

NAVY DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 10 COAST GUARD REGULATIONS

20 June, 1942

REGULATIONS FOR AWARD OF THE AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL:

1. The following Executive Order pertaining to the award of the American Defense Service Medal is published below for information and guidance of the naval service:

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8808

"By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, it is hereby ordered that the American Defense Service Medal, including suitable appurtenances, be established and that the said medal may be awarded, under such regulations as the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, to personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard of the United States serving during the limited emergency proclaimed by me on September 8, 1939, to exist, or during the unlimited emergency proclaimed by me on May 27, 1941.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

The White House  
June 28, 1941"

2. The American Defense Service Medal will be awarded to all persons in the Coast Guard who served on active duty between September 8, 1939 and December 7, 1941, both dates inclusive.

3. A service clasp, "Fleet", "Sea" or "Base", is authorized to be worn on the ribbon of the medal by each person who performed duties as set forth below. No person is entitled to more than one such clasp.

(a) Fleet or Sea. A fleet clasp for service on the high seas while regularly attached to any vessel of the Atlantic, Pacific, or Asiatic Fleets, including aircraft on such vessels; to include vessels of the Naval Transportation Service and vessels operating directly under the Chief of Naval Operations; a sea clasp for all other vessels operating on the high seas under a regularly assigned commanding officer, including aircraft making regular patrols at sea.

(b) Base. For service on shore at bases and stations outside the continental limits of the United States.

4. A bronze star, three-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, will be worn on the service ribbon in lieu of any clasp authorized.

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