

# **Royal Warrant - The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the New Zealand Naval Forces**

(SR 1959/13)

## **Preamble**

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come. GREETING!

WHEREAS We are desirous of encouraging skill in small-arms shooting in Our Naval Forces of New Zealand:

Now THEREFORE, We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Medal and We do hereby direct that it shall be governed by the following rules and ordinances.

*Firstly: Style*—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled “The Queen’s Medal for Champion Shots of the New Zealand Naval Forces”.

*Secondly: Description*—It is ordained that the award shall be in silver in the form of a circular Medal bearing on the obverse the Crown Effigy of the Sovereign and on the reverse a representation of Neptune, grasping thunderbolts in each hand, and in the background the prow of a Roman trireme drawn by three sea horses; the whole surrounded by the inscription “Amat victoria curam”.

*Thirdly: Ribbon*—It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon one inch and a quarter in width of dark blue, a broad central stripe of red being superimposed, together with a narrow white stripe on either side of the central red stripe.

*Fourthly: Class*—It is ordained that every such Medal granted shall be accompanied by a Clasp to be affixed to the ribbon, and bear-

ing the year of award inscribed thereon. Should a recipient of the award subsequently qualify for the Medal again, a Clasp only will be granted on each such occasion. When the ribbon only is worn, the grant of a second or further Clasp shall be denoted by the wearing on the ribbon of a silver rose Emblem, one or more Emblems being worn according to the number of such additional Clasps granted.

*Fifthly: Eligibility*—It is ordained that one Medal or Clasp only shall be granted annually in the New Zealand Naval Forces, under regulations approved by Us. The Champion Shot of the New Zealand Naval Forces shall be selected under conditions laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

*Sixthly: Registration*—It is ordained that the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be recorded in the manner prescribed in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

*Seventhly: Names of Recipients*—It is ordained that the names of recipients shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medals.

*Eighthly: Order of Wear*—It is ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals should be worn, the Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the New Zealand Naval Forces shall be placed immediately before the Queen's Medal (for Champion Shots in the Military Forces).

*Ninthly: Miniatures*—It is ordained that reproductions of the Medal, known as miniature Medals, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the New Zealand Naval Forces, and a sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

*Tenthly: Forfeiture and Restoration*—It is ordained that it shall be competent for the Minister of Defence of Our Government in New Zealand to cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal or Clasp on any person, under the conditions laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, and also to restore a forfeited award, under those regulations.

*Eleventhly: Retrospective Effect*—Awards of the Medal made under Our authority since 1st January, 1955, shall be governed by the terms of this Warrant.

*Twelfthly: Regulations*—It is ordained that the award shall be conferred under such regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration, and

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other matters, in amplification of this Our Warrant, as may with Our approval be issued from time to time by the Minister of Defence of Our Government in New Zealand.

*Lastly: Annulment, etc, of Rules and Ordinances*—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

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