

PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA
FOR THE INSTITUTION OF THE MEDALJE VIR TROUE DIENS - MEDAL FOR LOYAL
SERVICE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE

To all to whom these presents shall come,

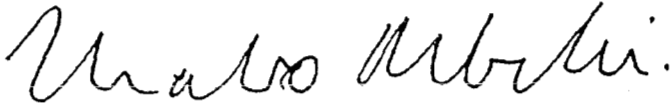
GREETING!

WHEREAS I deem it desirable to accord recognition to Officers and Other Ranks of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, who have completed prescribed periods of service in the South African National Defence Force after the 27th day of April 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers granted to me to institute honours in accordance with 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, a Medal which shall be designated and styled the *Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service*, which shall be awarded to persons whose character and conduct have been irreproachable and who have completed ten years' qualifying service, or subsequent periods of ten years of service, as prescribed in the Rules hereto, and which shall be reserved exclusively for the purpose stated and which should be highly prized by all members of the aforesaid forces.

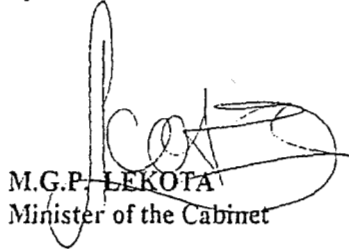
I ORDAIN further that the Rules and Regulations embodied in the Schedule hereto shall govern the design and award of the said Medal, as well as the annulment, forfeiture and restoration.

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 AWARD OF THE MEDALJE VIR TROUE DIENS - MEDAL FOR LOYAL SERVICE****Rule 1**

The honour for completing prescribed periods of loyal service in the South African National Defence Force and in any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, shall be designated and styled the **Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service**.

Rule 2

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

DESIGN AND RIBBON OF THE MEDAL**Rule 3**

The **Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service** shall be of silver-nickel and circular in shape with a diameter of 38 millimetres and the edge evenly scalloped. The obverse of the medal shall bear the Coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa. The reverse of the Medal shall bear in relief the words "Vir Troue Diens". The medal shall be attached by a plain silver-nickel suspender fixed to the upper rim of the medal.

Rule 4

The medal shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a suspender attached to a ribbon 32 millimetres wide. The ribbon for the medal shall be national flag red 3 millimetres, white 3 millimetres, national flag green 20 millimetres, white 3 millimetres, and national flag blue 3 millimetres.

CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE MEDAL**Rule 5**

The **Medalje vir Troue Diens - The Medal for Loyal Service** shall be awarded only to members of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, irrespective of rank, who are South African citizens, whose character and conduct have been irreproachable and who, on or after the 27th day of April 2003, completed ten years' qualifying service, which need not be continuous, in the aforesaid or other forces as provided for in Rule 13.

Rule 6

Only one medal shall be conferred. For each additional period of ten years' qualifying service, to a maximum of forty years', which may be interrupted service, during which the member's character and conduct have remained irreproachable, recognition may be accorded for the service by the award of a bar to denote a subsequent conferment of the medal. The bars shall be 33 millimetres in length by 5 millimetres wide, with the Arabic numerals "20", "30", "40" or "50" respectively in relief in the centre. The bars shall be worn on the ribbon at even distances between the suspender and the top of the ribbon. When only a ribbon bar is worn a silhouette replica of the medal, 8 millimetres in diameter, of the same metal as the medal, and with the Arabic numerals "20", "30", "40" or "50" respectively in relief, shall be affixed to the ribbon to denote each bar awarded. The first replica shall be affixed to the centre of the ribbon bar. Subsequent replicas shall be evenly spaced on the breadth

for fifty years' service shall be worn alone in the centre of the ribbon bar. The bars awarded for each additional period of service shall be of the following metals:

1. Silver for the completion of twenty years' service.
2. Matt silver for the completion of thirty years' service.
3. Silver gilt for the completion of forty years' service.
4. Matt silver gilt for the completion of fifty years' service.

Rule 7

The medal and the bars may be awarded posthumously.

Rule 8

The conferment of the medal shall not entitle the recipients to any individual precedence, rank or title, nor to the use of any letters to indicate that they hold the medal.

Rule 9

Members of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, who have been awarded any decoration or medal for efficient service, good conduct, long service, loyal service, or any other similar honour for such service in the South African National Defence Force or its predecessors or in the military forces of the erstwhile homelands, or in Umkhonto weSizwe or in the Azanian People's Liberation Army, or in the police or correctional services of South Africa or the erstwhile homelands, or in the uniformed services of the Commonwealth or any foreign country who, on or after the 27th day of April 2003, complete further periods of ten years' qualifying service, as defined, which need not be continuous, but during which their character and conduct remain irreproachable, may be awarded the Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service in addition to the previous medals awarded.

