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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved amendments to certain conditions to the award of the Australian 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 SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian 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) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 31 October 2002 under regulation 3 and regulation 4 of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare** under regulation 3 of the Regulations that the following non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged in during the following periods to be a *prescribed operation* for the purpose of the Regulations:
 - (i) with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 to present; except for 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;
 - (ii) with the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 to present;
 - (iii) with the Second United Nations Emergency Force during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 to 31 July 1979;
 - (iv) with the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon during the period that commenced on 1 March 1978 to present; or
 - (v) participation in naval operations in the North West Indian Ocean deployments in the area north of 10° North and west of 75° East, that

is, the Arabian Sea including the Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman and Persian Gulf during the period that commenced 1 September 1980 and ended on 31 July 1986; and

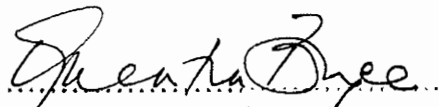
- (c) **determine**, under regulation 4 of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'MIDDLE EAST' ("the Medal") for the *prescribed operation* are:
- (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period*;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a *prescribed period*, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the *prescribed operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;
 - (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member and who completed a *prescribed number of sorties* within the duration of the *prescribed operation*;
 - (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who, before 18 March 2003, rendered service as such a member for a *prescribed period*, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature with the military contribution in the *prescribed operation*;
 - (v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period*, and who, 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; or
 - (vi) in this paragraph *prescribed period* for the *prescribed operation* at paragraph (b) means:
 - (1) in relation to subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iv) and (c)(v) a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days; and
 - (2) in relation to subparagraph (c)(iii) a number of not less than 30 sorties conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day; and

PROVIDED THAT where a member defined in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii) or (c)(v) does not complete the *prescribed period* or the *prescribed number of sorties* 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* or the *prescribed number of sorties*; and

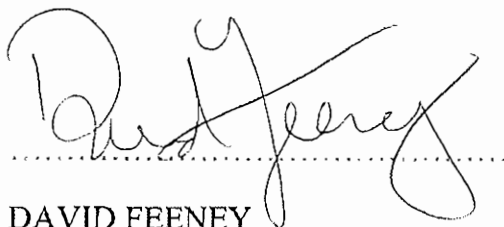
- (d) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that where an entitlement exists to the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) with Clasp 'MIDDLE EAST' for service on Operation PALADIN that commenced on 12 July 2006 and ended on 14 August 2006, a person is not eligible for an award of the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

Dated

16/5 2011


Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



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