

Application concerning the Posthumous Issue of the New Zealand General Service Medal (NZGSM) 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam'

NEW ZEALAND STATUTORY DECLARATION

- *This Statutory Declaration may only be completed by the person who believes that they have the highest legal claim in accordance with the order of entitlement shown in the list contained in the "Instructions on how to complete this form".*
- *All deletions or corrections are to be initialled.*

I (full name) _____
*Here insert **title** and **full name** of the person making the declaration.*

of (full address) _____

_____ Postcode _____

Home phone number () _____ Work phone number () _____

Mobile phone number () _____

E-mail address: _____

hereby make application for the posthumous issue of the New Zealand General Service Medal 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam' in respect of the following deceased person:

Rank	Family name	Given names
Family name served under (if different from above)		Given names served under (if different from above)
Rank on discharge	Branch of service <input type="checkbox"/> Army <input type="checkbox"/> Navy <input type="checkbox"/> Air Force	Service number(s)
Date of birth		Date deceased

Details of the deceased's service in Vietnam

Dates served	Unit/Squadron/Ship

Previous Awards

Please indicate which, if any, of the following medals the deceased has previously been awarded for operational service:

Vietnam Medal



Details engraved on the rim of the deceased's Vietnam Medal (service number, rank, initials, surname, and corps or service):

New Zealand Operational Service Medal

New Zealand General Service Medal 1992 (Warlike) with Clasp "MALAYA 1960-64"

New Zealand General Service Medal 1992 (Warlike) with Clasp "NEAR EAST"

South Vietnamese Campaign Medal

New Zealand General Service Medal 1992 (Warlike) with Clasp "KUWAIT"

Images and information on all of these medals are available on the New Zealand Defence Force Medals website: <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz>

I declare that I am (*Relationship**) _____ to the above deceased,

**Insert title of relationship from Instructions*

and believe that I am the person entitled to receive the New Zealand General Service Medal 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam' awarded to the veteran named. I further undertake that, should an applicant having a preferential claim come forward in the future, I will surrender the Medal in his or her favour, and hereby indemnify the New Zealand Defence Force against any claim arising from the incorrect award of the medal.

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true in every particular, and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

Signature of person making declaration _____

Declared at _____ on the _____ day of _____ (month) _____ (year)

before me, _____ (Print name)

Signature of the person before whom the declaration is made _____

Justice of the Peace / Solicitor / Officer duly authorised to take Statutory Declarations
(Delete as appropriate)

Purchase of miniature medals or miniature clasps of the NZGSM (Vietnam)

I wish to purchase:

a miniature NZGSM 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam' for \$NZ 17 (please include payment)

OR

a miniature clasp 'Vietnam' only for \$NZ 9 (please include payment)

OR

no miniature required

If buying a miniature: Payment by:

- Personal Cheque (enclosed)
- Bank Cheque (enclosed)
- International Money Order (enclosed)

Notes:

- Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the 'New Zealand Defence Force'.
- HQNZDF does not accept payments in cash, or by credit card, or online banking or transfers.

Presentation / Delivery options

I wish to receive the NZGSM 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam' and miniature, if purchased, by:

(1) delivery by courier

OR

(2) presentation in person during Tribute 2008 (30 May - 1 June 2008 in Wellington) under sub-unit arrangements

The deceased's sub-unit details (e.g. company, battery, squadron) * are:

* *Sub-units are listed in the 'Sub-units which served in Vietnam' section of the Instructions*

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Instructions for completion

About the NZGSM 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam'

The [NZGSM 1992 \(Warlike\) with clasp 'Vietnam'](#) was instituted in 2002. The medal is awarded for service in Vietnam between 1 December 1962 and 1 May 1975. From 2002 to 2006, the medal was only issued to those who had not previously been awarded the [Vietnam Medal](#).

The matter of New Zealand specific medallic recognition for Vietnam service was raised in a number of submissions to the Joint Working Group (JWG) on the Concerns of Vietnam Veterans, and recommended in the JWG Report to Government on 27 April 2006. In 2007, the Government extended the eligibility for the NZGSM 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam' to those veterans who are currently eligible for the Vietnam Medal. The Government's decision was a key part of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and representatives of Vietnam veterans, the RNZRSA and the Ex-Vietnam Services Association, signed in December 2006.

The Memorandum of Understanding addressed a number of issues relating to Vietnam veterans and their families. It also reflected public acknowledgement of the service performed by all New Zealand Vietnam veterans.

