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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (M&RA)  
DIRECTOR OF RESERVE AND TRAINING, USCG

SUBJECT: Award of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with "M" Device for Current Call-up—  
Operation NOBLE EAGLE and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM

The following is provided for your information and dissemination, as appropriate. Eligible Reserve component members may be awarded the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with bronze "M" mobilization device. To qualify for the "M" device, members must have performed active duty service in support of a call-up or a designated contingency operation on or after August 1, 1990. Reserve component members who participated in Operation DESERT SHIELD/STORM (Persian Gulf War), Operation RESTORE HOPE (Somalia), Operation UPHOLD DEMOCRACY (Haiti), Operation JOINT ENDEAVOR/GUARD/FORGE (Bosnia), DESERT FOX in the Persian Gulf call-up, Operation NOBLE EAGLE, and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM may be awarded this medal. Service in operations other than those designated as contingency operations as defined in section 101(a)(13) of title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), does not qualify for this award.

Any Reserve component member called to active duty for one or more of these operations is eligible for this award. This includes volunteers. To preclude confusion and ensure eligibility for the medal is properly documented, voluntary orders should cite that duty is in support of the appropriate operation.

General guidance concerning wear of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal and ribbon, with and without accompanying "M" device, is published in DoD 1348.33-M, "Manual of Military Decorations and Awards." In accordance with that manual, members ordered or called to active duty under sections 12301(a), 12302, 12304, 12406 of title 10, U.S.C., or Chapter 15, or in the case of the United States Coast Guard Reserve, section 712 of title 14, U.S.C., or members who serve voluntarily under the provisions of section 12301(d) of title 10, U.S.C., in support of any of the operations cited above may be awarded the medal with "M" device. In addition, a list of questions and answers on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal and "M" device are available on the Reserve Affairs Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/ra/>.

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