
ROYAL BAHAMAS DEFENCE FORCE (AWARD OF DECORATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1995

S.I. 74/1995

(SECTION 203)*[Commencement 21st September, 1995]*

Citation.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Royal Bahamas Defence Force (Award of Decorations) Regulations, 1995.

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations—

“decoration” includes medal, ribbon and medal ribbon;

“member of the Defence Force” means a member of the regular Force or the Reserve and includes any officer or marine attached or seconded to the Defence Force;

“regular Force” means the body of officers and marines established under paragraph (a) of section 3 of the Defence Act.

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Decorations.

3. (1) Subject to regulations 4 to 10, the Governor-General, acting on the recommendation of the Minister after the minister has consulted with the Commander, may award any of the following decorations to a member of the Defence Force—

- (a) Royal Bahamas Defence Force Cross;
- (b) Royal Bahamas Defence Force Gallantry;
- (c) Royal Bahamas Defence Force Distinguished Service;
- (d) Royal Bahamas Defence Force Meritorious Service;
- (e) Royal Bahamas Defence Force Long Service and Good Conduct;
- (f) Royal Bahamas Defence Force Traumatic Service;
- (g) Royal Bahamas Defence Force Overseas campaign.

(2) The design and form of the decorations specified in paragraph (1) shall be as respectively described in the Schedule.

Schedule.

(3) Any decoration specified in paragraph (1) may be reproduced as a miniature and—

- (a) in the case of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Cross, the medal shall not exceed twenty millimetres at its widest point;
- (b) in the case of a decoration other than the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Cross, the medal shall not exceed twenty millimetres in diameter;
- (c) in the case of a ribbon, shall not exceed sixteen millimetres in width and thirty-three millimetres in length; and
- (d) unless awarded posthumously, shall be worn, on official occasions only, by the person to whom the decoration is awarded.

4. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Cross decoration may be awarded to a member of the Defence Force who distinguishes himself from other members by performing an act of outstanding heroism in the presence of great danger or at great personal risk—

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Cross decoration.

- (a) while engaged in an action against an enemy of The Bahamas or any hostile force;
- (b) while engaged in a military conflict operation involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or
- (c) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which The Bahamas is not a belligerent party.

5. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Gallantry decoration may be awarded to a member of the Defence Force who performs an act of gallantry above the standard expected of him in circumstances of extreme danger which do not warrant the awarding of a Royal Bahamas Defence Force Cross decoration but which distinguish him from other members.

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Gallantry
decoration.

6. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Distinguished Service decoration may be awarded to a member of the Defence Force who contributes materially to the success of a major command, operation or project, and distinguishes himself by exceptional and meritorious service to The Bahamas.

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Distinguished
Service
decoration.

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Meritorious
Service
decoration.

7. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Meritorious Service decoration may be awarded to any member of the Defence Force who distinguishes himself by outstanding meritorious achievement or service to The Bahamas or by prolonged service marked by exceptional ability, merit and conduct.

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Long Service and
Good Conduct
decoration.

8. (1) The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Long Service and Good Conduct decoration may be awarded to any member of the Defence Force who has completed eighteen years of continuous service and, in the case of a marine who has for those years been awarded a conduct assessment of “Very Good” as laid down in the Defence Force Instructions.

(2) A clasp may be awarded to the recipient of decoration specified in paragraph (1) on his completion of twenty-five years of continuous service, and another clasp may be awarded to him on his completion of thirty years of continuous service, if for the respective periods the recipient was awarded a conduct assessment of “Very Good” as laid down in the Defence Force Instructions.

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Traumatic
decoration.

9. The Royal Bahamas Defence Force Traumatic Service decoration may be awarded, whether posthumously or otherwise, to any member of the Defence Force who, while serving in any capacity with the Force, has been killed or wounded—

- (a) in any action against any enemy of The Bahamas;
- (b) in any action against an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Defence Force is or has been engaged;
- (c) engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which The Bahamas is not a belligerent party;
- (d) as a result of any act of any such enemy or opposing armed force;
- (e) as a result of an act of any hostile foreign force;
- (f) as an indirect result of an enemy act, such as by injuries resulting from abandoning a ship sunk by enemy or hostile fire or by any other act of the enemy; or
- (g) as a result of maltreatment inflicted by captors while a prisoner of war.

10. The Defence Force Overseas Campaign decoration may be awarded to any member of the Defence Force who has served in a campaign outside of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas for at least thirty days for an aggregate period of one year. The assignment to countries outside The Bahamas for instructions, training or exercises will not justify the award of this decoration.

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Overseas
Campaign
Decoration.

11. An accumulation of minor acts of heroism does not justify the award of any decoration specified in paragraph (1) of regulation 3.

Minor acts of
heroism.

12. (1) Without prejudice to regulations 3 to 10, the Minister after consultation with the Commander may award the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Faithful Service decoration to any member of the Reserve who has completed fifteen years of voluntary service in the Reserve and who has performed that service faithfully.

Royal Bahamas
Defence Force
Faithful Service
decoration.

(2) In paragraph (1) , no service as a full time member of the permanent staff of the regular Force shall count as qualifying service and a break in service not exceeding twelve months shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of that service.

(3) The design and form of the Royal Bahamas Defence Force Faithful Service decoration shall be as described in the Schedule.

13. (1) The Governor-General, on the advice of the Minister after the Minister has consulted with the Commander, may cancel the award to any person of any decoration for Distinguished Service, Meritorious Service or for Long Service and Good Conduct and that person shall immediately return the decoration to a person designated by the Governor-General to receive it.

Cancellation and
restoration of
awards.

(2) The Governor-General, on the advice of the Minister after the Minister has consulted with the Commander, may restore any award which has been cancelled under paragraph (1).

(3) The Minister, after consultation with the Commander, may cancel the award to any person of a decoration for Faithful Service, and that person shall immediately return the decoration to a person designated by the Governor-General to receive it.