GENERAL

Rule 10

In accordance with these rules and the regulations for the granting, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the Medal, the President may confer awards, declare awards forfeited, annul awards and restore awards after forfeiture.

Rule 11

Every recipient of the medal 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 the award, in a form determined by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.

Rule 12

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

SERVICE QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE FOR THE MEDALJE VIR TROUE DIENS - MEDAL FOR LOYAL SERVICE**Rule 13**

The following service, which may have been interrupted or broken service, may be counted as qualifying service for the award of the medal, provided that evidence is submitted of all service to be recognised to the satisfaction of a Designated Officer:

1. Service as a member of the Permanent Force of the South African Defence Force or of the South African National Defence Force or the Regular Force of the South African National Defence Force.
2. Service as a full-time member of the South African Police or the South African Police Service before 27 April 1994
3. Service as a full-time member of the South African Prisons Service or of the South African Correctional Service before 27 April 1994.
4. Service as a full-time member of any Auxiliary Service of the South African Defence Force or South African National Defence Force.
5. Service as a member of the Citizen Force or the Commandos of the South African Defence Force or of the South African National Defence Force or of the Reserve Force, provided that recognition of service rendered on or after 6 November 1997 may be claimed for only those years' during which the member served in any manner on at least 12 days, which may have been continuous or noncontinuous, whether the member was remunerated or not.
6. Service as a member in any Controlled Reserve of the South African Defence Force or South African National Defence Force and was called up for service, provided that recognition of service rendered on or after 6 November 1997 may be claimed for only those years' during which the member served in any manner on at least 12 days, which may have been continuous or noncontinuous, whether the member was remunerated or not.
7. Service as a member of the Azanian People's Liberation Army or Umkhonto weSizwe before 27 April 1994, provided that the member's name appears either in the Name Lists or in the certified personnel registers and an appropriate authenticated service certificate is on the member's file or is submitted.
8. Service as a member of the Defence Forces, police services or correctional services or similar institutions of the erstwhile Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda or Ciskei before 27 April 1994.
9. Service as a member of the police services or correctional services or similar institutions of the erstwhile Self-Governing Territories before 27 April 1994.
10. Service as a member of the Reserves of the South African Police or forces mentioned in paragraphs 8 and 9 before 27 April 1994, provided that recognition of service rendered on or after 6 November 1997 may be claimed for only those years' during which the member served in any manner on at least 12 days, which may have been continuous or noncontinuous whether the member was remunerated or not.
11. Service, other than service in the inactive reserves, as a member of an armed force of a Commonwealth country, for a period not exceeding fifty per cent of the member's qualifying service in those armed forces.
12. Service, other than service in the inactive reserves, as a member of armed force of any country not being a Commonwealth country, for a period not exceeding fifty per cent of the member's qualifying service in those armed forces.

Rule 14

The following circumstances shall not be deemed qualifying periods of service for the award of the Medal:

1. Service that has already been or should be taken into account as qualifying service for other awards for long service, as published in the Official Table of Precedence.
2. Any period of leave without remuneration.
3. Periods of absence from duty due to the misconduct or negligence of a member.
4. Periods of service in any force, service or department in a civilian capacity, or when the member was younger than 16 years of age.
5. Part-time or full-time appointments in an honorary capacity or periods when protective rank was utilised.
6. Periods of detention or imprisonment that were not served solely as a result of a person's membership of any force as mentioned in paragraph 7 of the qualifying service categories,
7. Periods for which no account can be established of a member's service.

REGULATIONS FOR THE MEDALJE VIR TROUE DIENS - MEDAL FOR LOYAL SERVICE

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 Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service:

REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD, FORFEITURE, ANNULMENT AND RESTORATION AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE MEDALJE VIR TROUE DIENS - MEDAL FOR LOYAL SERVICE

Regulation 1

Precedence. The Medal shall take precedence as an award for long service in the Official Table of Precedence as published from time to time by the President.

Regulation 2

An Award of the Medal to a Prisoner of War or a Person Missing in Operations. If the medal 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 an announcement.

Regulation 3

Issue of the Medal.

1. The medal, ribbon and the miniature thereof as well as the certificate of award shall be issued only once to a recipient at State expense. Replacement after loss thereof shall be effected at the expense of the recipient or next of kin.
2. A single numbered specimen of the medal and its ribbon and of the miniature medal 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 medal 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 full-sized medal but not on the miniature thereof.
2. A Designated Officer shall maintain a permanent Register in which shall be recorded:
 - a. the serial number of each medal;
 - b. the names of the recipients or of the museums or institutions to whom or to which medals have been awarded or donated and the dates of the award or donation;
 - c. any forfeiture, annulment, loss, replacement or restoration of a medal and the dates of each action.
3. Each award, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the medal 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, medal or the miniature thereof.

