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SUBJ: GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL

A. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 151943Z JUN 04/ALCOAST 294/04

B. EXECUTIVE ORDER 13289, 12 MAR 03

C. COMDT COGARD WASHINGTON DC 151943Z JUN 04/ALCOAST 294/04

D. MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL, COMDTINST M1650.25 (SERIES)

1. THIS ALCOAST PROVIDES COAST GUARD SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL (GWOTSM), AND GUIDANCE FOR ISSUANCE, WEAR, AND PROCUREMENT OF THE MEDAL.

GUIDANCE FOR THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOTEM) WAS PROVIDED IN REFERENCE A.

2. REFERENCE (B) ESTABLISHED THE GWOTSM TO RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING COAST GUARD (ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE), FOR SERVICE IN OR IN SUPPORT OF APPROVED GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATIONS, ON OR AFTER 11 SEPTEMBER 2001 TO A FUTURE DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

3. IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNPRECEDENTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR ENTIRE ACTIVE AND RESERVE WORKFORCE IN THE AFTERMATH OF 9-11 AS WE HAVE TRANSITIONED TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF MARITIME PREPAREDNESS THAT BETTER PROTECTS THE HOMELAND FROM TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, THE COMMANDANT OF THE COAST GUARD HAS AWARDED THE GWOTSM TO ALL COAST GUARD ACTIVE DUTY AND RESERVE MEMBERS ON ACTIVE DUTY BETWEEN 11 SEP 2001 AND 30 JAN 2005 (IRAQI NATIONAL ELECTIONS). TO QUALIFY, MEMBERS MUST HAVE SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR 60 CUMULATIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF INITIAL ACCESSION POINT TRAINING. SERVICE WHILE ASSIGNED TO TRAINING DUTY AS A STUDENT, CADET, OFFICER CANDIDATE, AND DUINS DOES NOT COUNT TOWARD ELIGIBILITY. THIS INCLUDES BOTH TRAINING AND SUMMER CRUISES FOR CGA AND OCS. PSC WILL MAKE ONE TIME SERVICE RECORD ENTRIES FOR ALL PERSONNEL WHO QUALIFY DURING THIS TIME PERIOD ONLY.

4. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL WHO SERVED WITH OTHER SERVICES AND WERE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED THE GWOTSM, ARE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE MEDAL. HOWEVER, PER PARAGRAPH 8 BELOW, SUBSEQUENT SERVICE STARS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED.

5. THE COMMANDANT HAS DELEGATED APPROVAL AUTHORITY TO THE TWO AREA COMMANDERS FOR PERIODS AFTER 30 JANUARY 2005 TO A FUTURE DATE TO BE DETERMINED. THIS APPROVAL AUTHORITY MAY NOT REPEAT NOT BE RE-DELEGATED:

A. ELIGIBLE SERVICE MEMBERS MUST BE OR HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED, ATTACHED OR MOBILIZED TO A UNIT PARTICIPATING IN OR SERVING IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF SPECIFIED WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATIONS FOR 30 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OR 60 CUMULATIVE DAYS, OR MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

(1) BE ENGAGED IN ACTUAL COMBAT REGARDLESS OF TIME SERVED IN THE OPERATION.

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

B. SPECIFIED OPERATIONS TO DATE INCLUDE: NOBLE EAGLE, LIBERTY SHIELD, NEPTUNE SHIELD, PORT SHIELD, ENDURING FREEDOM, AND IRAQI FREEDOM. FUTURE WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATIONS ELIGIBILITY SHALL BE DETERMINED AND APPROVED BY THE AREA COMMANDERS, WITHOUT FURTHER DELEGATION.

C. DIRECT SUPPORT IS DEFINED AS THAT SUPPORT WHICH ALLOWS AN

OPERATIONAL UNIT TO EXECUTE ITS DAY TO DAY WAR ON TERRORISM MISSION. IT IS ADMINISTRATIVE, LOGISTICAL, PLANNING, OPERATIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND READINESS SUPPORT DIRECTLY RELATED TO A NAMED WAR ON TERRORISM OPERATION.

D. NOMINATIONS FOR SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO HEADQUARTERS UNITS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE APPROPRIATE AREA COMMANDER FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL.

E. AS SERVICE CHIEF, THE COMMANDANT RETAINS APPROVAL AUTHORITY FOR THOSE UNUSUAL SITUATIONS WHERE THERE MAY BE NO CLEAR LINES OF SUPPORT TO AN AREA COMMANDER.

6. PROPER DOCUMENTATION MUST ACCOMPANY EACH AUTHORIZATION OUTSIDE THE 11 SEPT 01 THROUGH 30 JAN 05 ELIGIBILITY PERIOD TO ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS SERVICE RECORD IS PROPERLY ANNOTATED.

7. REQUESTS FOR AWARD OF THE GWOTSM TO VETERANS, RETIREES, OR THEIR NEXT OF KIN SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER (NPRC), COAST GUARD/NAVY PERSONNEL COMMAND RETIRED RECORDS SECTION, 9700 PAGE AVENUE, ROOM 5409, ST. LOUIS, MO 63132-5100. REQUESTS SHOULD INCLUDE A COPY OF THE DD FORM 214 AND ANY OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO SUBSTANTIATE SERVICE AS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 3, 4, OR 5 ABOVE.

8. THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT AWARD OF THE GWOTSM. NO DEVICES (SERVICE STARS) ARE AUTHORIZED.

9. THE GWOTSM MAY BE AWARDED POSTHUMOUSLY.

10. PRECEDENCE: THE GWOTSM SHALL BE WORN DIRECTLY BELOW THE GWOTEM. BOTH GWOT MEDALS SHALL BE WORN DIRECTLY BELOW THE KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL AND ABOVE THE ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL, OR, BETWEEN THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL AND THE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL FOR MOST COAST GUARD PERSONNEL.

11. COAST GUARD PERSONNEL MAY BE AWARDED THE GWOTEM AND GWOTSM, IF THEY MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH AWARDS. HOWEVER, THE QUALIFYING PERIOD USED TO JUSTIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR ONE CANNOT BE USED TO JUSTIFY ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OTHER.

12. PROCUREMENT: THE GWOTSM MAY BE PROCURED THROUGH THE DEFENSE SUPPLY SYSTEM (DSS) USING NSN 8455-01-506-7170. CURRENT DOD STOCKING LEVELS WILL NOT MEET IMMEDIATE CG NEEDS, AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE REPLENISHED IN FULL UNTIL EARLY FY06 WHEN A NEW CONTRACT IS AWARDED. MEMBERS SEEKING TO PROCURE THIS AWARD IMMEDIATELY, MAY DO SO THROUGH COMMERCIAL SOURCES. UNITS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE APPROPRIATED FUNDS TO PURCHASE THIS MEDAL FOR THEIR MEMBERS. UNITS SHOULD ORDER DIRECTLY THRU THE DSS. BECAUSE THIS AWARD COVERS A FOUR YEAR PERIOD, UNITS SHOULD ISSUE THE AWARD TO THOSE PERSONNEL CURRENTLY ASSIGNED WHOSE ASSIGNMENT HISTORY INDICATES THAT THEY PREVIOUSLY SATISFIED EITHER THE 30 OR 60 DAY SERVICE CRITERIA DESCRIBED ABOVE.

13. GUIDANCE FOR THE GWOTSM WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A FUTURE CHANGE TO REF C. QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO COMDT (CG-1221) MR. GABLE (202) 267-2249 OR LCDR MITROWSKI, (202) 267-1385.

14. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

15. RADM KENNETH T. VENUTO, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES, SENDS.

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