



**Confédération Interalliée
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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: STATUTE. Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Decorations.

REFERENCE: MC 0248/2 27. July 2012. The relationship between NATO and the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR).

AIM: To approve the statute of CIOR decorations.

GENERAL: CIOR has two types of decorations Medal of Merit and Anniversary Medal.

Decorations are recognised by NATO as military decorations.

Decorations are awarded by the president of CIOR in the name of the CIOR.

Decoration may be awarded to reservists and active service personnel of all ranks or civilians contribute to CIOR interest (according Article 2.1), decorations are not awarded posthumously.

Recommendations to nominated candidates for Decorations, can be submitted by CIOR president, CIOR vice-presidents and PermRep. The President, with the approval of the Board, is the Decorations approval authority.

PermRep will keep records of every recipient of Decorations which will be made publicly accessible.



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Article 1 - General

- 1.1 The Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR) decorations (Decorations) are:
 - a) Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Medal of Merit (**Medal of Merit**)
 - b) Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers Anniversary Medal (**Anniv Medal**)
- 1.2 The Decorations are awarded by the president of CIOR in the name of the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers.
- 1.3 The Medal of Merit was originally established by CIOR in 2011. The improved version of the design (described in this document) will be confirmed 1st August 2022 at the Athens Summer Congress.
- 1.4 Original records of the recipients of Decorations have been lost. Everyone who has previously been awarded the Medal of Merit, has the right to come forward and exchange the old version of the Medal of Merit to the new version, thus being added to the records as a recipient of Decorations provided, however, with the date on which the exchange was made.
- 1.5 The first Anniversary Medal for CIOR was issued for the 25th anniversary in 1972. CIOR's 75th Anniversary Medal (**75th Anniv Medal**) will be confirmed on the 1st August 2022 at the Athens Summer Congress by the CIOR President (the President) to celebrate CIOR's 75th Anniversary.
- 1.6 There is no limit to the number of Decorations that are available to be presented in individual years.
- 1.7 A limited number of 75 pieces of 75th Anniv Medals will be created.
- 1.8 The stock of Decorations will be kept in the CIOR office and the CIOR Permanent Representative to NATO (PermRep) will be responsible for their safe keeping.
- 1.9 The decorations are recognised by NATO as military decorations.

Article 2 - Eligibility requirements.

- 2.1 Decorations may be awarded to reservists and current serving service personnel of all ranks or civilians to recognize:
 - exceptional achievement and/or service to CIOR by its member organisations, reserve officers or NCOs;



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- individuals whose contribution to CIOR’s work is outstanding;
- formidable merits in establishing and maintaining CIOR’s international relations;
- formidable merits in strengthening CIOR’s cooperation with NRFC, CIOMR, CISOR.

2.2 CIOR decorations are not awarded posthumously.

2.3 Individuals can be awarded the Medal of Merit once only and each of the different Anniv Medals if their period of service corresponds with the anniversary date.

Article 3 - Recommendations

3.1 Recommendations to nominate candidates for Decorations can be submitted by (to) any member, committee, associate, observer or guest to the President for consideration.

3.2 Any recommendation has to be written in English or French and in accordance with Annex A.

3.3 A recommendation can be submitted at any time and must be submitted to the President.

3.4 Emphasis should be on describing what an individual has done to make a real difference, rather than for a long and devoted service whilst simply doing his or her job. Faithful, zealous performance of ordinary duty is not sufficient in itself to be the focus of a recommendation, nor is a long and good service alone. Recommendations are not to be considered as annual appraisals.

3.5 Recommendations are considered “controlled unclassified information” (CUI), controlled by the Presidency team until such time as they are announced officially or the Decorations are presented.

Article 4 - Procedures for processing recommendations

4.1 The President, with the approval of the Board, is the Decorations approval authority.

4.2 The Board may issue more detailed instructions for processing and awarding of the Anniv Medal.

4.3 Recommendations will be processed twice a year during board meetings, in the Mid-Winter Meeting and the Summer Congress.



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4.4 The Board has the right to forfeit Decorations. Once forfeited, the Decorations can never be restored. Forfeited Decorations are to be returned to the CIOR office immediately.

