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15-072**

**Proponent  
AHRC-PDP-A**

**Title  
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL – REVISED CAMPAIGN, EXPEDITIONARY AND SERVICE  
MEDAL GUIDANCE**

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A. AR 600-8-22 (MILITARY AWARDS), 11 DECEMBER 2006 (RAR 002, 28 JUNE 2013).

B. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MEMORANDUM, 13 FEBRUARY 2015, SUBJECT:  
AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL – OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL AND TRANSITION II  
CAMPAIGN PHASE.

1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE ON 3 MARCH 2017.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ANNOUNCE THAT ON 13 FEBRUARY 2015, THE  
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCED OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS) AS A  
QUALIFYING OPERATION FOR AWARD OF THE AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ACM)  
EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2015. EFFECTIVE 31 DECEMBER 2014, OPERATION ENDURING  
FREEDOM (OEF) – AFGHANISTAN IS TERMINATED AND CAMPAIGN PHASE "TRANSITION I" IS  
CLOSED. EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 2015, "TRANSITION II" HAS BEEN ADDED AS A NEW CAMPAIGN  
PHASE FOR THE ACM.

3. THE OPERATIONS FOR AFGHANISTAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OPERATION	DATE
ENDURING FREEDOM	11 SEPTEMBER 2001 – 31 DECEMBER 2014
FREEDOM'S SENTINEL	1 JANUARY 2015 – TO BE DETERMINED

4. THE CAMPAIGNS PHASES FOR AFGHANISTAN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CAMPAIGN PHASES	DATE
LIBERATION OF AFGHANISTAN	1 SEPTEMBER 2001 – 30 NOVEMBER 2001
CONSOLIDATION I	1 DECEMBER 2001 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2006
CONSOLIDATION II	1 OCTOBER 2006 – 30 NOVEMBER 2009
CONSOLIDATION III	1 DECEMBER 2009 – 30 JUNE 2011
TRANSITION I	1 JULY 2011 – 31 DECEMBER 2014
TRANSITION II	1 JANUARY 2015 – TO BE DETERMINED

5. ONE BRONZE SERVICE STAR WILL BE WORN ON THE SUSPENSION AND CAMPAIGN RIBBON

OF THE ACM TO DENOTE PARTICIPATION IN EACH DESIGNATED CAMPAIGN. SHOULD A SOLDIER'S INITIAL INCLUSIVE PERIOD OF DEPLOYMENT OVERLAP ONE OR MORE OF THE APPROVED CAMPAIGN PHASES THE SOLDIER WILL BE CREDITED WITH PARTICIPATION IN EACH APPLICABLE CAMPAIGN PHASE AND ENTITLED TO THE BRONZE SERVICE STAR FOR THAT CAMPAIGN PHASE. BRONZE SERVICE STARS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED FOR PERIODS WHEN THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOTEM) WAS AWARDED IN LIEU OF THE ACM.

6. CHANGES ARE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEXT REVISION OF AR 600-8-22.

7. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MESSAGE, CONTACT THE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS BRANCH AT [USARMY.KNOX.HRC.MBX.TAGD-AWARDS@MAIL.MIL](mailto:USARMY.KNOX.HRC.MBX.TAGD-AWARDS@MAIL.MIL).