



## **The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service And Good Conduct Medal**

Elizabeth R.

### **Royal Warrant**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these present shall come, GREETING:

WHEREAS We are desirous of signifying Our appreciation of the long service and good conduct of ratings of Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve which has hitherto been recognised by the award of the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal: WE do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal.

- 1. Style-**  
The Medal shall be designated and styled “The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal”.
- 2. Description-**  
The Medal shall be of silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Uncrowned Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse a representation of a battleship and the inscription “Diuturne Fidelis”.
- 3. Ribbon-**  
The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 mm in width, of blue having in the centre a broad stripe of green between narrow stripes of crimson.
- 4. Eligibility-**  
Those eligible for the Medal shall be ratings of Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve, serving on or after the 1st day of December 1977, whose conduct has been irreproachable and who are commended by their commanding officer.
- 5. Service required-**
  1. The qualifying period requisite for the Medal shall be 15 years full-time service, or an aggregate of 15 years service, in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve.
  2. In each case at least 12 of those 15 years must be efficient service as determined by Our Defence Council in New Zealand.

**6. Clasps-**

1. A Clasp to the Medal, to be attached to the ribbon when the Medal itself is worn, may be awarded for each additional 10 years of service subsequent to that for which the Medal was awarded.
2. At least 7 years of each such additional 10 years must be efficient service as determined by Our Defence Council in New Zealand
3. For each clasp awarded a silver rosette shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

**7. Reckoning of service-**

1. Subject to subclause (2) of this clause, the following service may be reckoned towards the qualifying period for the award of the Medal or any Clasp thereof:
  - a. Service as a rating in Our Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve:
  - b. Service as a rating, soldier, or airman in Our Royal New Zealand Navy, the Regular Force of Our New Zealand Army, the Regular Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force, or the navy, army, air force, or marines, of any other Commonwealth country of which We are Queen (other than service that has been recognised by the award of a decoration or medal for efficiency or long service):  
Provided that a maximum of 8 years only of such service shall be reckonable:
  - c. Service as a rating, soldier, or airman in the Territorial Force of Our New Zealand Army or the Territorial Air Force of Our Royal New Zealand Air Force or in any similar naval or marine or army or air force reserve of a Commonwealth country of which We are Queen (other than service that has been recognised by the award of a decoration or medal for efficiency or long service):  
Provided that a maximum of 8 years only of such service shall be reckonable:
2. Service before the age of 17½ years shall not be reckonable.

**8. Registration-**

The names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be recorded in a register kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

**9. Names of recipients-**

The names of the recipient shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medal.

**10. Order of wear-**

In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be placed immediately after the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Reserves Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

**11. Miniatures-**

1. Reproductions of the Medal in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
2. A sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be deposited with and kept by the Secretary of Defence in Our Realm of New Zealand.

**12. Delegated powers-**

Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant shall be vested in Our Defence Council in New Zealand which shall be competent to make such orders as to the award of the Medal as may be necessary from time to time in amplification of this Our Royal Warrant.

**13. Forfeiture and restoration-**

It shall be competent for Our Defence Council in New Zealand -

- (a) To cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal or any Clasp thereof on any person; and
- (b) Where it has cancelled or annulled the conferment of the Medal or any Clasp thereof on any person, to restore the Medal or Clasp to that person.

**14. Annulment-**

We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with this Our Royal Warrant, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this 6th day of May 1985, in the 34th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

DAVID LANGE.  
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Issued under the authority of the Regulations Act 1936.  
Date of notification in *Gazette*: 16 May 1985.  
This warrant is administered in the Ministry of Defence.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This note is not part of the warrant, but is intended to indicate the general effect.

The Royal Warrant establishes "The Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal". Long service and good conduct of ratings of the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve have traditionally been recognised by the award of the Royal Naval and Royal Marines Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

However, the difference between the organisation of the Royal Navy and the organisation of the Royal New Zealand Navy are now such that Admiralty Board regulations are no longer applicable to New Zealand conditions.

The new medal (which is of traditional design) is specific to New Zealand and is to be awarded to ratings of the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve.