

PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE INSTITUTION OF
HONOURS FOR BRAVERY IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE

To all to whom these presents may come,

GREETING!

WHEREAS I deem it desirable to honour Officers and Other Ranks of the South African National Defence Force and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Armed Forces attached to or serving with or rendering any service to the South African National Defence Force who have distinguished themselves by brave conduct.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours by the provisions of Section 84(2)(k) of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No. 108 of 1996)*, I hereby institute with effect from the 27th day of April 2003, decorations, which shall be known as

1. the Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard, which shall be awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by performing acts of exceptional bravery during military operations;
2. the Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard, which shall be awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by performing acts of conspicuous bravery during military operations;
3. the Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard, which shall be awarded to persons who have distinguished themselves by performing acts of bravery during military operations,

and which shall be reserved exclusively for the purpose stated and which should be highly prized by all members of the aforesaid forces.

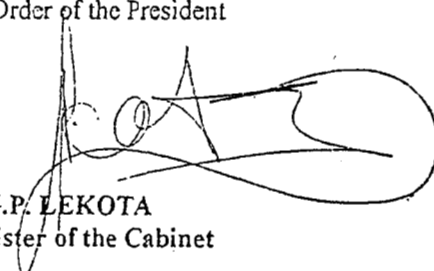
I ORDAIN further that the Rules and Regulations embodied in the Schedule hereto shall govern the design and award of the said decorations, as well as their annulment, forfeiture and restoration.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Sixteenth day of April the Year Two Thousand and Three.



T. M. MBEKI
President

By Order of the President



M.G.P. LEKOTA
Minister of the Cabinet

SCHEDULE

RULES FOR THE HONOURS FOR BRAVERY

CATEGORIES OF THE HONOURS

Rule 1

The honours for bravery shall be the decorations designated and styled as follows:

1. The Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard.
2. The Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard.
3. The Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard.

Rule 2

The decorations shall be awarded by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Defence of the Republic of South Africa.

DESIGN AND RIBBONS OF THE DECORATIONS

Rule 3

The design of the decorations shall be as follows:

1. The Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard shall be a five-armed cross paty of 9 Carat Gold with a diameter of 38 millimetres, the arms faceted per chevron embowed throughout and the extremities also embowed, between the arms three short rays, all gold, and in the centre of the obverse, on a light blue enamel roundel a golden leopard's head coupé. The central medallion shall be one half the diameter of the decoration. The reverse of the decoration shall bear in relief the Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa. The decoration shall be attached by a plain suspender fixed to the upper arm of the decoration.
2. The Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard shall be a five-armed cross paty of silver, with a diameter of 38 millimetres, the arms bordered and the extremities embowed, between the arms three short rays, all silver, and in the centre of the obverse, on a light blue enamel roundel, a silver leopard's head coupé. The central medallion shall be one half the diameter of the decoration. The reverse of the decoration shall bear in relief the Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa. The decoration shall be attached by a plain suspender fixed to the upper arm of the decoration.
3. The Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard shall be a five-armed cross paty of bronze, with a diameter of 38 millimetres, the extremities of the arms embowed, their flat surfaces urdy and corners concave, between the arms three short rays, all bronze, and in the centre of the obverse, on a light blue enamel roundel, a bronze leopard's head coupé. The central medallion shall be one half the diameter of the decoration. The reverse of the decoration shall bear in relief the Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa. The decoration shall be attached by a plain suspender fixed to the upper arm of the decoration.
4. The award of the decorations for service in active military operations shall be indicated by the following distinguishing insignia, according to the Service in which the recipient was serving at the time of the action for which the decoration was conferred, and in the metal of the particular decoration. The insignia shall be worn on the ribbon evenly spaced between the top of the ribbon and suspender and above any bars awarded:
 - a. In Army uniform: Crossed swords.

- c. In Naval uniform: Anchor.
- d. In Military Health Service uniform: Rod of Aesculapius.

Rule 4

The decorations shall be worn on the left breast pendent from suspenders, attached to ribbons 32 millimetres wide. The ribbons for the respective decorations shall be as described in the following paragraphs:

1. The ribbon for the **Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard** shall be light blue, 20 millimetres wide with gold edges, 6 millimetres wide.
2. The ribbon for the **Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard** shall be light blue, 20 millimetres wide with white edges, 6 millimetres wide.
3. The ribbon for the **Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard** shall be light blue, 20 millimetres wide with bronze edges, 6 millimetres wide.

CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE DECORATIONS

Rule 5

The honours for bravery may be awarded to Officers and Other Ranks of the South African National Defence Force and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Armed Forces attached to or serving with or rendering any service to the South African National Defence Force who have distinguished themselves by bravery on a single occasion or over a period of time. The decorations shall be awarded to persons who

1. in respect of the **Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard**, distinguished themselves by performing acts of exceptional bravery during military operations;
2. in respect of the **Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard**, distinguished themselves by performing acts of conspicuous bravery during military operations;
3. in respect of the **Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard**, distinguished themselves by performing acts of bravery during military operations.

Rule 6

Only one of each decoration shall be conferred. Should recipients of any of the decorations again perform services that would have made them eligible to be considered for the award of the same decoration, recognition of the conduct may be accorded by the award of a bar to denote a subsequent conferment of the decoration. The bar shall be 33 millimetres in length and 5 millimetres wide, embossed in the centre with a replica in silhouette of the decoration, to be worn on the ribbon evenly spaced between the suspender and the top of the ribbon. When only a ribbon bar is worn, a replica in silhouette, 8 millimetres in diameter, of the same metal as the decoration, shall be affixed to the ribbon to denote each bar awarded. The first replica shall be affixed to the centre of the ribbon. Subsequent replicas shall be evenly spaced on the breadth of the ribbon bar. The bars for each additional award of the honour shall be of the following metals:

1. The bar shall be of 9 Carat Gold in respect of the **Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard**.
2. The bar shall be of silver in respect of the **Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard**.
3. The bar shall be of bronze in respect of the **Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard**.

Rule 7

The decorations and the bars may be awarded posthumously.

Rule 8

The conferment of the decorations shall not entitle recipients to any individual precedence, rank or title, but they shall be entitled to indicate that they hold any of the decorations by the addition after their names of the following letters:

1. For the Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard, the letters NG.
2. For the Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard, the letters NS.
3. For the Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard, the letters NB.

GENERAL**Rule 9**

In accordance with these Rules and the Regulations for the granting, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the decorations, the President may confer awards, declare awards forfeited, annul awards and restore awards after forfeiture.

Rule 10

Every recipient of any of the decorations shall be entitled to:

1. a miniature thereof and to wear the miniature on appropriate occasions as prescribed by the Dress Regulations;
2. a certificate of award, in a form determined by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.

Rule 11

A sealed pattern of the decorations, and of the bars, together with a sealed pattern of a reproduction in miniature, half the size of the decorations, and of the replicas, shall be kept in the Presidency.

REGULATIONS FOR THE HONOURS FOR BRAVERY

In terms of Section 84(2)(k) of the *Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act No 108 of 1996)*, read with Section 136(3) of the *Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957)*, the President of the Republic of South Africa has made the following Regulations for the grant, annulment and restoration of the Honours for Bravery.

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD, FORFEITURE AND ANNULMENT AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE HONOURS FOR BRAVERY**Regulation 1**

Precedence. The decorations shall take precedence as bravery awards in the Official Table of Precedence as published from time to time by the President.

Regulation 2

An Award of the Decoration to a Prisoner of War or a Person Missing in Operations. If the decoration is awarded to a person who is a prisoner of war, or is missing in an operation, such award shall not be announced until the person concerned has ceased to be a prisoner of war or to be missing, and the date of award shall be mentioned in such announcement.

Regulation 3

Issue of the Decorations.

1. The decorations, ribbons and the miniatures thereof as well as the certificates of award shall be issued only once to a recipient at State expense. Replacement after loss thereof shall be at the expense of the recipient or next of kin.
2. A single numbered specimen of each decoration and its ribbon and of the miniature decoration and ribbon may be made available to an accredited museum or similar institution approved of by a Designated Officer and subject to conditions approved by the Treasury. The unique number shall be preceded by the capital letter "M".
3. A letter explaining the significance of the award and the privileges and duties in respect of the decoration shall accompany each award. A similar letter shall accompany each medal issued to museums and similar institutions.

Regulation 4

Registration and Publication.

1. A unique serial number shall be stamped or engraved on each decoration, excluding the miniature thereof.
2. A Designated Officer shall maintain a permanent Register in which shall be recorded
 - a. the serial number of each decoration;
 - b. the names of the recipients or of the museums or institutions to whom or to which decorations have been awarded or donated and the dates of the award or donation;
 - c. any forfeiture, annulment, loss, replacement or restoration of a decoration and the dates of each action.
3. Each award, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the decoration shall be published in the Orders of the South African National Defence Force.
4. The publication of the recipient's name in the Orders of the South African National Defence Force is the sole authority for the recipient to wear the appropriate ribbon, decoration or miniature thereof or use the appropriate post-nominal letters.

