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

REF/A/LTR/WHITE HOUSE E.O. 13289/-//

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NARR/REF A IS WHITE HOUSE EXECUTIVE ORDER APPROVING THE GWOT EXPEDITIONARY
MEDAL. REF B AUTHORIZES RELEASE OF THE MEDAL AND POLICY INSTRUCTION. REF C
DEFINES AREA OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GWOT EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. REF D ANNOUNCES
FINAL APPROVAL OF THE GWOT EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. REF E IS THE NAVY AND MARINE
CORPS AWARDS MANUAL//

RMKS/1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS NAVADMIN MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THE APPROVAL OF
THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOTEM) AND TO PROVIDE
ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE AND PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AWARD. PER
REFS A THROUGH D, GWOTEM IS AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUE TO NAVY PERSONNEL AS
OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 THROUGH 5 OF THIS NAVADMIN. ELIGIBILITY FOR THE GLOBAL
WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL (GWOTSM) WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA SEPARATE
NAVADMIN MESSAGE.

2. GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL BASIC ELIGIBILITY:

A. INDIVIDUALS DEPLOYED ABROAD FOR SERVICE IN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM
FOR SPECIFIED OPERATIONS IN THE SPECIFIED AREA OF ELIGIBILITY (AOE) 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 DESIGNATED OPERATIONS FOR 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR 60
NONCONSECUTIVE DAYS OR MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(1) BE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COMBAT AGAINST THE ENEMY AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES
INVOLVING GRAVE DANGER OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY FROM ENEMY ACTION,
REGARDLESS OF TIME IN THE AOE.

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

C. PERSONNEL WHO PARTICIPATE AS A REGULARLY ASSIGNED AIR CREW MEMBER FLYING
SORTIES INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN, OR OVER THE AREA OF ELIGIBILITY IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF
OPERATIONS ENDURING FREEDOM AND/OR IRAQI FREEDOM ARE ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY FOR
AWARD OF THE EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. SEE ARTICLE 230.11 OF REF E FOR SORTIE
QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES.

3. SPECIFIED OPERATIONS. INITIAL APPROVED OPERATIONS ARE ENDURING FREEDOM AND
IRAQI FREEDOM. FUTURE APPROVED OPERATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED VIA NAVADMIN AND
POSTED ON THE NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE.

4. SPECIFIED AREA OF ELIGIBILITY (AOE). INITIAL APPROVED GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS
ENCOMPASS THE UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND AREA (LESS THE LOWER HORN OF
AFRICA); MIDDLE EAST; EASTERN TURKEY, PHILIPPINES; DIEGO GARCIA; AND ALL AIR SPACE
ABOVE THE LAND AND ADJACENT WATER AREAS. A MORE DETAILED LIST CAN BE FOUND ON
THE NEW NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE: [HTTPS://AWARDS.NAVY.MIL](https://awards.navy.mil). UNDER NO
CONDITION WILL UNITS OR PERSONNEL WITHIN THE 50 UNITED STATES OR WITHIN 200
NAUTICAL MILES OF THE SHORES OF THE 50 UNITED STATES BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE GWOTEM.

5. AWARDING AUTHORITY RESTS WITH COMBATANT COMMANDERS.

A. FOR INITIAL ISSUE, NAVY AWARDS WILL POST A LIST OF COMBATANT

COMMANDER-APPROVED PARTICIPATING UNITS, INCLUDING QUALIFYING DATES, ON THE NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE: [HTTPS://AWARDS.NAV.MIL](https://awards.navy.mil). COMMANDING OFFICERS SHALL ENSURE PERSONNEL CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THEIR COMMAND WHO WERE/ARE ASSIGNED TO A UNIT ON THIS LIST DURING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD ARE PROVIDED THE MEDAL AND PROPER DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETED.

B. COMMANDING OFFICERS OF QUALIFIED UNITS WHO ARE NOT LISTED SHOULD CONTACT THE APPLICABLE NAVY COMPONENT COMMANDER, VIA THEIR CHAIN-OF-COMMAND, TO REQUEST INCLUSION. ONCE THE COMBATANT COMMANDER APPROVES THE REQUEST, THE UNITS WILL BE ADDED TO THE MASTER LIST. COMMANDING OFFICERS MUST INCLUDE LOCATION (WITHIN THE APPROVED AOE) AND SPECIFIC DATES SERVED IN THE OPERATION IN THEIR REQUESTS.

C. NAVY COMPONENT COMMANDERS SHALL SUBMIT LISTS OF QUALIFIED UNITS TO THE COMBATANT COMMANDER FOR APPROVAL. ONCE APPROVAL IS OBTAINED, NOTIFY CNO (DNS37) (FORMERLY CNO N09B13) SO THAT THE UNITS MAY BE ADDED TO THE WEBSITE MASTER LIST.

D. FOR NAVY PERSONNEL HONORABLY DISCHARGED OR RETIRED AFTER 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 WHO MEET THE CRITERIA IN PARAGRAPH 2 AND ARE REQUESTING THE GWOTEM: 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 DOCUMENTATION SHOWING SERVICE WITH A QUALIFYING UNIT (EX: EVAL, FITREP) CAN BE INCLUDED. DO NOT SUBMIT REQUESTS UNTIL YOUR UNIT APPEARS ON THE APPROVED UNIT LIST ON THE NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE.

6. BATTLE STARS. BATTLE STARS MAY BE APPLICABLE FOR PERSONNEL WHO WERE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COMBAT AGAINST THE ENEMY AND UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING GRAVE DANGER OF DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY FROM ENEMY ACTION. ONLY A COMBATANT COMMANDER CAN INITIATE A REQUEST FOR A BATTLE STAR. CJCS IS FINAL APPROVAL AUTHORITY. SEE THE NAVY AWARDS WEBSITE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROCESS.

7. THE GWOT EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL MAY BE AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY.

8. PRECEDENCE. THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL WILL BE POSITIONED ABOVE THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL IN PRECEDENCE; BOTH SHALL DIRECTLY FOLLOW THE KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL. NAVY PERSONNEL MAY RECEIVE BOTH THE GWOTEM AND GWOT SERVICE MEDAL (GWOTSM) IF THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH AWARDS; HOWEVER, THE QUALIFYING PERIOD USED TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY FOR ONE CANNOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OTHER.

9. THE GWOT EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL IS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SUPPLY SYSTEM LISTED UNDER STOCK NUMBER 8455-01-506-7144.

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

11. RELEASED BY VADM P. A. TRACEY, DIRECTOR, NAVY STAFF.//

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