

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2000, No. 39

The Defence (Decorations) Regulations made by the Governor-General under section 160 of Cap. 132 of the Defence Act, after consultation with the National Security Council.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Defence (Decorations) Regulations, 2000. Short title.

2. (1) In these regulations— Interpretation and Application.

“Council” has the same meaning assigned to it as Council in section 2 of the Defence Act, Cap. 132;

“The Force” has the same meaning assigned to it as in section 2 of the Defence Act, Cap. 132;

“Full-time service” means service by a member of the Volunteer or Reserve on full-time with the Force;

“Non-operational service” means routine service with the Force in all circumstances other than circumstances of operational service;

“Operational service” means service with the Force

(a) in circumstances of war, insurrection, rebellion, internal security duties in aid of the civil power, search and rescue, disaster relief, or

(b) in any other circumstances determined by the Council;

“Reserve service” means service as a member of the Reserve.

(2) These regulations do not apply to the Cadet Corps.

3. (1) There shall be for members of the Force the following decorations: Decorations.

(a) Medal of Gallantry;

- (b) Meritorious Service Medal;
- (c) General Service Medal;
- (d) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal;
- (e) Efficient Service Medal;
- (f) Regional Security System Medal;
- (g) Security Council Commendation.

(2) The decorations set out in paragraph (1) take precedence in descending order in which they are set out, the Medal of Gallantry being first.

(3) The insignia for decorations shall be in accordance with the First Schedule.

First Schedule.

Medal of Gallantry.

4. (1) The Medal of Gallantry may be awarded to officers and soldiers of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force who have performed acts of gallantry or acts of heroism or have shown great courage in circumstances of extreme danger.

(2) An award of the Medal of Gallantry shall be made as soon as possible after the event occasioning the award, and may be made during the lifetime of the recipient or posthumously.

(3) A bar may be added for any further award of gallantry, and a pineapple on ribbon shall denote a bar.

(4) Every person to whom the Medal of Gallantry has been awarded shall be entitled to have the letters "M.G." placed after his name on all occasions when the use of such letters is customary.

Meritorious Service Medal.

5. (1) The Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to officers and soldiers of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force who have performed distinguished service or have displayed distinguished conduct or bravery.

(2) A bar may be added for any additional meritorious service, and a pineapple on ribbon shall denote a bar.

General Service Medal.

6. (1) The General Service Medal may be awarded to officers and soldiers of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force who

have been engaged in military operations outside Antigua and Barbuda as may be specified by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Commander.

(2) A bar with the name of the theatre of operation may be added for any further award for general service and a pineapple on ribbon shall denote a bar.

(3) A mention in dispatches may be awarded by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Council for service in the operational area for an act of bravery or for exceptional conduct or efficiency or performance over and above the call of duty and such an award shall be denoted by the wearing of a *Frigate Bird* emblem on the ribbon of the General Service Medal.

7. (1) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal may be awarded to —

Long Service &
Good Conduct
Medal.

- (a) Warrant Officers;
- (b) Non-Commissioned Officers;
- (c) Soldiers,

of the Regular Force who have completed fifteen years continuous service, in the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, the Arm Force or in any Caricom country, and whose conduct and character have been exemplary:

Provided that breaks in service not exceeding six calendar months on any occasion shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

(2) A bar may be added for each further period of six years continuous service, and a Pineapple on ribbon shall denote a bar.

8. (1) The Efficient Service Medal may be awarded to persons who have completed fifteen years voluntary service in the Volunteer element and performed such service efficiently.

Efficient Service
Medal.

(2) A bar may be added for each further period of six years continuous service as aforesaid, and a Pineapple on ribbon shall denote a bar.

9. (1) A person is eligible to be awarded the Regional Security System Medal if, at the time of qualification, he —

Regional Security
System Medal.

- (a) is serving as a Commissioned Officer or Soldier in the Force on full-time service;
- (b) has participated in a specific operation, event or series of events with the security forces of the Regional Security System as determined by the Council of Ministers of the System and approved by the Cabinet as an operation, event or series of events in respect of which medal may be awarded, and,
- (c) has complied with any conditions specified by the Council.

(2) In accordance with the instructions of the Council of Ministers of the Regional Security System and subject to paragraph (1) (b), the clasps and other insignia to be worn on the ribbon of the Regional Security System Medal shall be awarded for each separate occasion that the Medal is issued.

