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SUBJ/ANNOUNCEMENT AND GUIDANCE FOR ISSUANCE OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM  
SERVICE MEDAL (GWOTSM) FOR NAVY PERSONNEL//

REF/A/DOC/WHITE HOUSE E.O. 13289/13MAR2003//

REF/B/DOC/SECDEF/28OCT2003//

REF/C/DOC/SECDEF/26FEB2004//

REF/D/DOC/SECDEF/09NOV2004//

REF/E/DOC/SECNAVINST 1650.1G/07JAN2002//

NARR/REF A IS WHITE HOUSE EXECUTIVE ORDER APPROVING THE GWOT SERVICE MEDAL.

REF B AUTHORIZED RELEASE OF THE GWOTSM AND POLICY INSTRUCTION. REF C

ANNOUNCED FINAL APPROVAL OF THE GWOTSM AND GWOT EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

(GWOTEM). REF D ANNOUNCED REVISED GWOTSM POLICY. REF E IS THE NAVY AND MARINE  
CORPS AWARDS MANUAL.//

RMKS/1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NAVADMIN IS TO ANNOUNCE THE APPROVAL OF THE  
GWOTSM AND TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AWARD WITHIN THE NAVY. PER REFS A THROUGH D, GWOTSM IS  
AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUE TO NAVY PERSONNEL AS OUTLINED IN PARAS 2 THROUGH 6 OF THIS  
NAVADMIN.

2. GWOTSM BASIC ELIGIBILITY:

A. INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OR SERVED IN SUPPORT OF THE GLOBAL WAR ON  
TERRORISM FOR SPECIFIED OPERATIONS ON OR AFTER 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 AND TO A  
FUTURE DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

B. SERVICE MEMBERS MUST BE ASSIGNED, ATTACHED OR MOBILIZED TO A UNIT  
PARTICIPATING IN OR SERVING IN SUPPORT OF DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR 30  
CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR 60 NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS OR MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING  
CRITERIA:

(1) BE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COMBAT REGARDLESS OF TIME IN THE OPERATION.

(2) WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION, REGARDLESS OF TIME, BE KILLED,  
WOUNDED OR INJURED REQUIRING MEDICAL EVACUATION.

3. SPECIFIED OPERATIONS. INITIAL APPROVED OPERATIONS ARE AIRPORT SECURITY (27 SEP  
01 THROUGH 31 MAY 02), NOBLE EAGLE, ENDURING FREEDOM AND IRAQI FREEDOM. FUTURE  
APPROVED OPERATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA NAVADMIN AND WILL POSTED ON THE  
NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://AWARDS.NAVY.MIL](https://awards.navy.mil).

4. AWARDING AUTHORITY FOR NAVY PERSONNEL RESTS WITH THE CHIEF OF NAVAL  
OPERATIONS AND COMBATANT COMMANDERS.

A. CNO AUTHORIZES THE WEARING OF THE GWOTSM FOR NAVY PERSONNEL ATTACHED  
TO COMMANDS WHO EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY SUPPORTED THE DESIGNATED  
OPERATIONS. SUPPORT IS DEFINED AS ADMINISTRATIVE, LOGISTICAL, PLANNING,  
OPERATIONAL, TECHNICAL, READINESS AND ANY OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES RELATED TO  
THE DESIGNATED OPERATIONS.

B. NAVY PERSONNEL IN INITIAL ACCESSION TRAINING, TO INCLUDE FOLLOW-ON CAREER-  
SPECIFIC TRAINING, DO NOT QUALIFY FOR THE GWOTSM UNDER THIS AUTHORIZATION.  
ELIGIBILITY BEGINS ONCE ASSIGNED TO THE FIRST PERMANENT DUTY STATION AFTER  
COMPLETION OF INITIAL AND FOLLOW-ON TRAINING.

C. ECHELON 2 COMMANDS SHALL SUBMIT A LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS DEEMED QUALIFIED  
FOR THE GWOTSM TO CNO FOR APPROVAL. SEND LIST IN EXCEL FORMAT WITH SIGNED  
COVER LETTER IN PDF FORMAT TO [NAVYAWARDS@NAVY.MIL](mailto:NAVYAWARDS@NAVY.MIL). SUBJECT LINE TO READ:  
GWOTSM QUALIFIED LIST ATTACHED. APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON THE  
NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE.

D. COMMANDING OFFICERS AND NAVY LEADERS SHALL ENSURE PERSONNEL CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THEIR COMMAND OR ORGANIZATION WHO ARE QUALIFIED FOR THE GWOTSM ARE PROVIDED THE MEDAL AND PROPER DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETED.

E. FOR NAVY PERSONNEL HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR RETIRED AFTER 11 SEP 2001 WHO MEET THE CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND ARE REQUESTING THE GWOTSM: SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST INDICATING UNIT AND DATES ASSIGNED, AND CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS WITH A COPY OF THE UNDELETED VERSION OF THE DD-214 TO: NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND (PERS-312) 5720 INTEGRITY DR, MILLINGTON, TN 38055. IF AVAILABLE, SUPPORTING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTATION SHOWING SERVICE WITH A QUALIFYING UNIT (EX: EVAL, FITREP) SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

F. ORGANIZATIONS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO SECNAV ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES IN PARAS 4. B AND C, TO ENSURE PROPER DOCUMENTATION FOR QUALIFIED NAVY PERSONNEL.

G. NAVY PERSONNEL WHO WERE/ARE ASSIGNED TO COMBATANT COMMANDS OR WHO SERVED WITH OTHER SERVICES THAT PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED THE GWOTSM ARE NOW AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE MEDAL. PROPER DOCUMENTATION MUST BE INCORPORATED IN THE SERVICE RECORD.

5. SUBSEQUENT AWARDS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT AWARDS OF THE GWOTSM.

6. THE GWOTSM MAY BE AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY.

7. PRECEDENCE. THE GWOTSM WILL BE POSITIONED DIRECTLY BELOW THE GWOTEM IN PRECEDENCE; BOTH SHALL DIRECTLY FOLLOW THE KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL. NAVY PERSONNEL MAY RECEIVE THE GWOTEM AND GWOTSM, IF THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH AWARDS; HOWEVER, THE QUALIFYING PERIOD USED TO JUSTIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR ONE CANNOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OTHER.

8. THE GWOTSM IS AVAILABLE VIA THE SUPPLY SYSTEM UNDER STOCK NUMBER 8455-01-506-7170.

9. REF E WILL BE ANNOTATED TO INCLUDE THIS AMENDMENT. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, VISIT THE NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://AWARDS.NAVY.MIL](https://awards.navy.mil).

10. RELEASED BY VADM A. T. CHURCH III, DIRECTOR, NAVY STAFF.//

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