



COUNCIL OF MILITARY VETERANS' ORGANISATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA

RAAD VAN MILITÊRE VETERANEORGANISASIES VAN SUID-AFRIKA

POLICY & GUIDELINES

Military Veterans Medals Policy

Purpose of the policy

To show respect and appreciation to a generation of military veterans for their proud service and honourable sacrifice. By streamlining the application process for medals and awards, the CMVO can ensure that military veterans and ex-servicemen and -women receive the medals and awards which they qualified for thereby giving a feeling of belonging to these military veterans.

Who is affected by this policy?

- CMVO
- The SA Legion of Military Veterans, National Head Quarters, NHQ,
- Military Veterans, nationally and internationally, who served in the SADF and the SANDF who qualified for medals they never applied for and which they consequently never received.

Policy statements

1. Medals for Military Veterans only

The application process for medals is for individual military veterans or members of veterans organisations/associations.

2. Serving and Reserve Force members apply at their unit

Serving members or Reserve Forces members of the SANDF have to apply through their respective units for their medals.

3. Medals that can be applied for:

- Pro Patria with or without Clasps and or attachments.
- Southern Africa Medal.
- General Service Medal.
- Unitas Medal.



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- Long Service Medals.
- Other medals never received.

How this policy will be applied

The SA Legion of Military Veterans, National Head Quarters (NHQ), will facilitate the process of applications from applicants of the CMVO and its member organisations/associations.

When the applications have been successful and issued the SA Legion will distribute the certificates and medals to the recipient's member organisations/associations.

Steps to apply for medals:

1. Application

The applicant completes the application form (Appendix A), and submits it to SA Legion NHQ by way of:

- E-mail to medals@salegion.org.
OR
- Fax to 086 403 7879.

2. Processing

- The SA Legion NHQ will consolidate applications and delivered it by hand to the Department of Defence, sub-section Medals and Awards.
- Individual applications will be processed according to the SANDF warrants, doctrines and policies regarding the awarding of the various medal/s which the applicant has applied for.
- Upon approval the SANDF Medals and Awards sub-section will return the certificates and medals to the Legion NHQ for further distribution.

3. Distribution

- The SA Legion will distribute the certificates and medals to the member organisations/associations.



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- Medals should be handed to recipients at a suitable medal ceremony where appropriate recognition and acknowledgement is given as per the purpose of this policy. If required the SA Legion can assist with the medal ceremony.
- For enquiries please phone 011 486 4533.

Consequences for non-compliance of policy

The CMVO and Member Organisations may suffer negative attitude and image if individual military veterans are not assisted with their medal applications that they are entitled to.

Legal Support for this Policy

The South African Legion has an internal Memorandum of Understanding between the Legion and the Department of Defence, Ceremonial and Military Music, sub-section Medals and Awards regarding the application for medals. This Memorandum also governs the distribution of the medals which have been approved.

Definitions

| Term | Definition |
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| Veteran | An ex service man or woman who has served their country in the Armed Forces. |
| Serving Member | Members of the Full Time or Reserve Forces of the SANDF. |
| Individual Veteran | A military veteran who is not a subscribed member of an organisation or association. |
| Veterans Associations | Associations representing their members. |

Owner of the policy

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| | National Secretary |

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