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Factsheet: Medals Presented at the Investiture Ceremony

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A. Commendation Medal/Commendation Medal (Military)

The Commendation Medal may be awarded to any public officer who has distinguished himself through commendable performance and conduct; or significant efficiency, competence and devotion to duty. The Commendation Medal (Military) is awarded to any member of the SAF who has placed himself above his peers through commendable achievements in military command or staff work, or performed service over and above the call of duty.

B. Efficiency Medal/Efficiency Medal (Military)

Exceptional efficiency, exceptional devotion to duty or performing work of special significance is the criteria for awarding public officers with the Efficiency Medal. The Efficiency Medal (Military) is presented to any member of the SAF who has clearly demonstrated exceptional efficiency, devotion to duty, or produced work of special significance. The candidate is also one who has shown initiative, thoroughness, and resourcefulness in his work.

C. Long Service Medal

The Long Service Medal is awarded to any public officer who has completed 25 years of continuous public service and who possesses irreproachable character.

D. Long Service Medal (Military)

The Long Service Medal is awarded to any uniformed Singapore Armed Forces serviceman in regular service, Operationally Ready National Service or volunteer service who has completed 25 years of continuous service in the Singapore Armed Forces.

REVIEW OF SAF MEDALS

This year, a few changes have been made to the SAF Service Medals, which were established in the mid 1970s. These include the introduction of a new SAF 20- year medal and an amendment of the qualifying period, from 12 years to 10 years, for the SAF Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. These changes, which were part of the RECORD IV Committee's recommendations, aim to better recognise NS key appointment holders and NS Volunteers who continue their service beyond the mandatory National Service liability period. It will also align the existing eligibility criteria for SAF Service Medals with the current career length and service period for regular serviceman and NSmen.

Long Service Medal (Military)



Long Service Medal (Military) and Collar Pin

This new state medal, Long Service Medal (Military) was introduced on 9 Aug 2006 to recognise the unique contributions of military service personnel. SAF servicemen (regardless of regular or NSmen status) who have completed 25 years of continuous service are eligible for this medal. Previously, SAF uniformed servicemen were eligible for a similar Long Service Medal upon completing 25 years of continuous service, in line with the criteria applicable to civil servants and public officers from the statutory authorities. However, NSmen were not eligible for this medal. With the introduction of this new state medal, NS key appointment holders and NS volunteers, who continue their service beyond the mandatory National Service period, can now be duly recognised.

SAF Service Medals



Singapore Armed Forces Good Service Medal



Singapore Armed Forces Long Service and Good Conduct (10 Years) Medal and Collar Pin

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Singapore Armed Forces Long Service and Good Conduct (10 Years) Medal - 15 years Clasp



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Singapore Armed Forces Long Service and Good Conduct (20 Years) Medal and Collar Pin



Singapore Armed Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (20 Years) - 30 years Clasp

The SAF Service Medals were introduced for uniformed servicemen based on criteria established in the mid 1970s. Since then, the career length of regular service has changed with the introduction of new career schemes for SAF Officers and Warrant Officers/Specialists in 1998 and 2000 respectively. In addition, the Operationally Ready National Service (ORNS) period had been reduced from 13 to 10 years. The changes in service period for SAF servicemen necessitated a review of the medal qualifying rules, which took effect from 1 Jul 2006.

The SAF Good Service Medal will continue to be awarded to both regular servicemen and NSmen after five years of service. However, the SAF Long Service and Good Conduct (10 Years) Medal replaces the one awarded after 12 years of service. After another five years of service, a clasp will be added to this new medal. A new SAF Long Service and Good Conduct (20 Years) Medal was also introduced to mark the completion of 20 years of service, and a clasp will be added to this medal for servicemen who have completed 30 years of service.

The review of SAF Service Medals also streamlines the medal eligibility criteria into blocks of five years, making servicemen (inclusive of NSmen) eligible to receive a medal or clasp once in every 5 years.

Collar Pin

Collar pins were introduced to accompany the SAF service medal. This would allow the servicemen to wear the collar pin on their civilian long-sleeved shirts for men/dress for ladies, when they are invited in their civilian capacity as guests or parents for formal SAF

ceremonies. This initiative recognises the multiple generations who have served National Service within the same family, and weaves the NS experience closely into our social rubric.

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