

Ashland, KY. Veteran Sentenced for Selling Forged Military Certificates

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ASHLAND, KY - A veteran from Ashland, Ky., who made thousands of dollars selling counterfeit military certificates online was sentenced Monday.

U.S. District Judge David L. Bunning sentenced 41-year-old Clinton C. Douglas Salyer to three years of probation for affixing fraudulent seals to military certificates. Of the thirty-six month probation sentence, Salyer will serve six months in home detention.

Salyer previously admitted that he manufactured and sold thousands of fake military certificates. He used an eBay store and an internet website to solicit the forged certificates which announced honorable discharges, military awards and military training from all branches of U.S. Service.

Court documents say Salyer sold approximately 2,800 fake certificates and made around \$42,000.

According to his plea agreement, Salyer forged seals of the Department of Defense, Navy, Army, U.S. Marine Corps and the U.S. Coast Guard.

Kerry B. Harvey, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Quentin G. Aucoin, Special Agent in Charge, VA OIG, Southeast Field Office; Jeffrey Arsenault, Special Agent in Charge, DCIS, Central Field Office; and Tim Reeves, Special Agent in Charge, NCIS, Central Field Office, jointly made the announcement today.

The investigation was conducted by the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Assistant United States Attorney Laura K. Voorhees represented the U.S. Attorney's Office in this case.