

President Authorizes Two New Medals

A presidential executive order signed March 12 authorizes the Department of Defense to create two new military medals for service in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), the GWOT Expeditionary Medal and the GWOT Service Medal.

The **GWOT Expeditionary Medal** will recognize servicemembers who participate in an expedition to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to those who deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The **GWOT Service Medal** will recognize service in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This is limited to Operation Noble Eagle and to those servicemembers who provide support to Operation Enduring Freedom from outside the area of eligibility designated for the GWOT Expeditionary Medal.

Specific eligibility for these medals will be established by DoD award policy. The combatant commander has the authority to award the medals for approved operations to units and personnel deployed within his or her theater. Each service department will prescribe the appropriate regulations for processing and wearing of the medals.

Members of the U.S. Armed Forces and Coast Guard are eligible for the medals, to include Reserve and National Guard activated to support approved operations.

For more information on the GWOT Expeditionary Medal, visit www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/200303134a.jpg.

For more information on the The GWOT Service Medal, visit www.defenselink.mil/news/Mar2003/200303134b.jpg.



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