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MONTPELIER – Gov. Peter Shumlin today awarded medals to four Vermont veterans for their service to Vermont and the nation.

The Vermont Distinguished Service Medal, recognizing an honorable discharge and service in a combat theater, and the Vermont Veterans Medal, recognizing an honorable discharge, were both presented in the Senate Chambers at the State House.

Mr. Stephen Spencer, WW II Veteran with the United States Navy received both the Vermont Distinguished Service Medal and the Vermont Veterans Medal.

Mr. David Bean, a Gulf War Veteran with the United States Navy received both the Vermont Distinguished Service Medal and the Vermont Veterans Medal.

Mr. Patrick C. Johnson-Hedges served with the United States Navy and received the Vermont Veterans Medal.

Mr. Theodore A. Tighe served with the United States Army and received the Vermont Veterans Medal.

“We could not be more proud to join together today to honor four Vermont veterans and recognize the incredible sacrifice and contribution they and their loved ones have made in service to our state and country,” Gov. Peter Shumlin said.

“This is a fitting way to recognize the service of Vermont veterans, especially on the heels of having just celebrated Veterans Day. These four answered the call of service and I am proud to stand in their company today,” said Robert Burke, Director of the Vermont Office of Veterans Affairs.

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