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**Title
GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL- SERVICE STAR AUTHORIZATION**

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A. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE 1348.33, VOLUME 2, MANUAL OF MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS, 23 NOVEMBER 2010, AND CHANGE 1, 31 MAY 2013.

B. ARMY REGULATION (AR) 600-8-22 (MILITARY AWARDS), 11 DECEMBER 2006, AND RAPID ACTION REVISION, 24 JUNE 2013.

C. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS) MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT: GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL-SERVICE STAR AUTHORIZATION, 9 FEBRUARY 2015.

D. UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS) MEMORANDUM, SUBJECT: GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL- APPROVAL OF AWARD FOR OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE AND ASSOCIATED AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY, 31 OCTOBER 2014.

1. THIS MESSAGE WILL EXPIRE IN TWO YEARS, AND THESE CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE NEXT REVISION OF AR 600-8-22.

2. THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (PERSONNEL AND READINESS) ON 9 FEBRUARY 2015 AUTHORIZED SOLDIERS TO WEAR A SERVICE STAR ON THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOT-EM).

3. THE FIVE GWOT-EM APPROVED OPERATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OPERATION	INCLUSIVE DATES
ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF)	11 SEPTEMBER 2001 – TO BE DETERMINED
IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF)	19 MARCH 2003 – 31 AUGUST 2010
NOMAD SHADOW (ONS)	5 NOVEMBER 2007 – TO BE DETERMINED
NEW DAWN (OND)	1 SEPTEMBER 2010 – 31 DECEMBER 2011
INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR)	15 JUNE 2014 – TO BE DETERMINED

THE LIST OF ASSOCIATED AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EACH APPROVED GWOT-EM OPERATION IS AVAILABLE AT: [HTTP://PRHOME.DEFENSE.GOV/RFM/MPP/OEPM/FUNCTIONS](http://PRHOME.DEFENSE.GOV/RFM/MPP/OEPM/FUNCTIONS)

4. THIS POLICY CHANGE ONLY APPLIES TO SOLDIERS WHO:

A. ELECTED TO KEEP THE GWOT-EM IN LIEU OF THE AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ACM) OR IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL (ICM) FOR SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ PRIOR TO 30 APRIL

2005.

B. RECEIVED THE GWOT-EM FOR SERVICE OUTSIDE OF THE ACM OR ICM AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR SUPPORT TO OEF, OIF, OND.

C. RECEIVED THE GWOT-EM FOR ONS.

D. ARE DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF OIR.

5. THIS CHANGE IS RETROACTIVE TO 11 SEPTEMBER 2001. IT DOES NOT ADJUST THE CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF THE ACM OR ICM NOR DOES IT CHANGE THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR AWARDED THE GWOT-EM CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B, PARAGRAPH 2-18C AND D. ADDITIONALLY, THOSE SOLDIERS WHO ELECTED TO RECEIVE THE ACM OR ICM IN LIEU OF THE GWOT-EM FOR SERVICE IN AFGHANISTAN OR IRAQ PRIOR TO 30 APRIL 2005, ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO CHANGE THEIR ORIGINAL ELECTION.

6. SOLDIERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR A SERVICE STAR ON THE GWOT-EM SUSPENSION AND/OR SERVICE RIBBON TO DENOTE EACH SUBSEQUENT AWARD FOR THE APPROVED OPERATIONS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3. FOR EXAMPLE, A SOLDIER INITIALLY AWARDED THE GWOT-EM FOR AN OEF DEPLOYMENT WHO IS SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZED A SECOND GWOT-EM FOR AN OIR DEPLOYMENT WOULD WEAR A SINGLE SERVICE STAR ON THE SUSPENSION OR SERVICE RIBBON TO DENOTE THE SUBSEQUENT AWARD. ONLY ONE AWARD IS AUTHORIZED FOR EACH GWOT-EM APPROVED OPERATION.

7. THIS GUIDANCE SUPERSEDES THE GWOT-EM BATTLE STAR POLICY CONTAINED IN REFERENCES A AND B ABOVE AND WILL BE UPDATED AND INCORPORATED INTO THE NEXT REVISIONS OF BOTH REGULATIONS.

8. FOR CLARIFICATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED, CONTACT THE AWARDS AND DECORATIONS BRANCH AT 502-613-9126 (COMMERCIAL) OR BY E-MAIL AT USARMY.KNOX.HRC.MBX.TAGD-AWARDS@MAIL.MIL.