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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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COMMANDER, UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND
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SUBJECT: Afghanistan Campaign Medal – Operation FREEDOM’s SENTINEL and
Transition II Campaign Phase

The Department of Defense (DoD) is pleased to announce Operation FREEDOM’s SENTINEL as a qualifying operation for award of the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with the associated campaign phase, Transition II, both of which are effective January 1, 2015. The previous qualifying operation, ENDURING FREEDOM-Afghanistan and campaign phase, Transition I, are terminated effective December 31, 2014. The qualifying Afghanistan Campaign Medal operations, campaign phases, and associated inclusive dates are as follows:

Operation	Inclusive Dates
ENDURING FREEDOM	Sep 11, 2001 - Dec 31, 2014
FREEDOM’s SENTINEL	Jan 1, 2015 – To Be Determined

Campaign Phase	Inclusive Dates
Liberation of Afghanistan	Sep 11, 2001 - Nov 30, 2001
Consolidation I	Dec 1, 2001 - Sep 30, 2006
Consolidation II	Oct 1, 2006 - Nov 30, 2009
Consolidation III	Dec 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011
Transition I	Jul 1, 2011 – Dec 31, 2014
Transition II	Jan 1, 2015 – To Be Determined

Campaign stars are used on the Afghanistan Campaign Medal to recognize a Service member’s participation in each designated campaign phase in accordance with DoD Manual 1348.33-V2, “Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Service Awards – Campaign, Expeditionary, and Service Medals.”


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