(A) served on or after September 11, 2001, in the 124th Cavalry, Texas Army National Guard; and
(B) served in a hostile fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense;
(9) Texas Combat Service Ribbon, which shall be awarded to a member of the Texas National Guard who served, after September 11, 2001, in a hostile fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense;
(10) Texas Purple Heart Medal, which shall be awarded to a person who, after September 11, 2001:
    (A) was inducted into federal service from the Texas National Guard; and
    (B) meets the criteria for an award of the federal Purple Heart Medal;
(11) Texas Superior Service Medal, which shall be awarded to:
    (A) a member of the state military forces who has:
        (i) completed 30 or more years of honorable state service or a combination of state and federal service; and
        (ii) continually demonstrated superior performance and service while assigned to key leadership positions demanding responsibility; or
    (B) a civilian who has contributed significant service to the state military forces;
(12) Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal, which shall be awarded to a member of the state military forces who served:
    (A) on or after September 11, 2001;
    (B) on state active duty or active duty under state authority in accordance with Title 32 of the United States Code; and
    (C) satisfactorily in defense support to a mission in the state under civilian authority;
(13) Texas Iraqi Campaign Medal, which shall be awarded to a person who was inducted into federal service from the Texas National Guard, without regard to the place that the person was deployed while serving on active federal military duty, after:
    (A) March 19, 2003, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; or
    (B) August 31, 2010, in support of Operation New Dawn; and
(14) Texas Afghanistan Campaign Medal, which shall be awarded to a person who was inducted into federal service from the Texas National Guard after October 6, 2001, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, without regard to the place that the person was deployed while serving on active federal military duty; and
(15) Cold War Medal, which shall be awarded to a member of the Texas National Guard or the Texas State Guard who served between September 2, 1945, and December 26, 1991, subject to Subsection (c).
(c) A person described by Subsection (a)(15) may be awarded a Cold War Medal only if a fee in the amount necessary to cover the costs of awarding the medal is paid to the adjutant general's department.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed by the House on April 3, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 244
H.B. No. 403
AN ACT
relating to liability of certain certified municipal inspectors for services rendered during an emergency or disaster.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 150.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by amending Subdivision (I) and adding Subdivisions (1-a) and (1-b) to read as follows:

(1) "Certified municipal inspector" means an individual who is employed full-time by a political subdivision and is currently:

(A) certified by a national model code group; or

(B) licensed as a plumbing inspector, as defined by Section 1301.002, Occupations Code.

(1-a) "Licensed or registered professional" means a licensed architect, licensed professional engineer, registered professional land surveyor, registered landscape architect, or any firm in which such licensed or registered professional practices, including but not limited to a corporation, professional corporation, limited liability corporation, partnership, limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture, or any other business entity.

(1-b) "National model code group" means an organization consisting of industry and government fire and building safety officials that develops and promulgates a national model code, as defined by Section 214.217, Local Government Code.

SECTION 2. Chapter 150, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 150.004 to read as follows:

Sec. 150.004. LIABILITY FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR DURING EMERGENCY OR DISASTER. (a) This section applies only to a certified municipal inspector who provides inspection services if the services:

(1) are authorized by the scope of the inspector's:

(A) national model code group certification; or

(B) plumbing inspector's license under Chapter 1301, Occupations Code;

(2) are provided voluntarily and without compensation or the expectation of compensation from any source;

(3) are in response to and provided during the duration of a proclaimed state of emergency under Section 433.001, Government Code, or a declared state of disaster under Section 418.014, Government Code;

(4) are provided at the request or with the approval of a federal, state, or local public official acting in an official capacity in response to the proclaimed state of emergency or declared disaster, including a law enforcement official, public safety official, or building inspection official; and

(5) are related to a structure, building, premises, piping, or other system, either publicly or privately owned.

(b) A certified municipal inspector who provides the services to which this section applies is not liable for civil damages, including personal injury, wrongful death, property damage, or other loss related to the inspector's act, error, or omission in the performance of the services, unless the act, error, or omission constitutes:

(1) gross negligence; or

(2) wanton, wilful, or intentional misconduct.

SECTION 3. This Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act. A cause of action that accrues before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the cause of action immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
TITLE 245
H.B. No. 410
AN ACT
relating to the administration and operation of the appellate judicial system for the Second Court of Appeals District; changing an appellate judicial system court costs fee in certain counties.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 22.2031, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22.2031. APPELLATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. (a) The commissioners court of each county in the Second Court of Appeals District by order entered in its minutes shall establish an appellate judicial system to:

(1) assist the court of appeals for the county in the processing of appeals filed with the court of appeals from the county courts, statutory county courts, statutory probate courts, and district courts; and

(2) defray costs and expenses incurred in the operation of the court of appeals by the county under Section 22.203.

(b) To fund the system, the commissioners court shall set a court costs fee of $5 for each civil suit filed in county court, statutory county court, statutory probate court, or district court in the county.

(c) The court costs fee does not apply to a suit filed by any governmental entity or to a suit for delinquent taxes.

(d) The court costs fee shall be taxed, collected, and paid as other court costs in a suit. The clerk of the court shall collect the court costs fee set under this section and pay it to the county officer who performs the county treasurer's functions. That officer shall deposit the fee in a separate appellate judicial system fund for the commissioners court to assist the court of appeals district. The fund may not be used for any other purpose.

(e) The funds collected under this section must be forwarded monthly to the court of appeals for expenditure by the court of appeals for its judicial system.

(f) The chief justice of the court of appeals is responsible for management of the funds forwarded to the court of appeals under this section and has sole discretion as to the use of the funds, except that the funds must be used for purposes consistent with the purposes of the appellate judicial system as described by Subsection (a). The commissioners court has the authority necessary to assist the court of appeals in the administration and management of the system and to contract with any private corporation, public corporation, or a combination of those corporations.

SECTION 2. Section 101.0611, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.0611. DISTRICT COURT FEES AND COSTS: GOVERNMENT CODE. The clerk of a district court shall collect fees and costs under the Government Code as follows:

(1) appellate judicial system filing fees for:

(A) First or Fourteenth Court of Appeals District (Sec. 22.2021, Government Code) ... not more than $5;

(B) Second Court of Appeals District (Sec. 22.2031, Government Code) ... [not more than] $5;

(C) Third Court of Appeals District (Sec. 22.2041, Government Code) ... $5;