

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY (GWOT-E) MEDAL
APPROVED AREAS OF ELIGIBILITY (AOE)

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF),
OPERATION NEW DAWN (OND), OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS), and
OPERATION ENDURING SENTINEL (OES)

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| Afghanistan (Note 3) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Algeria | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Arabian Sea (north of 10° North latitude and west of 68° East longitude) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Azerbaijan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006 |
| Bab El Mandeb | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Bahrain | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Bulgaria (Bourgas) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Burkina Faso | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Oct 8, 2008 |
| Chad | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Colombia | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, July 14, 2005 |
| Crete | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Cyprus | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Diego Garcia | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Djibouti | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Egypt | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Eritrea | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Ethiopia | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Georgia | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Guantanamo Bay, Cuba | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, July 14, 2005 |
| Gulf of Aden | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Gulf of Aqaba | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Gulf of Oman | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Gulf of Suez | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |

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| Hungary | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Iran | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Iraq (Note 4 and 6) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Israel | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Jordan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Kazakhstan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Kenya | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Kosovo (Note 5) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Kuwait | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Kyrgyzstan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Lebanon | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Mali | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Mauritania | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Mediterranean Sea ("boarding and searching" vessel operations) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Mediterranean Sea (east of 28° East longitude) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Morocco | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Oct 8, 2008 |
| Niger | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Nigeria | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006 |
| Oman | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Pakistan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Persian Gulf | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Philippines | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Qatar | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Red Sea | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Romania (Constanta) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Saudi Arabia | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Senegal | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006 |
| Sierra Leone | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006 |
| Somalia | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Strait of Hormuz | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Suez Canal | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |

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| Syria (Note 6) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Tajikistan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Tanzania | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006 |
| Tunisia | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006 |
| Turkey | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| Turkey (east of 35° east longitude) | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Turkmenistan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Uganda | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005 |
| United Arab Emirates | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Uzbekistan | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |
| Yemen | OEF/OIF/OND/OFS/OES | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004 |

1. USD(P&R) memorandum, *Operation NEW DAWN – Revised Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medal Policy*, September 1, 2010, authorized award of the GWOT-E Medal for OND. It established the AOE for OND as the same AOE previously used for OIF.
2. USD(P&R) memorandum, *Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals – Operation FREEDOM’S SENTINEL*, March 11, 2015, authorized award of the GWOT-E Medal for OFS. It established the AOE for OFS as that of OEF.
3. Award of the GWOT-E is authorized for qualifying service in Afghanistan during the period of September 11, 2001 through April 30, 2005. Qualifying service in Afghanistan during the period of April 30, 2005 through August 31, 2021 is recognized with the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Refer to DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for additional guidance.
4. Award of the GWOT-E is authorized for qualifying service in Iraq during the period of March 19, 2003 through April 30, 2005. Qualifying service in Iraq during the period of May 1, 2005 through December 31, 2011, is recognized with the Iraq Campaign Medal. Refer to DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for additional guidance.
5. Only for specified GWOT operations NOT associated with operations in the Former Republic of Yugoslavia that qualify for award of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, or that qualified for award of the Kosovo Campaign Medal.
6. Qualifying service in Iraq and Syria on or after January 15, 2014 through a yet to be determined termination date is recognized through award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.
7. USD(P&R) memorandum, *Closure of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Authorization to Award the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for Operation ENDURING SENTINEL*,

March 18, 2022, authorized award of the GWOT-E Medal for OES. It established the AOE for OES as that of OEF.

OPERATION NOMAD SHADOW (ONS)

| Location (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of) | Operation(s) | Date Approved |
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| Turkey | ONS | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Oct 8, 2008 |
| Northern Iraq (north of 36° North latitude) ¹ | ONS | PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Oct 8, 2008 |

OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR)

| Location (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of) | Operation(s) | Date Approved (note 6) |
|--|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Bahrain | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Cyprus | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Egypt | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Iran | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Iraq (note 7) | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Israel | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Jordan | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Kuwait | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Lebanon | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Mediterranean Sea (east of 25° Longitude) | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Qatar | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Persian Gulf | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Red Sea | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Saudi Arabia | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Syria (note 7) | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| Turkey | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |
| United Arab Emirates | OIR | USD(P&R) Memo, Oct 31, 2014 |

6. USD(P&R) memo, *Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal – Approval of Award for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE and Associated Areas of Eligibility*, October 31, 2014, authorized award of the GWOT-EM for OIR.

7. Award of the GWOT-E is authorized for qualifying service in Iraq and Syria during the period of June 15, 2014 through March 30, 2016. Subsequent to March 30, 2016, qualifying service in Iraq and

Syria is recognized with the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal. Refer to DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for additional guidance.

OPERATION ODYSSEY LIGHTNING (OLL)

| Location (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of) | Operation(s) | Date Approved (note 8) |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Algeria | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Chad | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Egypt | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| France | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Greece | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Italy | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Libya | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Niger | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Spain | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Tunisia | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |
| Mediterranean Sea (from the Straits of Gibraltar to 25 East Longitude) | OOL | ASD(M&RA) Memo, May 11, 2017 |

8. ASD(M&RA) memo, *Approval to Award Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals for Operation ODYSSEY LIGHTNING*, May 11, 2017, authorized award of the GWOT-EM for OOL. OOL closure date extended from December 19, 2016 to January 17, 2017 based on ASD(M&RA) memo, “2019 Annual Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medal Updates,” April 19, 2019.

OPERATION PACIFIC EAGLE – PHILIPPINES (OPE-P)

| Location (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of) | Operation(s) | Date Approved (note 9) |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Republic of the Philippines | OPE-P | USD(P&R) Memo, July 30, 2018 |

OPERATION OBSERVANT COMPASS (OOC)

| Location (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of) | Operation(s) | Date Approved (note 9) |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, and Republic of South Sudan | OOC | ASD(M&RA) Memo, Feb 28, 2020 |