(3) For the purposes of these regulations the Regional Security System means the organisation established by the Memorandum of Understanding done at Roseau, the Commonwealth of Dominica on the 29th October 1982 as amended by the Protocol done at Kingston, Jamaica on the 26th day of February 1985, relating to security and Military Co-operation among the state signatories thereto.

Security Council
Commendation.

10. (1) The Council Commendation Certificate may be awarded to any soldier of the Force who, in the opinion of the Council deserves to be commended for an act of service that may not warrant a higher award.

How worn.

11. A ribbon bar representing the Council Commendation Certificate shall be worn above the right hand breast pocket by any person to whom the Council Commendation Certification has been awarded.

Discretion of
Governor-General.

12. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations the Governor-General may, in his discretion, award any Medal after taking into account any special circumstances.

Publication of
Names.

13. The names of persons to whom the following decorations are awarded shall be published in the *Gazette*:

- (a) The Medal of Gallantry;
- (b) The Meritorious Service Medal;

- (c) The General Service Medal;
- (d) The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal;
- (e) The Efficient Service Medal;
- (f) The Regional Security System Medal;
- (g) The Security Council Commendation.

14. Application for the Force decorations shall be made in writing to the Commander, who shall forward the application and his recommendation to the Governor-General.

Application for Honour and Awards.

15. (1) All decorations shall be worn suspended on the left breast by a ribbon thirty-two millimeters in width, and in the case of Officers and Warrant Officers the decorations shall be court mounted.

How Worn.

(2) When a soldier of the Force has been awarded a national honour or award he shall wear the military version of the honour or award (if available), and the national honour or award, shall take precedence over any other decoration.

16. (1) When a medal or clasp has been lost and the person to whom it was awarded wishes to have it replaced he shall make a written declaration to the Commander stating the circumstances under which the loss occurred and the declaration shall be forwarded to the Governor-General who shall determine whether the medal or clasp shall be replaced and what fee, if any, shall be paid for the replacement.

Loss and Replacement.

17. (1) Any person to whom a decoration has been awarded, forfeits it if he is convicted by a Court Martial or any Civil Court of competent jurisdiction of high treason, treason, murder, sedition, mutiny, cowardice, desertion, fraud disgraceful conduct or fraudulent enlistment, or cashiered, discharged with ignominy or convicted by a civil court.

Forfeiture and Restoration.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-paragraph (1) the Governor-General may on recommendation by the Council restore the decoration.

(3) A notice of forfeiture or restoration shall in every case be published in the *Gazette*.

Posthumous
Honours and
Awards.

18. (1) A Medal of Gallantry may be awarded posthumously to a person who lost his life while performing an act of gallantry.

(2) Decorations, other than mentioned in sub-paragraph (1), may be awarded posthumously if the person to whom it would have been awarded became eligible before he died.

Existing Rules and
Regulations.

19. (1) On the coming into force of these Regulations all existing regulations, rules and orders for the award of Decorations shall cease to have effect.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 3 (3)

INSIGNIA FOR ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA DEFENCE FORCE DECORATIONS

General

1. All Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force decorations shall be of gold or nickel plated silver.

2. All ribbons, except where the award is court mounted, shall be of a standard length of 42mm overall and 32mm in overall width.

3. Miniatures of decorations may be worn by Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants.

4. Miniatures of honours and awards shall comply with the following:

- (a) All miniatures of the medals mentioned in regulation 3 (1) shall be about 17mm in diameter;
- (b) Ribbons shall be 32mm wide and 42mm long, except when court mounted.

5. In all cases the rank, name and initials of the recipient shall be engraved on the reverse of the Award. The Reverse of the Medal shows the emblem and motto — *Paratus Ad Serviendum* of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force in the upper two-thirds of the medal.

The Medal of Gallantry, (M.G.)

6. The Medal of Gallantry is a circular medallion, approximately 33.5mm in diameter executed in gold and depicts on the Obverse side of the Coat of Arms of Antigua and Barbuda in full colour enamels. The words "Antigua & Barbuda" are inscribed on the upper portion of the medallion. The suspension comprises the St. Edward's crown in gold.

The Medal.