Article 5 – Awarding

- 5.1 The president normally presents Decorations at a formal ceremony at the Summer Congress.
- 5.2 Decorations must be presented in a manner that reflects the prestigious nature of the award.
- 5.3 Decorations are presented with a certificate. For Medal of Merit according to Annex C and Anniv Medals according to Annex E.
- 5.4 The PermRep will keep records of every recipient of Decorations which will be made publicly accessible.

Article 6 – Wearing the decoration

- 6.1 The decoration can be worn from the date it was presented.
- 6.2 Decorations are to be worn on service dress uniform on the left hand side of the chest.
- 6.3 Miniatures of Decorations may be worn on the appropriate dress.

Article 7 - Design of the Medal of Merit

- 7.1 The Medal of Merit set comes in a decorative box and includes a medal, a ribbon and a miniature.
- 7.2 The Medal is a circular, silver oxidised metal (copper alloy) disc 33 mm in diameter.
- 7.3 On the obverse, the medal depicts the CIOR emblem in the middle surrounded by an edge wreath consisting of an oak branch on the right side and a laurel branch on the left side. The edge, CIOR emblem, and wreath are polished.
- 7.4 On the reverse, around the edge the medal has the inscription, “Confédération Interalliée des Officiers de Réserve” and underneath it the inscription, “Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers”. The bottom edge has wreath leaves: An oak branch on the left side and a laurel branch on the right side. In the middle there are two rows of inscriptions, “Médaille de Mérite” and underneath it, “Medal of Merit”.



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Underneath the inscriptions is the medals two digit number. The inscriptions and wreath are polished.

- 7.5 The medal is suspended from a 40.40 mm wide silver oxidised metal (copper alloy) bar, that is attached to the ribbon. The bar has laurel and oak branches horizontally presented on it.
- 7.6 The Miniature medal is attached directly to the ribbon by a ring.
- 7.7 The ribbon is a 35 mm wide moiré ribbon, with a 25 mm blue stripe in the middle and with 6 mm silver strips on both edges.
- 7.8 On the reverse, the ribbon has two butterfly clutch pin attachments for securing it to clothing.
- 7.9 The Medal of Merit uses an embossing text and pattern.

Article 8 - Design of the 75th Anniv Medal

- 8.1 The 75th anniv Medal set comes in a decorative box and includes a medal, a ribbon and a miniature.
- 8.2 The medal is a circular, 24k gold plated metal copper alloy disc 33 mm in diameter.
- 8.3 On the obverse, the medal depicts the CIOR emblem in the middle, surrounded by a wreath consisting of an oak branch on the right side and a laurel branch on the left side. The edge, CIOR emblem, and wreath are hand polished.
- 8.4 On the reverse, around the edge the medal has inscription, “Confédération Interalliée des Officiers de Réserve” and underneath it the inscription, “Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers”. The bottom edge has wreath leaves: An oak branch on the left side and a laurel branch on the right side. In the middle, the CIOR 75th anniversary logo is depicted. Underneath the inscriptions is the medals two digit number. The inscriptions and wreath are hand polished.
- 8.5 The medal is suspended from a 40.40 mm wide copper alloy 24k gold plated bar that is attached to the ribbon. The bar has inscription “1948 – 2023”.
- 8.6 Miniature medal is attached directly to the ribbon by a ring.
- 8.7 The ribbon is a 35 mm wide moiré ribbon, with a 25 mm blue stripe in the middle and with 6 mm gold strips on both edges.



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- 8.8 On the reverse, the ribbon has two butterfly clutch pin attachments for securing it to clothing.
- 8.9 The 75th Anniv Medal uses an embossing text and pattern.



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Annex A. Application Form for CIOR Decorations

DETAILS OF THE NOMINEE

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(Forename(s) and Surname)

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(Telephone)

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(Citizenship)

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(E-mail)

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(Date of Birth)

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(Address)

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(Employment)

Regular Reservist Civilian

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(Present Rank)

Previous awards:

Award recommended:

Recommendation:

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(Name, Signature)

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(Date)

Contact information:



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Annex B. Design of The Medal Of Merit





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ANNEX C. Medal of Merit Certificate





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ANNEX D. Design of The 75th Anniv Medal





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ANNEX E. Anniv Medal Certificate

