6. May delegate ECSA and CAA approval authority to their Directors (colonel or higher and CL equivalent).
7. This approval authority must be delegated by the MAJCOM/CC.