7. The ribbon depicts fittingly the colors of the Antigua and Barbuda Defence Force, namely maroon and gold as it symbolizes the highest award of the Force. Maroon, which represents bravery, is adorned with four gold stripes of 2.5mm evenly spaced symbolizing the words valour, courage, heroism and gallantry.

The Ribbon.

The Meritorious Service Medal, (M.S.M)

8. The Meritorious Service Medal is a circular medallion in two grades: Gold for Commissioned Officers and Silver for Enlisted Personnel and Non Commissioned Officers. The obverse depicts a pineapple, the traditional symbol of Antigua and Barbuda and its hospitality, within a palm wreath with the words "Antigua & Barbuda" inscribed on the upper portion and "Meritorious Service" on the lower portion of the medal border. The suspension is in the form of scalloped bracket symbolizing Antigua & Barbuda's island identity.

The Medal.

9. The ribbon colours represent the maroon and gold of the Defence Force combined with the remaining colors of white, black and blue. The pattern is as follows: black, gold, maroon, maroon, gold and black, bordered with white stripes and bisected at the centre with a blue stripe. The white is a constant reminder of the white sands that abound the coastline, the black, the heritage of the people and the blue, the pristine Caribbean Seas that surround the twin nation.

The Ribbon.

The General Service Medal, (G.S.M)

10. The General Service Medal is a circular medallion finished in silver with scarlet enamel centre. The border of the medal comprises a palm wreath. The centre depicts Antigua and Barbuda's national symbols, a pineapple on either sides of which are sugarcane and an agave tree. The words "Antigua & Barbuda" appear above the symbols and the words "General

The Medal.

Service" appear below the symbols. The suspension bracket is in the traditional scalloped style. The Campaign "bar" of silver metal, specifies the country in which deployed.

The Ribbon.

11. The ribbon is in the national colours with yellow bordered on either side by stripes of black (4mm), white (5mm) and blue (2mm) and a centre red stripe (2mm) bisecting the yellow.

The Long Service & Good Conduct Medal, (L.S.G.C.M)

The Medal.

12. The Long Service & Good Conduct Medal is a circular medallion in silver metal with a scarlet enamel centre. The centre depicts in silver, the Coat of Arms of Antigua & Barbuda with the words "Long Service & Good Conduct" on the upper border and the words "Antigua & Barbuda" on the lower half on the border. The suspension bracket is in the traditional scalloped style.

The Ribbon.

13. The ribbon is in the national colors of blue bordered with red, gold and black and a central stripe of white bisecting the blue.

The Efficient Service Medal, (E.S.M.)

The Medal.

14. The Efficient Service Medal is a circular medallion finished in silver and depicts the following national symbols: a pineapple in gold within a palm wreath. On either side of the pineapple are a sugar cane stalk and the agave plant. These symbols lie within a border upon which are inscribed the words "Antigua & Barbuda" upper portion and "Efficient Service" lower portion. The suspension is in the form of a scalloped bracket.

The Ribbon.

15. The ribbon is in the Defence Force colours maroon and gold. The gold is the central stripe, which bisects equally the maroon along with blue and white stripes. The blue symbolizing the beret's colours of the Volunteers and the white affirms the clean record and efficiency of the recipient.

Regional Security System Medal

The Medal.

16. The medal shall be a circular medal with a diameter of 35mm and shall have, on the Obverse, a design as depicted in

the crest of the Regional Security System. The reverse shall carry the words "FOR REGIONAL SECURITY SERVICE" surrounded by a laurel wreath. The medal shall be suspended from the ribbon by a horizontal bar. A clasp with words denoting the occasion of the award shall be affixed across the bottom of the ribbon for the first award and thereafter above the first clasp.

17. The ribbon shall be a central vertical grass-green stripe 16mm wide with, on either side, a vertical gold stripe each 2mm wide, with two vertical light blue stripes each 6mm wide at either edge of the ribbon. The Ribbon.

18. If the recipient of the medal is entitled, a gold or silver nutmeg approximately 5mm in diameter, shall be affixed to the centre of the ribbon. Nutmegs.

19. The ribbon bar shall be 32mm long and 12mm wide. The ribbon shall be maroon bisected with a gold stripe of 4 mm. The Ribbon.

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James B. Carlisle,
Governor-General.

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