

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

HONOURS JOINT REGULATION  
ORDER NO. 46 OF 1987

To establish the Order of Vanuatu, and to institute the Vanuatu Gallantry Medal, the Vanuatu Long Service and Good Conduct Medal and the Vanuatu General Service Medal.

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 1 of the Honours Joint Regulation No.28 of 1980, I, the President make the following order -

ORDER

PART I  
INTERPRETATION

1. In this order -

"Joint Regulation" means the Honours Joint Regulation, No.28 of 1980;

"Order" means the "Order of Vanuatu" established under section 2 of this order;

"Registrar of Awards" means the Registrar of Awards appointed under section 34 of this order;

"Registrar of the Order" means the Registrar of the Order appointed under section 7 of this order.

PART II

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ORDER OF VANUATU UNDER SECTION 1(a)  
OF THE JOINT REGULATION

2. An Order of honour to be known as the "Order of Vanuatu" (hereinafter called "the Order") is hereby established for the purpose of granting recognition to citizens and other persons for achievements or distinguished service.
3. The membership of the Order shall be classified in to four classes namely -
  - A. the First Class;
  - B. the Second Class;
  - C. the Third Class; and
  - D. the Fourth Class.
4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this order, a person appointed to the Order shall be appointed in any of the classes referred to in section 3 of this order.  
(2) The names of the persons appointed to the Order shall be published in the Gazette.

5. (1) Appointment to the Order shall be made by instrument signed by the President and sealed with the seal of the Order, and shall have effect from the date of affixing of the seal or if a later date is specified in the instrument from that date.  
(2) The seal of the Order shall be the National Seal of the Republic of Vanuatu.
6. No appointment to the Order shall be made except on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.
7. (1) There shall be a Registrar of the Order, appointed by the President.  
(2) The Registrar shall be in charge of the administration of the Order and shall hold office for a period of two years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for reappointment.
8. There shall be an Awards Advisory Committee consisting of four members who shall be appointed by the President for a period of two years and who shall be eligible for reappointment.
9. The Awards Advisory Committee shall -
  - (a) consider nominations of persons for appointment to the Order;
  - (b) make recommendations to the Prime Minister in relation to these nominations; and
  - (c) advise the Prime Minister on such other matters concerning the Order as he may refer to the Committee for consideration.
10. Any person or organization may submit to the Registrar of the Order for consideration by the Awards Advisory Committee a nomination of a person for appointment to the Order as a member of the First Class, or Second Class as the case may be.

#### A. FIRST CLASS

11. Appointments as members in the First Class shall be made for eminent achievement of the highest degree in service to Vanuatu or to humanity at large.
12. Every member of the First Class shall be entitled to wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for the members in the First Class of the Order.
13. (1) The insignia prescribed for the members of the First Class of the Order shall be known as the "Badge of Honour".  
(2) The Badge of Honour shall measure approximately 60 mm by 60 mm and shall be made of sterling silver, hard gold clad and consist of stylised curved Pigs Tusk, enamelled in white and set on crossed Namele Leaves, enamelled in green, the whole suspended by a ring.  
(3) The Badge of Honour shall be worn suspended from the neck by a ribbon 32 mm wide which shall consist of eight vertical stripes each 4 mm wide of red, black, yellow, green, red, black, yellow and green.

14. Members of the Order may wear suspended on the left breast a miniature of the Badge of Honour, which shall be half the size of the Badge of Honour and of the appropriate ribbon.
15. The President may appoint to be members of the First Class not more than two members in any one year and there shall not be at any one time more than twenty members of the First Class.

#### B. SECOND CLASS

16. Appointments as members in the Second Class shall be made for eminent service to Vanuatu in duties of great responsibility.
17. Every member of the Second Class shall be entitled to wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for the members in the Second Class of the Order.
18.
  - (1) The insignia prescribed for the members in the Second Class of the Order shall be known as the 'Badge of Distinction'.
  - (2) The Badge of Distinction shall measure 60 mm by 60 mm, and shall be made of sterling silver and consist of stylised curved Pigs Tusk, enamelled in white, the whole suspended by a ring.
  - (3) The Badge of Distinction shall be worn suspended from the neck by a ribbon 32 mm wide which shall consist of eight vertical stripes each 4 mm wide of red, black, yellow, green, red, black, yellow, green.
19. Members of the Order may wear suspended on the left breast a miniature of the Badge of Honour, which shall be half the size of that Badge and the appropriate ribbon.
20. The President may appoint to be members of the Second Class not more than five members in any one year and there shall not be at any one time more than fifty members of the Second Class.

