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A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, 25 Feb 95.

B. DoD 1348.33-M, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards, Sep 1996.

C. HQDA Letter 600-04-3, 7 Jul 04, Policy Changes to the Combat Medical Badge.

D. HQ, USA HRC Message, DTG 17 Mar 04, Subj: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal-Implementing Instructions.

E. HQ, PERSCOM Message, DTG 091135Z, Jul 02, Subj: Clarification of Purple Heart Criteria-Corrected Copy.

1. Major General Gary L. Harrell, Commanding General (CG), Coalition Forces Special Operations Component Command (CFSOCC) is delegated authority to award the Bronze Star Medal (BSM) and all lesser decorations to U.S. Military personnel under his command. Major General Harrell is also delegated authority to award the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Combat Medical Badge (CMB), and Purple Heart (PH); with further delegation as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

2. Major General Harrell is also delegated authority to award Army decorations to members of the Armed Forces of friendly foreign nations in the grade of Colonel (COL), or equivalent, and below, after appropriate clearances are received from respective Embassies and the provisions of DoD 1348.33-M, are met. This authority will not be further delegated. All recommendations higher than MG Harrell's delegation will be forwarded, with appropriate concurrences, to USA, HRC for processing.

3. Army commanders in the ranks of COL and above may be delegated the authority to award the Army Commendation Medal, CIB and CMB to U.S. Army Soldiers under their command.

4. Recommendations for award of the Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal, and all unit award recommendations will be forwarded through CG, CFSOCC to USA, HRC (AHRC-PDO-PA) for further processing.

5. Commanders in the rank of Brigadier General (BG) and above who have troops committed to the combat operation may be delegated authority to award the PH to U.S. Army Soldiers who are wounded as the direct result of enemy action. In accordance with Title 10, USC, Section 1131 the PH may only be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States. The PH is no longer awarded to U.S. civilians.

6. In accordance with paragraph 2-8 of Ref A, the PH is awarded to Soldiers wounded or killed as the direct result of enemy action. The PH may also be awarded to service members wounded or killed in action by friendly fire (paragraph 5 of reference E). Requests for award of the PH that cannot be determined will be forwarded through the CG, CFSOCC to USA, HRC (AHRC-PDO-PA) for decision.

7. Wartime awards will not be made to a member of another military service without concurrence from the Military Department concerned. The necessary concurrences will be requested by forwarding the recommendation for award directly to the Headquarters of that service.

8. Authority to award the CIB and CMB as authorized by paragraphs 8-6 and 8-7 of Ref A and in Ref C. The CIB may be awarded only to Infantry and Special Forces officers and enlisted Soldiers (other than Special Forces medics) who satisfactorily perform Infantry or Special Forces duties

in active ground combat. The CMB may be awarded to medical personnel who accompany Infantry, Special Forces, Armor or ground Cavalry Soldiers in active ground combat. Effective 11 Sep 01, the CMB policy has changed to allow award to medical personnel assigned or attached to or under operational control of any ground Combat Arms units (not to include members assigned or attached to Aviation units) of Brigade or smaller size. Medical personnel who satisfactorily perform medical duties while the unit is engaged in actual ground combat qualify for the CMB, provided they are personally present and under fire. Battle participation credit alone will not be the basis for award of the CIB or the CMB.

9. Award of the CIB and CMB for operations in Iraq fall under the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) era. Therefore, only one award of the CIB or CMB is authorized for participation in Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). For example, a Soldier who earned the CIB or CMB for OEF will not be awarded a second award for OIF. Currently, GWOT is the 4th conflict qualifying for award of the CIB and CMB. The Vietnam era (3d conflict to qualify for the CIB and CMB) was officially terminated on 10 Mar 95. The Vietnam era includes the Vietnam conflict; El Salvador; Grenada; Panama; Persian Gulf War; and Somalia. Wear of the second, third and fourth awards of the CIB are indicated by superimposing 1, 2, and 3 stars respectively, centered at the top of the badge between the points of the oak wreath. Wear of the second, third and fourth awards of the CMB are indicated by superimposing 1, 2, and 3 stars respectively, centered at the top and bottom of the badge.

10. To preserve the integrity of the Army awards program and to ensure meaningful recognition for truly deserving Soldiers, special care should be exercised so that military decorations for meritorious and valorous achievement or service are only approved for those Soldiers who truly distinguish themselves from among their comrades by exceptional performance in combat or in support of combat operations.

11. Awards presented in recognition of service for valor and achievement must be accurately recorded so that data may be captured for historical and policy evaluation purposes. The number of decorations awarded will be included in a monthly report indicating awards presented by category (valor, service, or achievement), by command (Corps level), and by component (Active, Reserve, and National Guard). Also a by-name alphabetical listing of all valor awards should be included. The initial report will be submitted by 15 Nov 04, covering the period 1 Oct 04 through 31 Oct 04, and will be submitted monthly thereafter NLT the 15th of the following month. The report should also include the number of combat badges and PHs awarded in connection with the operation. Reports will be provided directly to USA, HRC (AHRC-PDO-PA).

12. The authority to award wartime awards will be reviewed regularly as the tactical situation dictates and automatically terminates 180 days after completion of combat operations. Commanders delegated wartime awards approval authority by MG Harrell will retain that authority only while they remain in the theater of operations. Upon the commander's re-deployment, the CG, CFSOCC will withdraw that authority. Commander will be given 90 days to complete any pending award recommendations. After that time, wartime award recommendations will be forwarded through the unit's peacetime chain of command to USA HRC for processing.

13. A follow-on message will provide additional instructions on authorized campaign participation credit and campaign streamers. However, it is advised that CFSOCC maintain deployment orders and/or records of all units deployed in to the theater of operations (11 Sep 01 to a date to be determined) in order to submit required documentation for campaign participation credit.

14. Requests for Assault Landing Credit, Combat Infantry Streamers, and Combat Medical Streamers must be processed in accordance with Ref A.

15. Implementing instructions for the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Global War On Terrorism Service Medal can be found in Ref D.

16. For clarification of guidance provided, contact the Military Awards Branch at awards@hoffman.army.mil or visit the website at <https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/awards/index.htm>.