

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), and OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS)

Location (Includes the land area, airspace, and waters of)	Operation(s)	Date Approved (Note 1 & 2)
Afghanistan (Note 3)	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Algeria	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005
Arabian Sea (north of 10° North latitude and west of 68° East longitude)	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Azerbaijan	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006
Bab El Mandeb	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Bahrain	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Bosnia-Herzegovina	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005
Bulgaria (Bourgas)	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Burkina Faso	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Oct 8, 2008
Chad	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005
Colombia	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, July 14, 2005
Crete	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Cyprus	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Diego Garcia	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Djibouti	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Egypt	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Eritrea	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Ethiopia	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Georgia	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, July 14, 2005
Gulf of Aden	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Gulf of Aqaba	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Gulf of Oman	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Gulf of Suez	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Hungary	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005

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

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Tajikistan	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Tanzania	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006
Tunisia	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Dec 1, 2006
Turkey	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005
Turkey (east of 35° east longitude)	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Turkmenistan	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Uganda	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Mar 21, 2005
United Arab Emirates	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Uzbekistan	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	PDUSD(P&R) Memo, Feb 13, 2004
Yemen	OEF/OIF/OND/OFS	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. Subsequent to April 30, 2005, qualifying service in Afghanistan 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.

OPERATION NOMAD SHADOW (ONS)

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