#### C. THIRD CLASS

21. Appointments as members in the Third Class shall be made for most distinguished service, rendered to Vanuatu.
22. The President may appoint to be members of the Third Class, not more than ten members in any one year and there shall not be at any one time more than one hundred members of the Third Class.
23. Every member of the Third Class shall be entitled to wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for the members in the Third Class of the Order.

24. (1) The insignia prescribed for the members in the Third Class of the Order shall be known as the 'Vanuatu Distinguished Service Medal'.
  - (2) The Vanuatu Distinguished Service Medal shall be circular in shape, 38 mm in diameter and made of cupro-nichel silver and rhodium plated and the obverse of the medal shall show in relief a representation of the sun rising behind an island which is surrounded by the sea around which is a pair of Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom.
  - (3) The reverse of the medal shall have the inscription 'FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE' surmounted by the word 'VANUATU' with Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom and extending around the edge.
  - (4) The medal shall be suspended from a circular ring on a ribbon, 32 mm wide, consisting of three vertical stripes of black, green and red each 8 mm wide with a 4 mm wide yellow vertical stripe at each side.
25. The miniature shall be a true representation of the medal 19 mm in diameter suspended from a ribbon 16 mm wide.

#### D. FOURTH CLASS

26. Appointment as members in the Fourth Class shall be made for most valuable service rendered to Vanuatu.
27. Every member of the Fourth Class shall be entitled to wear as a decoration the insignia prescribed for the members in the Third Class of the Order.
28. (1) The insignia prescribed for the members of the Fourth Class of the Order shall be known as the 'Vanuatu Meritorious Service Medal'.
- (2) The Vanuatu Meritorious Service Medal shall be circular in shape, 38 mm in diameter and made of cupro-nichel silver and rhodium plated and the obverse of the medal shall show, in relief a representation of the sun rising behind an island which is surrounded by the sea around which is a pair of Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom.
- (3) The reverse of the medal shall have the inscription 'FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE' surmounted by the word 'VANUATU' with Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom and extending around the edge.
- (4) The medal shall be suspended from a circular ring on a ribbon, 32 mm wide, consisting of 4 mm wide vertical stripes of black, yellow, red on 8 mm wide vertical stripe of green in the centre and then 4 mm wide vertical stripe of red, yellow and black.
29. The miniature shall be a true representation of the medal 19 mm in diameter suspended from a ribbon 16 mm wide.

PART III  
INSTITUTION OF THE VANUATU GALLANTARY MEDAL  
UNDER SECTION 1(b) OF THE JOINT REGULATION

30. A medal to be known as the 'Vanuatu Gallantary Medal' (hereinafter in this Part called the 'medal') is hereby instituted for the purpose of according recognition to persons who perform acts of bravery.
31. (1) Subject to the provisions of this order, persons including the members of the disciplined forces are eligible to be awarded the medal.
- (2) Persons who have performed acts of conspicuous courage in circumstances of great peril, acts of bravery in hazardous circumstances or acts of bravery which are considered worthy of recognition, shall be considered eligible to be granted the medal.
- (3) There shall be no limit to the number of the Gallantary medals which may be awarded.
32. (1) The award of the medal may be made by the President on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.
- (2) The names of the persons to whom the medal is awarded under this Part of the order shall be published in the Gazette.
33. (1) The medal shall be circular in shape, 38 mm in diameter and made of cupro-nickel silver and rhodium plated and the obverse of the medal shall show in relief a representation of the sun rising behind an island which is surrounded by the sea around which is a pair of Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom.
- (2) The reverse of the medal shall bear the inscription 'FOR GALLANTARY' surmounted by the word 'VANUATU' with Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom and extending around the edge.
- (3) The medal shall be suspended from a circular ring on a ribbon, 32 mm wide consisting of 4 mm wide vertical stripes of green on either side of a 24 mm wide red stripe.
- (4) The miniature of the medal shall be a true representation of the medal 19 mm in diameter suspended from a ribbon 16 mm wide.
34. There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the President.
- The Registrar of Awards shall maintain a register of the names of persons to whom the medal has been awarded; and
- Keep such other records relating to the award of the medal as the President may direct.

