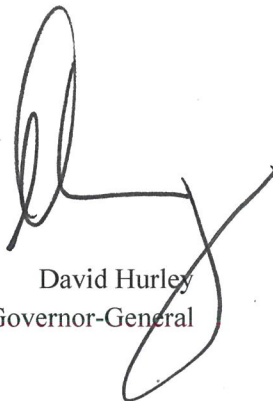




Australian Operational Service Medal (Greater Middle East Operation) Instrument Amendment 2023 (No. 1)

I, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, make the following Declaration under subsection 3(1) and subsection 4(3A) of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

Dated *27 October* 2023



David Hurley
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



MATTHEW KEOGH
Minister for Defence Personnel

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1 Name

This instrument is the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Greater Middle East Operation) Instrument Amendment 2023 (No. 1)*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after signature.

3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 3(1) and subsection 4(3A) of the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012*.

4 Amendment

This instrument amends the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Greater Middle East Operation) Instrument 2015* made on 13 April 2015.

5 Section 6 (Declared operations)

At the end of section 6, insert:

- (f) Operation MAZURKA, that commenced on 1 November 2023 within the area comprising Egypt, between the east bank of the Suez Canal and the international boundary between Egypt and Israel established by the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel signed in Washington on 26 March 1979, and an adjoining area extending 5 kilometres into Israel.
- (g) Operation PALADIN, that commenced on 1 November 2023 within the area comprising the total land area, territorial waters and superjacent airspace within the internationally recognised boundaries of Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.
- (h) Operation FORTITUDE, that commenced on 1 November 2023 within the area comprising the total land area, territorial waters and superjacent airspace within the internationally recognised boundaries of Israel, Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Egypt.
- (i) Operation STEADFAST, that commenced on 10 September 2018 within the area comprising the land area, territorial waters and superjacent airspace of Iraq.

6 Section 8 (Conditions)

Omit “For paragraph 4(3)(b)”, substitute “(1) For paragraph 4(3)(b).”

7 Section 8 (Conditions)

At the end of section 8, insert:

- (2) An ADF member or allied foreign Defence member is not eligible for an award of the Australian Operational Service Medal Greater Middle East Operation for service during the same period for which they receive one of the following medals:
 - (a) The Australian Operational Service Medal.
 - (b) The Australian Service Medal.

Schedule—Transitional provision

- (1) This section applies to a member who meets both of the following.
 - (a) The member was performing a period of eligible service for the Australian Service Medal with Clasp MIDDLE EAST or Clasp SINAI up to and including 31 October 2023.
 - (b) The member was performing a period of eligible service for the Australian Operational Service Medal Greater Middle East Operation on 1 November 2023.
- (2) The period of eligible service for the Australian Service Medal with Clasp MIDDLE EAST or Clasp SINAI under paragraph 1(a) is taken to be eligible service for the purpose of section 7 of the *Australian Operational Service Medal (Greater Middle East Operation) Instrument 2015*.