

## PRESIDENTIAL WARRANT

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE INSTITUTION  
OF THE *EMBLEM FOR RESERVE FORCE SERVICE*

To all to whom these presents shall come,

## GREETING!

WHEREAS Queen Elizabeth II, acting in Her Government of the Union of South Africa, did institute, constitute and create the honours for long and efficient service in the Citizen Force, namely the *John Chard Medal* and the *John Chard Decoration*, and a Bar thereto, by Royal Warrant of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1953;

AND WHEREAS my predecessors the several former State Presidents of the Republic of South Africa did institute, constitute and create the honours for long and efficient service in the Commandos the *De Wet Decoration* and a Bar thereto by Presidential Warrant on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1965 and the *De Wet Medal* by Presidential Warrant on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1987;

AND WHEREAS my predecessor the former President of the Republic of South Africa did re-institute by virtue of Presidential Warrants dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November 1997, containing new conditions for their award in the Rules and Regulations thereto, the *John Chard Medal*, the *John Chard Decoration* and Bar thereto and the *De Wet Medal*, the *De Wet Decoration* and the Bar thereto intended to recognize loyal and efficient service in the Citizen Force and the Commandos;

AND WHEREAS the conferment of the aforementioned medals and the decorations and the bars thereto shall be discontinued in respect of service completed after the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003;

AND WHEREAS the Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service has been instituted by me by a Presidential Warrant, for award to all Officers and Other Ranks of the South African National Defence Force, and of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force, who complete prescribed periods of service in the South African National Defence Force after the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003, and the conditions for the award thereof are contained in that Presidential Warrant and the Rules and Regulations thereto;

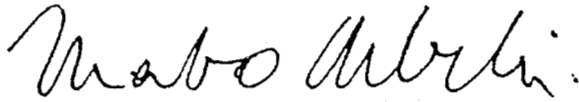
AND WHEREAS I desire to accord special recognition to Officers and other Ranks of the Reserve Force of the South African National Defence Force, who after the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003 complete the prescribed period of twenty years loyal service to qualify for the award of the Bar to the Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service, whose character and conduct have been irreproachable and who are in every way considered worthy and deserving of recognition for Reserve Force service as prescribed in the Rules contained in the Schedule hereto;

NOW THEREFORE by virtue of the power 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2003, an emblem to be worn on the ribbon of the Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service, which shall be designated and styled the *Emblem for Reserve Force Service*, which shall be reserved exclusively for the purpose stated, and which shall be highly prized by all members of the aforesaid Force.

I FURTHER ordain that the Rules and Regulations embodied in the Schedule hereto shall govern the design and the award of the said *Emblem* as well as its annulment, forfeiture and restoration.

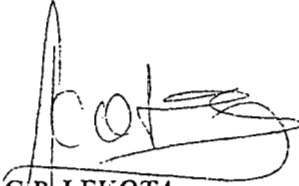
Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Sixteenth day of April the Year Two Thousand and Three.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE INSTITUTION  
OF THE EMBLEM FOR RESERVE FORCE SERVICE



T.M. MBEKI  
President

By Order of the President



M.G.P. LEKOTA  
Minister of the Cabinet

**SCHEDULE****RULES FOR THE AWARD OF THE EMBLEM FOR RESERVE FORCE SERVICE****Rule 1**

The *Emblem* for completing the prescribed period of loyal service in the Reserve Force of the South African National Defence Force, shall be designated and styled the *Emblem for Reserve Force Service*.

**Rule 2**

The President shall award the *Emblem* on the recommendation of the Minister of Defence of the Republic of South Africa.

**DESIGN AND WEARING OF THE EMBLEM****Rule 3**

The *Emblem* shall be a monogram of the capital letters "RD" in Roman lettering, struck in silver and measuring 6 millimetres in height and 7,6 millimetres in width.

**Rule 4**

A member of the Reserve Force awarded a bar to the *Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service* signifying the completion of twenty years' qualifying service, shall be awarded the *Emblem* together with the bar, provided that the member has served in the Reserve Force in accordance with conditions prescribed in Rule 8.

**Rule 5**

A member of the Reserve Force who was awarded a bar to the *Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service* signifying the completion of twenty years' qualifying service prior to appointment to the Reserve Force shall be awarded the *Emblem* provided that the member has served in the Reserve Force in accordance with the conditions prescribed in Rule 8.

**Rule 6**

The *Emblem* for Reserve Force Service shall only be awarded once and it

- a. shall be worn on the ribbon together with bars awarded for the periods of extended service prescribed in the Warrant instituting the *Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service*;
- b. shall be worn in the centre of the ribbon above the highest bar to which the recipient is entitled;
- c. shall continue to be worn by recipients who may subsequently be appointed to the Regular Force or any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force.

**Rule 7**

The *Emblem* shall be worn on the ribbon bar of the *Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service* evenly spaced and worn to the right of the first replica of the medal denoting a bar after the first award of a bar and after the award of a third bar. Recipients of two and four bars shall wear the *Emblem* in the centre of the ribbon with replicas grouped evenly on either side of the *Emblem*, with the replicas for the longest service to the right of the *Emblem*.

**CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE EMBLEM****Rule 8**

The *Emblem* may be awarded to Officers and Other Ranks of the Reserve Force, whose character and conduct have been irreproachable and who are in every way considered worthy and deserving of the award and who have served for a qualifying period of twenty years loyal service as contemplated in the Warrant for the Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service, provided that at that time when any Officer or Other Rank qualifies for the award of the *Emblem*, the member is serving in the Reserve Force and that prior to, during, or after the qualifying period of twenty years has served for not less than an aggregate of five years in the Reserve Force in the following capacities and manner:

- a. As a member of the Citizen Force or Commandos of the South African National Defence Force or of any Controlled Reserve Force or on any Permanent List of the South African Defence Force or South African National Defence Force, provided that recognition of service shall be only for those five years during which the member served in any manner on at least 12 days which may have been continuous or non-continuous, whether the member was remunerated or not.
- b. As a conscripted person or volunteer in the former South African Defence Force who was required to perform National Service in terms of Section 104 (5) (b) of the Defence Act, Act No. 44 of 1957 as amended, in as much as the period of service rendered is to be recognized as qualifying Reserve Force service.
- c. The required minimum of five years service in the Reserve Force may be rendered in any years (which need not be consecutive) prior to, during, or after, the qualifying period for the award of the twenty year bar to the Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service, provided, however, that the member shall be serving as a member of the Reserve Force at the time of qualifying for the *Emblem*.

**Rule 9**

The *Emblem* may be awarded posthumously.

**Rule 10**

The award of the *Emblem* shall not entitle the recipient to any individual precedence, rank or title but shall allow the recipient to the use of the post nominal letters RD to denote Reserve Distinction.

**GENERAL****Rule 11**

The *Emblem for Reserve Force Service* will be awarded after the submission and approval of a written recommendation on the prescribed Form.

**Rule 12**

In accordance with these Rules and Regulations for the granting, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the *Emblem*, the President may award the *Emblem*, declare the award forfeited, annul the award and restore the *Emblem* after forfeiture.

**Rule 13**

Every recipient of the *Emblem* shall be entitled to a certificate of the award, in a form determined by the Chief of the South African National Defence Force.

## Rule 14

A sealed pattern of the *Emblem* shall be kept in the Presidency.

## REGULATIONS FOR THE AWARD, FORFEITURE, ANNULMENT, RESTORATION AND OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE *EMBLEM FOR RESERVE FORCE SERVICE*

### Regulation 1

Precedence. The *Emblem* shall take no precedence as an award in the Official Table of Precedence as published from time to time by the President.

### Regulation 2

An Award of the *Emblem* to a Prisoner of War or a Person Missing in Operations. If the *Emblem* 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 *Emblem*.

1. The *Emblem* as well as the certificate 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 specimen of the *Emblem* 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.
3. A letter explaining the significance of the *Emblem* and the privileges and duties in respect of the *Emblem* shall accompany each award. A similar letter shall accompany each *Emblem* issued to museums and similar institutions.

### Regulation 4

#### Registration and Publication.

1. A Designated Officer shall maintain a permanent Register in which shall be recorded
  - a. the names of the recipients or of the museums or institutions to whom or to which *Emblems* have been awarded or donated and the dates of the award or donation;
  - b. any forfeiture, annulment, loss, replacement or restoration of an *Emblem* and the dates of each action.
2. Each award, forfeiture, annulment and restoration of the *Emblem* shall be published in the Orders of the South African National Defence Force.
3. 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 *Emblem* and use the appropriate post-nominal letters.

### Regulation 5

Presentation. When it is practicable, the *Emblem* shall be presented to a recipient on a parade, provided that when a recipient dies before the presentation, it 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 *Emblem* 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 *Emblem* 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 *Emblem* shall be taken into consideration only once for purpose of deferment, nevertheless any adverse entry during each qualifying period 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.

### Regulation 7

Forfeiture of the *Emblem*. In accordance with *Rule 12*, 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 medal and the bars and the *Emblem* 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 punishments stipulated in the Regulations for the *Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service*.

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 *Emblem* 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, bars and the *Emblem* thereto were forfeited, they shall be restored without any further declaration by the President.
4. Upon forfeiture by the President the medal, bars and the *Emblem* thereto shall be withdrawn from the holder who shall not be permitted to wear the medal, bars and the *Emblem* thereto or the ribbon until they have been officially restored.

### Regulation 8

Annulment of the Award of the *Emblem*. 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 in accordance with the conditions contained in the Warrant for the *Medalje vir Troue Diens – Medal for Loyal Service*.

### Regulation 9

Surrender by Recipients. Recipients of the *Emblem* shall, upon forfeiture or annulment of the awards, surrender their *Emblems*, and certificates of the awards to a Designated Officer.

### Regulation 10

Restoration. In accordance with the terms of Rule 12, the *Emblem* 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 an *Emblem* has been awarded in terms of this Warrant shall pledge, barter, sell or dispose of such *Emblem* other than by way of testamentary bequest.
2. A recipient shall report the loss or theft of an *Emblem* in writing to the Chief of the South African National Defence Force. A museum or similar institution to which the *Emblem* shall have been issued shall also report the loss or theft of an *Emblem* 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. "adverse entry" shall mean an entry in the prescribed Conduct Sheet of a member of the South African National Defence Force or of any Auxiliary Service of the South African National Defence Force as defined in the Regulations for the Medalje vir Troue Diens - Medal for Loyal Service;
2. "annulment" shall mean that an award is declared to be cancelled and void and of no effect;
3. "award" shall mean the conferment of the *Emblem* referred to in Rule 1;
4. "bar" shall mean an additional award of a medal for valour, gallantry, meritorious service or extended service;
5. "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;
6. "*Emblem*" shall mean the *Emblem for Reserve Force Service*;
7. "forfeiture" shall mean forfeiture as defined in the regulations for the Medalje vir True Diens - Medal for Loyal 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. "recipient" shall mean any person to whom the medal, a bar or the *Emblem* has been awarded in terms of these Rules and Regulations;

11. "replica" shall mean a replica of the medal affixed to the ribbon bar to denote each bar awarded;
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 and the *Emblem for Reserve Force Service*.