PART IV  
INSTITUTION OF THE VANUATU LONG SERVICE  
AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL UNDER SECTION 1(D) OF THE JOINT REGULATION

35. A medal to be known as the the 'Vanuatu Long Service and Good Conduct Medal' (hereinafter in this Part called 'the medal') is hereby instituted for the purpose of according recognition to members of the disciplined forces of Vanuatu, for long and good service rendered to Vanuatu.
36. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, persons who are members of the disciplined forces are eligible to be granted the medal.
- (2) The medal shall be awarded to the members of the disciplined forces who have completed 16 years in continuous service in the disciplined forces.
- (3) A clasp to the medal may be awarded after the completion of twenty years continuous service in the disciplined forces.
- (4) On the completion of each subsequent period of four years, a further clasp may be awarded.
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37. (1) The award of the medal or clasp to the medal may be made by the President on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.
- (2) The names of the persons to whom the medal or clasp to the medal is awarded under this Part of the order shall be published in the Gazette.
- (3) There shall be no limit to the number of medals which may be awarded.
38. (1) The medal shall be circular in shape, 38 mm in diameter and made of cupro-nickel silver and rhodium plated and the obverse of the medal shall show in relief a representation of the sun rising behind an island which is surrounded by the sea around which is a pair of Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom.
- (2) The reverse of the medal shall bear the inscription 'For Long Service and Good Conduct' surmounted by the word 'VANUATU' with Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom and extending around the edge.
- (3) The medal shall be suspended from a circular ring on a ribbon, 32 mm wide consisting of 16 vertical stripes, each 2 mm wide of red and green alternating.
39. (1) The clasp of the medal shall be made of cupro-nickel silver and shall be in the form of a Namele Leaf spring, 24 mm wide with a single pin attachment for securing to the ribbon.
- (2) A small circular emblem, 8 mm in diameter made of cupro-nickel silver and bearing, in relief a representation of stylised curved Pigs Tusk, denoting the award of a clasp, shall be worn on the ribbon when the ribbon only is worn.
- (3) The clasp and emblem may be worn on the ribbon of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, where such medal has been previously awarded.

- (4) The miniature of the medal and clasp shall be the half size of the medal and clasp respectively.
40. For the purposes of this order, the disciplined forces of Vanuatu means the Vanuatu Police Force established under Joint Regulation No. 7 of 1980 and shall include such other police forces as may be specified by the President.
41. No person shall be recommended for the award of the medal or clasp unless, it is certified by the Commissioner of Police that the person's character and conduct have been exemplary.
42. (1) The Registrar of Awards shall -
- (a) maintain a register of the names of persons to whom the medal has been awarded; and
  - (b) keep such other records relating to the award of the medal as the President may direct.

**PART V**  
**INSTITUTION OF THE VANUATU GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL**  
**UNDER SECTION 1(e) OF THE JOINT REGULATION**

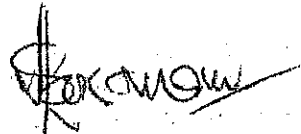
43. A medal to be known as the 'Vanuatu General Service Medal' (hereinafter in this Part called the 'medal') is hereby instituted for the purpose of according recognition to persons who hold certain offices or of certain lengths of service or who have rendered good and special service to Vanuatu.
44. The medal shall be awarded to mark historic events in Vanuatu.
45. (1) The award of the medal may be made by the President on the recommendation of the Prime Minister.
- (2) The names of the persons to whom the medal is awarded, under this Part of the order shall be published in the Gazette.
  - (3) There shall be no limit to the number of medals which may be awarded.
46. (1) The medal shall be circular in shape, 38 mm in diameter and made of cupro-nickel silver, rhodium plated, and the obverse of the medal shall show in relief a representation of the sun rising behind an island which is surrounded by the sea around which is a pair of Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom.
- (2) The reverse of the medal shall bear the inscription 'FOR SERVICE TO VANUATU' surmounted by the word 'VANUATU' with Namele Leaves crossed at the bottom and extending around the edge.
  - (3) The medal shall be suspended from a circular ring on a ribbon, 32 mm wide, consisting of 4 mm wide vertical stripes of red, yellow and green; an 8 mm wide vertical stripe of black in the centre and then 4 mm wide vertical stripes of green, yellow and red.

- (4) A Bar or Bars, 32 mm wide, made of cupro-nickel silver, inscribed with the historic event or the name of the place at which the event occurred shall be attached to the ribbon and shall form part of the medal. Where two or more Bars are awarded they shall be worn on the ribbon of a single medal.
  - (5) The miniature of the medal and Bar shall be half the size of the medal and Bar respectively.
47. (1) The Registrar of Awards shall -
- (a) maintain a register of the names of persons to whom the medal has been awarded; and
  - (b) keep such other records relating to the award of the medal as the President may direct.

**COMMENCEMENT**

48. This Order shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette.

MADE at the State House this 21 day of August 1987.



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President of the  
Republic of Vanuatu

