

GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL (GWOT-EM)  
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)

<b>Location</b> (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of)	<b>Operation(s)</b>	<b>Date Approved (Note 1, 2, and 7)</b>
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
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

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Iraq (Note 4)	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
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

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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-EM 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. Refer to 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 and DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for guidance regarding when the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, is authorized for qualifying service in Afghanistan.
4. Refer to USD(P&R) memorandum, *Announcement of Campaign and Service Medal Changes Based on the End of the Afghanistan War and Termination of the Combat Mission in Iraq*, June 24, 2022, and DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for guidance regarding when award of the Iraq Campaign Medal or Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, is authorized for qualifying service in Iraq.
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. Refer to USD(P&R) memorandum, *Announcement of Campaign and Service Medal Changes Based on the End of the Afghanistan War and Termination of the Combat Mission in Iraq*, June 24, 2022, and DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for guidance regarding when award of the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, is authorized for qualifying service in Syria.
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-EM for OES. It established the AOE for OES as that of OEF.

OPERATION NOMAD SHADOW (ONS)

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

8. Refer to USD(P&R) memorandum, *Announcement of Campaign and Service Medal Changes Based on the End of the Afghanistan War and Termination of the Combat Mission in Iraq*, June 24, 2022, and DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for guidance regarding when award of the Iraq Campaign Medal or Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, is authorized for qualifying service in Iraq.

OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR)

<b>Location</b> (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of)	<b>Operation(s)</b>	<b>Date Approved (Note 9)</b>
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 10)	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 11)	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

9. 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.

10. Refer to USD(P&R) memorandum, *Announcement of Campaign and Service Medal Changes Based on the End of the Afghanistan War and Termination of the Combat Mission in Iraq*, June 24, 2022, and DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for guidance on when the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, is authorized for qualifying service in Iraq.

11. Refer to USD(P&R) memorandum, *Announcement of Campaign and Service Medal Changes Based on the End of the Afghanistan War and Termination of the Combat Mission in Iraq*, June 24, 2022, and DoD Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, for guidance on when the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, is authorized for qualifying service in Syria.

OPERATION ODYSSEY LIGHTNING (OLL)

Location (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of)	Operation(s)	Date Approved (Note 12)
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

12. ASD(M&RA) memorandum, *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 13)
Republic of the Philippines	OPE-P	USD(P&R) Memo, July 30, 2018

13. USD(P&R) memorandum, *Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals – Operation PACIFIC EAGLE - PHILLIPPINES*, July 30, 2018, authorized award of the GWOT-EM for OPE-P.

OPERATION OBSERVANT COMPASS (OOC)

<b>Location</b> (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of)	<b>Operation(s)</b>	<b>Date Approved (Note 14)</b>
Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, Central African Republic, and Republic of South Sudan	OOC	ASD(M&RA) Memo, Feb 28, 2020

14. ASD(M&RA) memorandum, *Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals – Operation OBSERVANT COMPASS*, February 28, 2020, authorized award of the GWOT-EM for OOC.