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MEMORANDUM FOR MILPOs of all States, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, Guam, and the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: Army National Guard Retroactive Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (IRCM) Submission Guidance (**PPOM 16-038**)

1. References:

- a. Executive Order, Establishing the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, 30 March 2016.
- b. Memorandum, Secretary of Defense, 30 March 2016, subject: Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal.
- c. Department of Defense Manual 1348.33, Volume 2, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards, 23 November 2010, and change 2, 15 May 2015.
- d. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22, Military Awards, 25 June 2015.
- e. MILPER Message 16-129, Implementation Guidance for the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal, 10 May 2016. Effective 30 March 2016, the GWOTEM is no longer authorized to be awarded for service in Iraq or Syria. Soldiers are only authorized award of the IRCM after this date.

2. Purpose. To provide the 54 states, Territories, and District of Columbia guidance on the submission procedures for requesting retroactive award of the IRCM.

3. Background. Reference 1a establishes the IRCM to recognize qualifying Soldiers for their service in Iraq, Syria, or contiguous waters or airspace on or after 15 June 2014. The area of eligibility (AOE) encompasses the land area of the countries of Iraq and Syria, the contiguous waters of each extending out to 12 nautical miles, and the airspace above the land area and contiguous waters. The IRCM is awarded to each Soldier in the AOE who, during the period of award, was permanently assigned, attached, or detailed for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days to a unit operating in the AOE, or who meets one of the following criteria: 1) was engaged in combat during an armed engagement in the AOE or 2) while participating in an operation or on official duties, was killed or wounded/injured and medically evacuated from the AOE. Soldiers assigned to a unit operating in the AOE, but supporting the unit from Kuwait are not entitled to the IRCM

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unless they are physically in the AOE for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days.

4. Approval Authority. The Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (HRC) Awards & Decoration Branch will make the final determination on all retroactive requests for award of the IRCM.

5. Soldiers awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) for IRCM qualifying service between 15 June 2014 and 30 March 2016, in an area for which the IRCM was authorized subsequently remain qualified for that medal. Upon application, Soldiers may be awarded the IRCM in lieu of that GWOTEM. No Soldier is entitled to both medals for the same period of service (i.e., deployment or tour in the designated operation area).

6. Individuals are only presented an IRCM upon initial award. A separate bronze campaign star is worn on the IRCM suspension and campaign ribbon to recognize each designated campaign phase in which the Soldier participated for one or more days of a campaign phase after meeting IRCM eligibility. The IRCM campaign phases and inclusive dates are:

Campaign Phase	Inclusive Dates
Abeyance	15 June 2014 – 24 November 2015
Intensification	25 November 2015 – to be determined

7. ARNG Soldiers requesting retroactive approval of the IRCM and bronze campaign star(s) will initiate a request through their unit of assignment. The request will include a memorandum along with a copy of their DD Form 214 or DD Form 215 and supporting documents. Examples of adequate supporting documents include but are not limited to: DD Form 1610 (Travel Order), Officer or Enlisted evaluation reports, memorandum signed by the former battalion commander, deployment and redeployment orders (including Soldier's full name), certificates of appreciation, and so forth. Address the memorandum to Cdr, HRC, Awards and Decorations Branch (AHRC-PDP-A), 1600 Spearhead Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408.

8. Submission Procedures.

a. Unit S-1 personnel will verify Soldier meets the IRCM eligibility requirements, generate the memorandum requesting the IRCM, and submit the request along with supporting documentation to the State Awards Section.

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b. The State Awards Section will forward the request to the ARNG Awards Section via eTracker-HRH. The IRCM request will be entered into eTracker-HRH under case code "other".

c. The ARNG Awards Section will forward all IRCM requests to HRC for a final determination.

d. Unit S-1s will update personnel qualification records for Soldiers retroactively approved for the IRCM.

9. The point of contact is Mr. Timothy O. Manzie, Chief, Special Actions Branch, Personnel Policy Division, at DSN 327-8568, 703-604-8568, or [timothy.o.manzie.civ@mail.mil](mailto:timothy.o.manzie.civ@mail.mil).



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