Vietnam veterans who have already been awarded the NZGSM 1992 (Warlike), in silver, with clasps 'Malaya 1960-64', 'Near East' and/or 'Kuwait', will be awarded the clasp 'Vietnam' to attach to the NZGSM 1992 (Warlike) they already hold.

The requirement for a written application

A written application is necessary in order to establish eligibility and to ensure that the correct information is engraved on individual medals. The application also establishes which option for presentation/delivery of the medal is preferred by the applicant, and confirms the delivery address for courier if that option is selected.

Verification of service

All applications for the NZGSM 1992 (Warlike) with clasp 'Vietnam' will undergo a verification process by Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force to determine eligibility. The verification process can be greatly assisted by applicants providing as much information about the deceased's service as possible, including service numbers, units, and dates served in Vietnam, and the details engraved on the rim of the deceased's Vietnam Medal (for individuals who have been awarded the Vietnam Medal). Such information will facilitate the processing of applications.

Instructions on how to complete this form

- Posthumous and unclaimed medals for deceased persons will be issued in accordance with the order of entitlement as follows:
 - (a) Beneficiary under Will
 - (b) Widow or Widower
 - (c) Son or Daughter
 - (d) Stepson or Stepdaughter
 - (e) Grandson or Granddaughter
 - (f) Father or Mother
 - (g) Brother or Sister
 - (h) Half-brother or Half-sister
 - (i) Nephew or Niece
 - (j) Other person named as Next of Kin in official records
- This form must be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace, a Solicitor, or an Officer duly authorised to take Statutory Declarations.
- Please use BLOCK letters only.
- Please complete the entire form, and provide details of ALL service in Vietnam.
- Copies of this form may be downloaded from the medal application forms page of the New Zealand Defence Force medals website:
<http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/info/forms.html>

Please forward completed forms to the following address:

NZGSM (Vietnam) applications
The Medals Office
Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force
Private Bag 905
UPPER HUTT

Any questions can be directed by e-mail to: medals.so@nzdf.mil.nz

Sub-units which served in Vietnam

The following sub-units of New Zealand military personnel served in Vietnam:

Infantry - Rifle Companies:

Victor One Company, 1 RNZIR	May 1967 to December 1967
Victor Two Company, 1 RNZIR	December 1967 to May 1968
Victor Three Company, 1 RNZIR	May 1968 to May 1969
Victor Four Company, 1 RNZIR	May 1969 to May 1970
Victor Five Company, 1 RNZIR	May 1970 to May 1971
Victor Six Company, 1 RNZIR	May 1971 to December 1971
Whiskey One Company, 1 RNZIR	December 1967 to November 1968
Whiskey Two Company, 1 RNZIR	November 1968 to November 1969
Whiskey Three Company, 1 RNZIR	November 1969 to November 1970

Artillery:

161 Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery:

Major Kenning's Battery, RNZA	June 1965 to June 1966
Major Honor's Battery, RNZA	June 1966 to May 1967
Major Martin's Battery, RNZA	May 1967 to April 1968
Major Hitching's Battery, RNZA	April 1968 to March 1969
Major Horsford's Battery, RNZA	March 1969 to September 1969
Major Andrew's Battery, RNZA	September 1969 to September 1970
Major Masters' Battery, RNZA	September 1970 to May 1971

Non-infantry and non-artillery units and sub-units which served in Vietnam include:

4 Troop, New Zealand Special Air Service (NZSAS)

The New Zealand Services Medical Team (Army, Navy and Air Force personnel)

New Zealand Army Detachment (NEWZAD) - mainly engineers (RNZE)

Royal New Zealand Engineers (RNZE) attached to other units and sub-units

1 New Zealand Army Training Team Vietnam (NZATTV)

2 New Zealand Army Training Team Vietnam (NZATTV)

New Zealanders attached to the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam

Headquarters New Zealand Vietnam Force (HQNZ V Force)

The New Zealand Component, 1 Australian Task Force – Nui Dat

New Zealanders attached to the 1st Australian Logistic Support Group - Vung Tau

New Zealand Army Nursing Sisters – Vung Tau Hospital

Royal New Zealand Provost / Military Police

Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) - crews of transport aircraft (40 and 41 Squadrons) and helicopter pilots (attached to 9 Squadron RAAF)

Some New Zealand service personnel in Vietnam were assigned to Australian or other national units or headquarters. It has not been possible to identify or list in these notes all the particular units concerned.