Regulation 5

Presentation. When it is practicable, a decoration shall be presented to a recipient on a parade, provided that when a recipient dies before the presentation, the decoration may be presented, on a parade or otherwise, to the next of kin or to any other person at the discretion of a Designated Officer.

Regulation 6

Forfeiture of the Decorations. In accordance with Rule 9, and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000)*, the President may declare a decoration and the bars thereto, awarded in terms of the provisions of this Warrant, forfeited for not more than five years if the recipient is convicted by a military court established in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the *Military Discipline*

Supplementary Measures Act, 1999 (Act No. 16 of 1999), or by a civilian court and sentenced to any punishment.

1. The period of forfeiture shall be calculated from the date of conviction.
2. The decoration may be restored at any time before expiration of the period for which it was forfeited if it is the opinion of the President that the recipient has become in every way deserving and worthy of the restoration.
3. Upon the expiry of the full period for which the decoration was forfeited, it shall be restored without any further declaration by the President.
4. Upon forfeiture by the President, the decoration shall be withdrawn from the holder who shall not be permitted to wear the decoration, the bars thereto and the ribbon until they have been officially restored.
5. Should any person whose awards have been forfeited at any time wear the decoration, the bars or the ribbon, that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the provisions of the Military Discipline Code.

Regulation 7

Annulment of the Award of the Decorations.

1. In accordance with Rule 9, and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, 2000 (Act 3 of 2000)*, the President may declare any award made in terms of the provisions of this Warrant annulled if the recipient
 - a. is convicted of high treason, sedition, mutiny or any other crime which amounts to a similar offence; or
 - b. is convicted and sentenced to any punishment that justifies annulment or is sentenced to be cashiered; or
 - c. is to be dismissed or in the case of an Officer or to be discharged with ignominy, or to be discharged in the case of an Other Rank, from the South African National Defence Force.
2. Upon annulment by the President, the decoration shall be permanently withdrawn from the holder who shall no longer have the right to wear the decoration, the bars thereto or the ribbon.
3. Should any person whose awards have been annulled at any time wear the decoration, the bars or the ribbon, that person shall be guilty of an offence and shall be dealt with according to the provisions of the Military Discipline Code.

Regulation 8

Surrender by Recipients. Recipients of the decorations shall, upon forfeiture or annulment of the awards, surrender their decorations, the miniatures thereof and certificates of the awards to a Designated Officer.

Regulation 9

Restoration. In accordance with the terms of Rule 9, the decoration may be restored if it is the opinion of the President that the recipient is in every way deserving and worthy of the restoration.

Regulation 10Disposal, Loss and Replacement.

3. If a Designated Officer is of the opinion that the loss is not due to the negligence or default of the recipient, he may authorise replacement at State expense, but in every other case replacement shall be made against payment.

Regulation 11

Definitions. In the Rules and Regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise,

1. "decoration" shall mean the **Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard**, the **Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard** or the **Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard**;
2. "Designated Officer" shall mean an officer appointed by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force to perform the functions prescribed with which the officer has been charged under these Regulations;
3. "award" shall mean the conferment of a decoration referred to in Rule 1;
4. "annulment" shall mean that an award is declared to be cancelled and void and of no effect;
5. "bar" shall mean an additional award of a decoration for bravery.
6. "forfeiture" shall mean that
 - a. prior to the award of the medal, the conferment of the medal or the bars thereto may be deferred for a prescribed period of time which period, however, shall be permanently erased from the member's total period of service; or
 - b. after the award of the medal, the recipient may be deprived of the medal and the bars thereto and the right to wear the medal, the bars and the ribbon for a prescribed period of time, which period shall be permanently erased from the member's total period of service.
7. "honour" shall mean the **Nkwe ya Gauta - Golden Leopard**, the **Nkwe ya Selefera - Silver Leopard** and the **Nkwe ya Boronse - Bronze Leopard**;
8. "recipient" shall mean any person to whom a Decoration has been awarded in terms of these Rules and Regulations;
9. "ribbon bar" shall mean one or more strips of medal ribbon sewn or otherwise affixed to a metal brooch or strip of buckram or other stiffening material for wear when medals themselves are not to be worn;
10. "Rules" and "Regulations" shall mean the Rules and the Regulations for the award of the honours for bravery.