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ALCOAST 249/02
COMDTNOTE 1650

SUBJ: REINSTATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL

A. MEMORANDUM, OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DATED 26 APR 02

B. CG MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL, COMDTINST M1650.25, PARA 5.B.11.

1. REF A AUTHORIZED THE REINSTATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL (NDSM) FOR MEMBERS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY ON OR AFTER 11 SEP 01. THE TERMINATION DATE WILL BE DETERMINED IN THE FUTURE. REFERENCE B WILL BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THIS CHANGE.

2. THE NDSM IS AWARDED FOR HONORABLE ACTIVE SERVICE AND INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INCLUSIVE PERIODS: 27 JUN 50 TO 27 JUL 54, 1 JAN 61 TO 14 AUG 74, 2 AUG 90 TO 30 NOV 95, AND 11 SEP 01 TO A DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

3. BESIDES THOSE SERVING ON ACTIVE DUTY, THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED:

A. MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE.

B. CADETS ATTENDING THE COAST GUARD ACADEMY.

C. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH THE COAST GUARD.

4. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS AWARD, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE:

A. ANY PERSON ON TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY TO SERVE ON BOARDS, COURTS, COMMISSIONS, AND LIKE ORGANIZATIONS.

B. ANY PERSON ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF UNDERGOING A PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

5. TO DENOTE A SUBSEQUENT AWARD, A BRONZE STAR 3/16-INCH IN DIAMETER SHALL BE WORN TWO POINTS DOWN ON THE SUSPENSION RIBBON OF THE MEDAL AND ON THE RIBBON BAR.

6. THE NDSM MAY BE ISSUED POSTHUMOUSLY.

7. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE THE NDSM TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, AND TO ENSURE APPROPRIATE SERVICE RECORD ENTRIES ARE MADE AS PRESCRIBED IN REF B. THE NDSM MAY BE PROCURED FROM THE DEFENSE SUPPLY CENTER, 2800 S. 20TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19101, (215) 737 9146. THE NATIONAL STOCK NUMBER FOR THE NDSM IS 8455-00-281-3214; AND THE BRONZE STAR IS 8455-00-261-4506. PLEASE ENSURE WIDEST DISSEMINATION OF THIS NOTICE.

8. USCG POINT OF CONTACT IS MRS. DULA AT (202) 267-2249.

9. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

10. RADM SALLY BRICE-OHARA, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, SENDS.

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