Regulation 5

Presentation. When it is practicable, a medal shall be presented to a recipient on a parade, provided that should a recipient have died before the presentation, the medal 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

Deferment of the Award of the Medal and Forfeiture of Service.

1. Each adverse entry (as defined in these Regulations) in a member's conduct sheet during the qualifying period for any specific award for long service may result in the deferment of the award for not more than five years'.
2. Each period of deferment shall be reckoned from the date of qualification for the award of the medal or of a bar and each such period shall be forfeited permanently and be erased from the record of service of the member as though it had never been served.
3. Although each adverse entry during each qualifying period for awards of the medal or of the bars shall be taken into consideration only once for purposes of deferment, nevertheless any adverse entry during each of the qualifying periods shall result in the permanent forfeiture of the periods of deferment and they shall be erased from the record of service of the member as though they had never been served.
4. No award for long service may be awarded to a person during a period for which any other award for long service has been forfeited.

Regulation 7

Forfeiture of the Medal. In accordance with Rule 10 and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, (Act No. 3 of 2000)*, the President may declare a medal 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, (Act No. 16 of 1999), or by a civilian court and sentenced to any punishment by a civilian court and sentenced to a punishment as stipulated in Regulation 12 (2).

1. The period of forfeiture shall be calculated from the date of conviction and shall be permanently erased from the record of service of the recipient as though it had never been served.
2. The medal 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 medal and the bars thereto were forfeited, it shall be restored without any further declaration by the President.
4. Upon forfeiture by the President, the medal and the bars thereto shall be withdrawn from the holder who shall not have the right to wear the medal, the bars thereto or the ribbon until the expiry of the period of forfeiture.

Regulation 8

1. Annulment of the Award of the Medal. In accordance with Rule 10, and subject to the provisions of the *Promotion of the Administration of Justice Act, (Act No. 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, to be discharged with ignominy, or to be discharged from the South African National Defence Force.
2. Upon annulment by the President, the medal and the bars thereto shall be permanently withdrawn from the holder who shall no longer be permitted to wear the medal, the bars thereto or the ribbon.
3. Should any person whose awards have been annulled at any time wear the medal, 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 9

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

Regulation 10

Restoration. In accordance with the terms of Rule 10, the medal 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 11

Disposal, Loss and Replacement.

1. No person to whom a medal has been awarded in terms of this Warrant shall pledge, barter or sell or dispose of such medal other than by way of testamentary bequest.
2. A recipient shall report the loss or theft of a medal in writing to the Chief of the South African National

Defence Force. A museum or similar institution to which the medal shall have been issued shall also report the loss or theft of a medal in writing to the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.

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 12

Definitions. In these regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise:

1. "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.

2. "Adverse entry" shall mean an entry in the Conduct Sheet (DD1305 or in the PERSOL programs EONO2 and EONO3) of a member of the South African National Defence Force or of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force that records that the member has been sentenced by a civilian court for a criminal offence (whether the sentence is suspended or not) or by a military court for any offence (whether the sentence is suspended or not) to

- a. imprisonment;
- b. cashiering or dismissal in the case of an Officer, or discharge with ignominy or discharge from the South African National Defence Force in the case of a Warrant Officer, a Non Commissioned Officer or an Other Rank;
- c. detention;
- d. reduction to a lower commissioned rank, to a lower non-commissioned rank or to any lower rank;
- e. reversion from any acting or temporary rank to a substantive rank;
- f. a fine which is equal to, or higher, than the maximum fine which can be imposed by a commanding officer.

3. "award" shall mean the conferment of the medal referred to in Rule 1 of the Rules.

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 for extended loyal service.

6. "a civilian court" shall mean any competent court in the Republic having jurisdiction in criminal matters.

7. "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 of the medal and the bars thereto and of the right to wear the medal, the bars and the ribbon for a prescribed period of time, which period shall also be permanently erased from the member's total period of service.

8. "honour" shall mean the Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service.

9. "medal" shall mean the Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service.

10. "military court" shall mean any one of the Courts established in accordance with the provisions of Section 6 of the *Military Discipline Supplementary Measures Act, (Act No. 16 of 1999)*, namely

- a. the Court of Military Appeals;
- b. the Court of a Senior Military Judge;
- c. the Court of a Military Judge; or
- d. a commanding officer's disciplinary hearing.

11. "recipient" shall mean any person to whom the medal has been awarded in terms of these Rules and Regulations;

12. "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;

13. "Rules" and "Regulations" shall mean the Rules and the Regulations for the award of the *Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service*.