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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 and Service Medals – Operation
FREEDOM'S SENTINEL

Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL is hereby approved as a designated operation for award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM) and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (GWOT-SM), effective January 1, 2015. The associated GWOT-EM areas of eligibility for Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL mirror those of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

In accordance with Department policy, Service members must be deployed for an approved operation to a designated area of eligibility in order to qualify for award of the GWOT-EM. There is no associated deployment requirement in order to qualify for award of the GWOT-SM. Full GWOT-EM and GWOT-SM eligibility criteria are contained in Department of Defense Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, "Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Service Awards – Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medals."

The full list of GWOT-SM approved operations, and GWOT-EM approved operations and associated areas of eligibility are at: <http://prhome.defense.gov/RFM/MPP/OEPM/Functions>. These lists will be updated to incorporate Operation FREEDOM'S SENTINEL and designated areas of eligibility.


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