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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal – Service Star Authorization

I am pleased to authorize the wear of Service Stars on the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM) to recognize subsequent award for deployment in support of approved operations.

Effective immediately, Service members are authorized to wear a Service Star on the GWOT-EM suspension and/or service ribbon to denote each subsequent award. For example, a Service member initially awarded the GWOT-EM for an Operation ENDURING FREEDOM deployment who is subsequently authorized a second GWOT-EM for an Operation INHERENT RESOLVE deployment would wear a single Service Star on the GWOT-EM or service ribbon to denote subsequent award. Only one award is authorized for each GWOT-EM approved operation. The five GWOT-EM approved operations are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Operation, Inclusive Dates. Rows include ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF), NOMAD SHADOW (ONS), NEW DAWN (OND), and INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR). Includes a note about eligibility information at the bottom.

This policy is retroactive to September 11, 2001. Each Military Department will prescribe procedures for processing retroactive requests for award of GWOT-EM Service Stars pursuant to this policy and eligibility criteria contained in Department of Defense Manual (DoDM) 1348.33, Volume 2, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Service Awards – Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medals.

This policy supersedes GWOT-EM Battle Star policy and will be incorporated into the next revision of DoDM 1348.33-V2.

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