

AUSTRALIAN GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL FOR KOREA RECEIVES ROYAL APPROVAL

Australian General Service Medal for Korea receives royal approval

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support, the Hon. Dr Mike Kelly AM MP, today announced that Her Majesty the Queen has approved the official regulations and design for the award of the Australian General Service Medal for Korea.

"The establishment of this award is consistent with the Rudd Labor Government's election commitment to fully implement the recommendations of the Post-Armistice Korean Service Review," Dr Kelly said.

"The Australian General Service Medal for Korea is being struck to recognise former Defence Force personnel who completed 30 days participating in operations in South Korea. This includes any location within 161 kilometres seaward from the coast of South Korea during the post-armistice period from 28 July 1953 to 19 April 1956."

It is expected that the medal will be available for dispatch to some eligible recipients before ANZAC Day 2010.

Former Defence Force personnel who served in South Korea during the post-armistice period are encouraged to submit their application to the following address:

Directorate of Honours and Awards
Department of Defence
PO Box 7952
CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

People who have previously applied for the award do not need to reapply but should contact the Directorate of Honours and Awards if their address details have changed since applying.

Further Information:

Please call the Directorate of Honours and Awards on 1800 111 321 (toll free within Australia) or +612 6266 1050 (from outside Australia), or visit <http://www.defence.gov.au/medals/>