

AWARD CRITERIA - OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL (BERMUDA)

General.

1. The Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) medal seeks to recognise the sacrifice made by members of the Royal Bermuda Regiment (RBR) during operational deployments, both on and off the Island of Bermuda. The medal will acknowledge the contributions of the officers and soldiers of the RBR, who put the needs of others before themselves.
2. In general, the qualifying operation(s) will have required the RBR to have been officially mobilised through an Embodiment Order and endorsed by The Governor and Commander in Chief.

Qualifying Criteria

3. The specific qualifying eligibility criteria is as follows:
 - a. Applicable to current or former serving soldiers and officers of the RBR, whom on Embodiment Orders from the Governor, have completed a minimum 30 days of accumulative operational service for one or more of the following:
 - 1) Disaster Relief operations in Bermuda and/or overseas.
 - 2) Humanitarian Assistance operations in Bermuda and/or overseas.
 - 3) Security operations in Bermuda and/or overseas.
 - 4) Other emergency operations that required risk or rigour, that have been recognised by the Governor and Commander in Chief as qualifying.
 - b. Recognised Operations. A list of all recognised operations can be found at Annex A. Please note that the list will be updated accordingly with authorisation from The Governor and Commander in Chief.
4. Notes on criteria:
 - a. The Royal Bermuda Regiment includes the Bermuda Regiment.
 - b. The medal can be awarded posthumously.
 - c. Personnel who were the subject to formal disciplinary procedures leading to full dismissal from the RBR or requirement to resign will not be eligible to receive the medal.
 - d. There will be no nationality qualification requirements for the medal.
 - e. Only one medal may be earned, accepted, and worn by an individual.
 - f. Service on ceremonial duties, training, or in support of the Junior Leader programme will not count towards the qualifying criteria.
 - g. The qualifying date for service commences on 15 Sept 1965.

h. There will be no appeal against a decision that an officer or soldier is not eligible to receive the medal.

i. The names of all those persons who receive the Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) shall be recorded in a register and held by the Royal Bermuda Regiment HQ. The RBR must hold or be able to provide evidence that accounts for every qualifying day.

Design of the Medal

5. The Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) is designed as follows:

a. The full size medal is 36mm in diameter and die struck into a highly polished nickel plated medal.

b. Miniature reproductions of the Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) shall not exceed one half of the size of the full-size Medal and may be worn on certain occasions by the recipients, as per existing Dress Regulations.

c. The obverse of the medal features the head of The King, designed by Jack McDermott which is the approved head of His Majesty for all new campaign medals issued and approved by His Majesty. The reverse features the cap badge of the RBR and inscribed with FOR OPERATIONAL SERVICE..

d. The clasp is inscribed with BERMUDA.



Conclusion

6. The Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) presents an ideal opportunity to recognise the sacrifices of those RBR officers and soldiers (past and present) who have been mobilised in support of operations in Bermuda or overseas.

Annexes

Annex A - Recognised Operations

Operational Service Medal (Bermuda) – Recognised Operations

Year (a)	Type of Operation (b)	Detail (c)	Location (d)
1965	Civil Disturbance	Labour Dispute	Bermuda
1968	Civil Disturbance	Unknown	Bermuda
1973	National Emergency	Governor & ADC assassinated	Bermuda
1977	Civil Unrest	Burrows and Tacklyn death sentence	Bermuda
1981	Civil Disturbance	Industrial Union Strike	Bermuda
1986	HADR Operation	Unknown	Monserrat
1987	HADR Operation	Hurricane Emily	Bermuda
1988	HADR Operation	Hurricane Gilbert	Jamaica
1989	HADR Operation	Hurricane Hugo	Tortola
1990	Internal Security Operation	Bush/Thatcher Summit	Bermuda
1991	Internal Security Operation	Bush/Major Summit	Bermuda
1992	HADR Operation	Unnamed Tornado	Bermuda
1995	HADR Operation	Hurricane Felix	Bermuda
1996	Internal Security Operation	Xing Da Incident	Bermuda
1999	HADR Operation	Hurricane Gert	Bermuda
2001	HADR Operation	Hurricane Erin	Bermuda
2001	Internal Security Operation	9/11 Attacks	Bermuda
2003	HADR Operation	Hurricane Fabian	Bermuda
2004	HADR Operation	Hurricane Ivan	Cayman
2005	HADR Operation	Op SPICE RELIEF	Grenada
2006	HADR Operation	Hurricane Florence	Bermuda
2007	Internal Security Operation	Op WICKET KEEPER	Barbados
2008	HADR Operation	Hurricane Ike	Turks & Caicos
2008	HADR Operation	Hurricane Fay	Bermuda
2010	HADR Operation	Hurricane Igor	Bermuda
2014	HADR Operation	Hurricane Gonzalo	Bermuda
2015	HADR Operation	Hurricane Joaquin	Bermuda
2016	HADR Operation	Hurricane Karl & Nicole	Bermuda
2017	HADR Operation	Op RUMAN	Turks & Caicos
2019	HADR Operation	Op Jerry & Humberto	Bermuda
2020	Health Operations	Op SOTER (Covid)	Bermuda
2020	HADR Operation	Op Teddy	Bermuda
2020	HADR Operation	Op Paulette	Bermuda
2021	Health Operations	Op SOTER 2 (Covid)	Bermuda
2021	Internal Security Operation	Op Tranquillitas	Bermuda
2022	HADR Operation	Op Fiona	Bermuda
2024	HADR Operation	Op Ernesto	Bermuda
2025	HADR Operation	Op Imelda	Bermuda