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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 – Approval of Award for Operation
INHERENT RESOLVE and Associated Areas of Eligibility

The following locations are approved for award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM) for Operation INHERENT RESOLVE for the period beginning on June 15, 2014, and ending on a date to be determined: Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, the Mediterranean Sea east of 25° Longitude, the Persian Gulf, and the Red Sea.

In accordance with Department of Defense policy, Service members must be deployed abroad to an approved area of eligibility for service in a designated GWOT-EM operation in order to qualify for the GWOT-EM. Full GWOT-EM eligibility criteria are 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."

The list of all operations and areas of eligibility approved for the GWOT-EM will be updated on <http://prhome.defense.gov/RFM/MPP/OEPM/Functions> in accordance with DoDM 1348.33, Volume 2.


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