

§ 578.127 North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal.

(a) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Medal is awarded by the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to military and civilian members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participate in NATO operations related to the former Republic of Yugoslavia. The Secretary of Defense authorized acceptance of the NATO Medal on November 14, 1995.

(b) *Acceptance.* Acceptance of the NATO Medal has been approved for U.S. military personnel who serve under NATO command or operational control in direct support of NATO operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia, or as designated by the Supreme Allied Command, Europe (SACEUR), from July 1, 1992 to a date to be determined.

(c) *Presentation.* The NATO Medal will normally be presented by the Allied Command Europe headquarters exercising operational command or control over U.S. military units or individuals prior to their departure from service with NATO.

(d) *Medal set.* The medal set includes a ribbon clasp denoting the specific operation for which the award was made. U.S. service members are authorized to retain the ribbon clasp presented but may not wear the clasp. Only the basic medal and service ribbon are authorized for wear on the uniform.

(e) *Subsequent awards.* Subsequent awards (if approved by the Secretary of Defense) for service in a different NATO operation, U.S. military personnel will affix a bronze service star to the NATO Medal suspension ribbon and service ribbon.

(f) *Precedence.* The NATO Medal shall have the same precedence as the United Nations Medal, but will rank immediately below the United Nations Medal when the wearer has been awarded both medals.

(g) *Description.* The medal is bronze, 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches in diameter, bearing on the obverse the NATO emblem (a four pointed star emitting a ray from each point superimposed on an annulet) enclosed in base by a wreath of olive. The reverse side has a band inscribed "NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGA-

NIZATION" at top and "ORGANISATION DU TRAITE DE L'ATLANTIQUE NORD" at the bottom. In the center is a sprig of olive between the inscription "IN SERVICE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM" above and "AU SERVICE DE LA PAIX ET DE LA LIBERTE" below. The ribbon is 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: $\frac{5}{32}$ inch Yale Blue 67176; $\frac{1}{8}$ inch White 67101; $\frac{13}{16}$ inch Yale Blue; $\frac{1}{8}$ inch White; and $\frac{5}{32}$ inch Yale Blue.

§ 578.128 Multinational Force and Observers Medal.

(a) The Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) Medal was established by the Director General, Multinational Force and Observers, March 24, 1982. Presidential acceptance for the United States Armed Forces and DOD civilian personnel is announced by DOD on July 28, 1982.

(b) *Eligibility.* To qualify for the award personnel must have served with the MFO at least ninety (90) cumulative days after August 3, 1981. Effective March 15, 1985, personnel must serve 6 months (170 days minimum) with the MFO to qualify for the award. Periods of service on behalf of the MFO outside of the Sinai, and periods of leave while a member is serving with the MFO, may be counted toward eligibility for the MFO medal. Qualifying time may be lost for disciplinary reasons.

(c) *Awards.* The Director General, MFO makes awards, or in his or her name by officials to whom he or she delegates awarding authority.

(d) *Presentation.* Presentations are usually to be made by personnel designated by the Director General, MFO. When presentation is not accomplished, any person with MFO service who believes he or she is eligible for the award may submit a request for the award to Commander, USA HRC, (see § 578.3(c) for address). This request must include complete details related to MFO duty, including geographical location and inclusive dates of service, and copies of all substantiating documents. Commanding General, USA HRC, will then forward each such request through the Office of Internal Administration, Office of the Assistant Secretary of State for International

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(e) *Subsequent awards.* An appropriate numeral starting with numeral 2 will indicate second and subsequent awards for each completed 6-month tour. If an individual has not completed a cumulative 6-month tour, he or she is not eligible for award of the MFO medal unless one of the following conditions exists:

(1) The award is to be made posthumously.

(2) The member is medically evacuated due to service-incurred injuries or serious illness.

(3) The member is withdrawn at the request of the parent Government for national service reasons under honorable conditions.

§ 578.129 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal is awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam to members of the United States Armed Forces and authorized by DOD 1348.33-M.

(b) *Requirements.* To qualify for award personnel must meet one of the following requirements:

(1) Have served in the Republic of Vietnam for 6 months during period specified in paragraph (c) of this section.

(2) Have served outside the geographical limits of the Republic of Vietnam and contributed direct combat support to the Republic of Vietnam and Armed Forces for 6 months. Such individuals must meet the criteria established for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Vietnam) or the Vietnam Service Medal, during the period of service required to qualify for the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

(3) Have served as in paragraph (b)(1) or (2) of this section for less than 6 months and have been one of the following:

(i) Wounded by hostile forces.

(ii) Captured by hostile forces, but later escaped, was rescued or released.

(iii) Killed in action or otherwise in line of duty.

(4) Personnel assigned in the Republic of Vietnam on January 28, 1973 must meet one of the following:

(i) Served a minimum of 60 days in the Republic of Vietnam as of that date.

(ii) Completed a minimum of 60 days service in the Republic of Vietnam during the period from January 28, 1973 to March 28, 1973, inclusive.

(c) Eligibility for award under authority of this paragraph is limited to the period from March 1, 1961 to March 2, 1973, inclusive. Eligibility for acceptance of this award solely by virtue of service performed prior to March 1, 1961 or subsequent to March 1973 is governed by AR 600-8-22, paragraph 9-8.

(d) The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960) and the miniature medal are items of individual purchase.

§ 578.130 Kuwait Liberation Medal—Saudi Arabia.

(a) The Kuwait Liberation Medal is awarded by the Government of Saudi Arabia to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and authorized by DOD on January 3, 1992.

(b) It is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. who participated in Operation DESERT STORM between January 17, 1991 and February 28, 1991 in one or more of the following areas: Persian Gulf; Red Sea; Gulf of Oman; that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude; the Gulf of Aden; or the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

(c) To be eligible personnel must meet one of the following qualifications:

(1) Be attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground or shore operations.

(2) Be attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Actually participate as a crew member in one or more aerial flights supporting military operations in the areas designated above.