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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain conditions for the award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp 'MIDDLE EAST' as detailed in the following Instrument of declaration and determination:



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988 (“the Regulations”) on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, **hereby**:

- (a) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged, with the United Nations Truce Supervisory Organisation with the force known as:

Operation PALADIN – Service as a member of the Australian Defence Force commencing on 12 July 2006 and ending on 14 August 2006, while in the area comprising Southern Lebanon bounded by 33° 12'N – 35° 12'E, 33° 10'N – 35° 20'E, 33° 19'N – 35° 25'E on the Litani River then along the Litani River to 33° 25'N – 35° 37'E, 33° 22'N – 35° 49'E on the Syria-Lebanon border then south to the junction of the Syria-Lebanon-Israel border then east along the Lebanon-Israel border to the coast then north along the coast to 33° 12'N – 35° 12'E;

to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of the Regulations;

- (b) **determine**, under regulation 4 of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp ‘MIDDLE EAST’ (“the Medal”) for that *prescribed operation* are:

- (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period*;
- (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member for a *prescribed period*, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force on an approved third country deployment to the *prescribed operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;

(iii) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered assigned service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation*, and who completed a *prescribed period* and, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal;

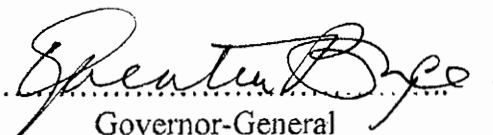
(iv) in this paragraph *prescribed period* for the *prescribed operation* at paragraph (a) means:

(1) in relation to subparagraphs (b)(i), (b)(ii) and (b)(iii) a period of not less than one day; and

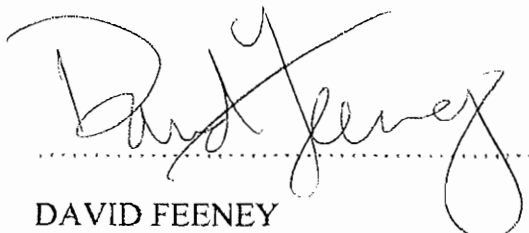
PROVIDED THAT where a member defined in subparagraphs (b)(i), (b)(ii) or (b)(iii) does not complete the *prescribed period* owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed period*; and

(c) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that where an entitlement exists to the Medal for service on Operation PALADIN that commenced on 12 July 2006 and ended on 14 August 2006, a person is not eligible for an award of the Australian Service Medal (ASM) with Clasp 'MIDDLE EAST' where the entitlement to the ASM arises from the same rotation deployment as gave rise to the entitlement for the AASM with Clasp 'MIDDLE EAST'.

Dated  2011


Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



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