

Approved Operations for Award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Associated Areas of Eligibility

Location (land area, airspace, and waters of)	ENDURING FREEDOM (Note 6)	IRAQI FREEDOM	NEW DAWN	FREEDOM'S SENTINEL	ENDURING SENTINEL	NOMAD SHADOW	INHERENT RESOLVE	ODYSSEY LIGHTNING	PACIFIC EAGLE - Philippines (Note 5)	OBSERVANT COMPASS	USAFRICOM Counterterrorism Execute Order
Afghanistan (Note 1)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Algeria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes			Yes
Angola											Yes
Arabian Sea: North of 10° north latitude and west of 68° east longitude	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Azerbaijan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Bab El Mandeb	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Bahrain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Benin	Yes										Yes
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Botswana											Yes
Bulgaria (Bourgas)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Burkina Faso	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Burundi	Yes										
Cameroon	Yes										Yes
Central African Republic										Yes	Yes
Chad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes			Yes
Columbia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Crete	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Cyprus	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Democratic Republic of Congo										Yes	Yes
Diego Garcia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Djibouti	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Egypt	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes			
Eritrea	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Ethiopia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
France								Yes			
Gabon											Yes
Gambia											Yes
Georgia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Ghana											Yes
Greece								Yes			
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Guinea											Yes
Guinea Bissau											Yes
Gulf of Aden	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Gulf of Aqaba	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Gulf of Oman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Gulf of Suez	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Hungary	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Iran	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Iraq (Note 2)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Iraq: North of 36° north latitude						Yes					
Israel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Italy								Yes			
Ivory Coast											Yes
Jordan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Kazakhstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Kenya	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Kosovo (Note 3)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Kuwait	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				

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Kyrgyzstan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Lebanon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Liberia											Yes
Libya	Yes							Yes			Yes
Madagascar											Yes
Malawi											Yes
Mali	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Mauritania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Mediterranean Sea: East of 25° east longitude							Yes				
Mediterranean Sea: East of 28° east longitude	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Mediterranean Sea: From the Straits of Gibraltar to 25° east longitude								Yes			
Mediterranean Sea: "boarding and searching" vessel operations	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Morocco	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Mozambique											Yes
Namibia											Yes
Niger	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes			Yes
Nigeria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Oman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Pakistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Persian Gulf	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Qatar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Red Sea	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Republic of Congo											Yes
Republic of the Phillippines	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				Yes		
Republic of South Sudan	Yes									Yes	Yes
Romania (Constanta)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Rwanda	Yes										
Saudi Arabia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Senegal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Seychelles	Yes										
Sierra Leone	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Somalia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
South Africa											Yes
Spain								Yes			
Strait of Hormuz	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Sudan	Yes										Yes
Suez Canal	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Syria	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Tajikistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Tanzania	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						Yes
Togo											Yes
Tunisia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Turkey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				
Turkey: East of 35° east longitude	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Turkmenistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Uganda	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					Yes	Yes
United Arab Emirates	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes				
Uzbekistan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						

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Yemen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes						
Zambia											Yes
Zimbabwe											Yes

Note 1: Refer to DoD Manual (DoDM) 1348.33, Volume 2, "Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Service Awards - Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medals" for guidance regarding when award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, is authorized for qualifying service in Afghanistan.

Note 2: Refer to DoDM 1348.33, Volume 2, for guidance regarding when award of the Iraq Campaign Medal or the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, rather than the GWOT-EM, are authorized for qualifying service in Iraq.

Note 3: Only for designated GWOT operations not associated with operations qualifying for the Kosovo Campaign Medal or the Armed Forces expeditionary Medal for Operation JOINT GUARDIAN.

Note 4: Refer to DoDM 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.

Note 5: Service members deployed to the Operation PACIFIC EAGLE - Philippines (OPE-P) area of eligibility for unnamed counterterrorism operations during the period of May 23 to October 4, 2017, prior to the start of OPE-P, are authorized award of the GWOT-EM provided the member meets GWOT-EM award and eligibility criteria contained in DoDM 1348.33, Volume 2.

Note 6: Operation ENDURING FREEDOM encompasses suboperations JUNIPER SHIELD, OCTAVE SHIELD, and SPARTAN SHIELD.