

3. Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

a. Authorization. Established by the Government of Kuwait and accepted by Deputy SECDEF on 7 August 1995.

b. Eligibility Requirements. The Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who participated in Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993 in one or more of the following areas: Arabian Gulf; Red Sea; Gulf

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of Oman; that portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude; the Gulf of Aden; or the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. U.S. Armed Forces personnel are eligible for the Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) under one or more of the following conditions:

(1) Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground/shore operations.

(2) Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Actually participating as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights supporting military operations in the areas designated above.

(4) Serving on temporary duty for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days, during the period 2 August 1990 to 31 August 1993, under any of the criteria above. This time limit may be waived for personnel participating in actual combat operations.

(5) The Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait) may be awarded posthumously to the primary next of kin of service members who lost their lives while, or as a direct result of, participating in Operations DESERT SHIELD/DESERT STORM between 2 August 1990 and 31 August 1993, without regard to length of service, if otherwise eligible.

c. Eligibility Determinations and Record Entries. Commanding officers shall determine eligibility upon review of an individual's service record, and are authorized to issue the award. Commanding officers shall make appropriate service record entries for enlisted personnel and issue letters of eligibility for officers. Copies of the letters to officers shall be forwarded to NPC (PERS-312) or CMC (MMSB), as appropriate, for filing in their records. No citation or certificate will be issued. The eligibility period and geographic boundaries were specified by the Government of Kuwait and may not be waived.