

DoD Approved NATO Medals for Acceptance and Wear

<b>NATO Medals</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Service in operations related to the the former Republic of Yugoslavia – Operations DENY FLIGHT, MARITIME MONITOR, MARITIME GUARD, SHARP GUARD, JOINT ENDEAVOR, JOINT GUARD, and JOINT FORGE.	Jul 1, 1992	Oct 12, 1998
Service in operations related to Kosovo – Operations ALLIED FORCE (U.S. Operation NOBLE ANVIL), JOINT GUARDIAN, ALLIED HARBOR, SUSTAIN HOPE, and SHINING HOPE	Oct 13, 1998	Dec 31, 2002
Operation EAGLE ASSIST (Airspace of North America following September 11, 2001)	Oct 12, 2001	May 16, 2002
NATO MEDAL ACTIVE ENDEAVOR – for Service in NATO operation ACTIVE ENDEAVOR (Mediterranean Sea)	Oct, 26, 2001	TBD
NATO Non-Article 5 MEDAL INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE FORCE OPERATION IN AFGHANISTAN	Jun 1, 2003	TBD
NATO Non-Article 5 MEDAL THE BALKANS – for Service in NATO-Led Operations in the Balkans. (Operation JOINT ENTERPRISE) (Note 1)	Jan 1, 2003	TBD
NATO Non-Article 5 MEDAL – NATO TRAINING MISSION – IRAQ. Also awarded for NATO Training Implementation Mission - Iraq.	Aug 18, 2004	Dec 31, 2011
NATO Non-Article 5 MEDAL FOR NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL (NAC) APPROVED NATO OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN RELATION TO AFRICA – (Operations ALLIED PROVIDER, ALLIED PROTECTOR, and OCEAN SHIELD)	Jan 1, 2008	TBD
Note 1: NATO MEDAL THE BALKANS is authorized to replace the NATO medals issued for operations JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, ESSENTIAL HARVEST, and AMBER FOX.		

## **Medal for Operation Active Endeavour**



### **General Eligibility Criteria :**

Eligible personnel are those serving, either as individuals or as part of an element of the forces, in accordance with OPLAN 10708. Those under both NATO and national command, or control, available to the Commander of Task Force ENDEAVOUR (TFE) and Task Group STROG (TGS) and only whilst in the Area of Operation, will be entitled to the award.

### **Area of Operations**

Operation “ACTIVE ENDEAVOUR” is conducted in the international waters of the Mediterranean Sea, and Straits of Gibraltar (STROG), and in the airspace above it within the Area of Operation as detailed in OPLAN 10708, paragraph 5a(2) (noting also paragraph 1b) also CC-Mar Naples OPLAN 43708.

### **Qualifying Service**

The qualifying period in the Area of Operations is 30 days continuous or accumulated service from 26 October 2001 and a termination date, which will be notified in a supplementary document.

### **Aircrew**

Aircrew will accumulate one day’s service for the first sortie flown of any day in the Area of Operations; additional sorties flown on the same day receive no further credit. This requirement exists for combat aircraft as well as support aircraft to include tanker, airlift and surveillance platforms.

## **NATO medal for the Balkans**



### **General Eligibility Criteria**

Personnel eligible for the award are those who are members of units or staffs as set out in the Joint Operations Area (JOA) Combined Joint Statement of Requirements taking part in NATO operations in the Balkans in accordance with the qualifying conditions. Forces under NATO command or control and under national command in support of the NATO-led operations whilst in the JOA will be entitled to the award.

### **Area of Operations**

The Balkans JOA is delineated as the political boundaries and airspace of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Republic of Yugoslavia (including Kosovo), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (1) and Albania, based on the detailed description contained in the Joint OPLAN 10501 (2).

### **Qualifying Service**

The qualifying period in the Balkans JOA is 30 days continuous or accumulated service from 1 January 2003 and a termination date, which will be notified in a supplementary document.

### **Aircrew**

Aircrew will accumulate one day's service for the first sortie flown of any day; additional sorties flown on the same day receive no further credit. This requirement exists for combat aircraft as well as support aircraft to include tanker, airlift and surveillance platforms.

### **Additional Criteria for Transitional Arrangements**

The new Non-Article 5 medal for the Balkans is authorised from 1 January 2003. Transitional arrangements for the award of the three distinct NATO medals for operations JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, ESSENTIAL HARVEST and AMBER FOX to

the single medal for the Non-Article 5 Operations in the Balkans are detailed in paragraphs 3.b to e below.

#### **One Medal–One Tour of Duty**

Personnel serving on NATO operations in the Balkans and qualifying for existing medals for the three different NATO Operations and for the Non-Article 5 medal for the Balkans either side of 1 January 2003 will receive one medal only for any single tour of duty of 180 days.

