

Student Designs for State Heroism Medal Are Invited

Governor William A. Egan has extended an invitation to all Alaska school students to submit designs for a State heroism medal authorized by the last session of the Legislature.

Chapter 12 of the 1965 Alaska session laws directs the Governor to "make arrangements for the designing of the medal for heroism through a statewide design competition participated in by the school children of Alaska."

William T. Zahradnicek, Alaska commissioner of education, is now sending to all school administrators a memorandum on this competition and design specifications. Deadline

for submission of designs is December 1, 1965.

Judging of the designs and selection of the one to be used for the medal will be done by a committee composed of the following distinguished Juneau residents: Rear Admiral G. D. Synon, commandant, 17th Coast Guard District; Mrs. Rie Munoz, Alaska artist; Thomas A. Morgan, businessman; Joseph Briones, American Legion service officer for Alaska; and Brigadier General William S. Elmore, Alaska adjutant general.

The heroism medal, according to the statute, is to be presented by the Governor "directly or posthumously to any citizen of the State in recognition of a valorous and heroic deed performed by him in the saving of a life or for injury or death or threat of injury or death incurred by him in the service of the State or his community or on behalf of the health, welfare or safety of other persons. The medal shall be awarded by the Governor with an appropriate ceremony."