#### **On or before 2 December 2002**

An individual who began his/her tour of duty on or before 2 December 2002 will qualify only for existing medals for these specific operations (JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, ESSENTIAL HARVEST and AMBER FOX) according to the existing eligibility criteria and qualifying conditions.

#### **After 2 December 2002**

An individual who began his/her tour of duty in one of the Balkan areas after 2 December 2002 will qualify only for the Non-Article 5 medal for the Balkans according to the eligibility criteria and qualifying conditions explained above.

#### **Successive Tours – Adjacent Area**

An individual who is in the first, second or any successive tour of duty in any of the adjacent Areas (out of theatre indirect support in Italy Hungary, Greece or Austria) of Operations for JOINT FORGE, JOINT GUARDIAN, ESSENTIAL HARVEST and AMBER FOX ceased qualifying for the old style Medals and Arabic numeral denoting numbers of tours, at 2359Z hours on 31 December 2002. An individual who was in the first, second or any successive tour of duty and still in the theatre of Operation after 2359Z hours on 31 December 2002 and whose tour started on or prior to 2 Dec 2002 stopped qualifying for old style numerals when awarded the next respective numeral or the individual's tour ends, whichever is first. Numerals are not issued for the new Art 5 and Non-Art 5 Medals.

NATO HQ Sarajevo (NHQ Sa): from 2 December 2004, the new NATO HQ Sarajevo came into force and the NATO Stabilisation Force (SFOR) mission was complete.

Notes :

- (1) Turkey recognises the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.
- (2) OPLAN 10501 Joint Enterprise replaces SFOR, KFOR FYROM OPLANS.

## **Medal for ISAF (Afghanistan)**



### **General Eligibility Criteria**

Personnel eligible for the award are those who are members of units or staffs as set out in the Joint Operations Area (JOA) Combined Joint Statement of Requirements taking part in NATO operations in Afghanistan in accordance with the qualifying conditions. Entitlement will be acquired by those forces under NATO command or control whilst in the JOA, and those deployed to the JOA under national command in support of the NATO operation.

### **Area of Operation**

The Afghanistan JOA is delineated as the political boundaries and airspace of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) OPLAN 10302. The JOA includes Afghanistan and all neighbouring countries that have borders contiguous with Afghanistan where the force build up will be carried out and host elements of the force that provide direct support. Posts outside of the JOA are not eligible for the medal.

### **Qualifying Service**

The qualifying period in the Afghanistan JOA is thirty 30 days continuous or accumulated service from 1 June 2003 and a termination date, which will be notified in a supplementary document.

### **Aircrew**

Aircrew will accumulate one day's service for the first sortie flown of any day in the Area of Operations; additional sorties flown on the same day receive no further credit. This requirement exists for support as well as combat aircraft; support aircraft include tanker, airlift and surveillance platforms.

## **Medal for NATO Training Mission (Iraq)**



### **General Eligibility Criteria**

Personnel eligible for the award are those who are members of units or staffs as set out in the Joint Operations Area (JOA) Combined Joint Statement of Requirements taking part in NATO Training Implementation Mission - Iraq (NTIM-I) and NATO Training Mission - Iraq (NTM-I) as set out in OPLAN 10303 and in accordance with the qualifying conditions. Those forces under NATO command or control whilst in the Joint Operations Area will acquire entitlement, and those deployed to the Joint Operations Area under national command in support of both NATO missions.

### **Area of Operation**

The Joint Operations Area (JOA) includes Iraq and all neighbouring countries that have borders contiguous with Iraq and host elements of the force that provide direct support to NTIM-I and NTM- I.

### **Qualifying Service**

The qualifying period in the Iraq JOA is 30 days continuous or accumulated service from 18 August 2004 and a termination date, which will be notified in a supplementary document.

### **Aircrew**

Aircrew will accumulate one day's service for the first sortie flown of any day in the Area of Operations; additional sorties flown on the same day receive no further credit. This requirement exists for support as well as combat aircraft; support aircraft include tanker, airlift and surveillance platforms.

## NATO Meritorious Service Medal



The NATO Meritorious Service Medal was approved by the North Atlantic Council, and is awarded to military and civilian personnel who have been commended for providing exceptional or remarkable service to NATO. The Secretary of Defense has approved the acceptance and wear of the NATO MSM for U.S. military and civilian personnel.

Eligible personnel are individuals serving permanently or temporarily within NATO's operational chain of command or in those forces under NATO command or control, or in a NATO Body, who are commended personally by a Commander or a Head of a NATO Body for:

- Performing acts of courage in difficult or dangerous circumstances; or
- Showing exceptional leadership or personal example; or
- Making an outstanding individual contribution in any activity or program; or
- Enduring particular hardship or deprivation in the interest of NATO

The ribbon and medal fabric is NATO Blue with white edges, with silver and gold threads centered on the white. The medal disc is of silver color.