



Statutes

Board of the Nordic Veteran Federations

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The Nordic Veterans Medal of Honour

Preamble

The Board of the Nordic Veteran Federations (BNVF) is a Nordic cross border cooperation represented by:

- Danmarks Veteraner – Danish Veterans Association
- Suomen Rauhanturvaajaliitto/Finlands Fredsbevararförbund – Peacekeepers' Association Finland
- Norges Veteranforbund for Internasjonale Operasjoner - Norwegian Veterans Association for International Operations
- Sveriges Veteranförbund – Swedish Veterans Federation.

In its origin, the Nordic cooperation was formally organized in October 1971 under the name "Committee of the Nordic Blue Berets". From 11th September 1996 it was substituted by the "Board of the Nordic Blue Berets" represented by "De Blå Baretter"/"The Blue Berets" (Denmark); Suomen Sinibaretilitto Ry"/"Finlands Blåbarett Förbund/Blue Berets Association Finland (Finland); "Fredsbaskarna"/"The Swedish Peace Berets" (Sweden), expressed through statutes agreed on 7th June 1997.

"Félag fridargæslulida"/"Peace Guards Association" (Iceland) joined in 2000.

Originally agreed on and signed by member organizations on 18th November 2000 in Kongsvinger (Norway) these statutes substituted the 1997-statutes formally establishing and defining "The Board of The Nordic Blue Berets" (BNBB) as well as "The Nordic Blue Berets Medal of Honour".

Statutes may be revised by mutual agreement among the Member Organizations.

As pr. 2017 the cooperation name was adjusted to "Board of the Nordic Veteran Federations".

Board of the Nordic Veteran Federations

Cooperation Aims

- To promote and coordinate activities in the interests of Veteran Affairs in each Nordic Country
- To bring together members of each member organizations to promote individual and collective understanding, and training dealing with veteran affairs
- To provide and develop knowledge on issues of common interest regarding veteran affairs.

Organizational structure

- The Board consists of one (1) delegate assisted by one to two (1 – 2) staff officials from each member organization (presidential and national Board level)
- The NBVF President appointed for two (2) years among and by the delegates. Each member organization head of delegations other than the NBVF President are regarded as NBVF Vice Presidents.
- At least three (3) member organizations are to be represented at Board meetings to form a quorum. Board decisions are made by consensus. The President is to assemble the Board for formal meetings at least once a year. The Board is to assemble also if required and facilitated by a member organization.

The Nordic Veterans' Medal of Honour

§ 1 Foundation

The Nordic Blue Beret's Medal of Honour was established at the Board of the Nordic Blue Berets meeting in Norway on 30th June 2002. It was

developed from the medal established by "Committee of the Nordic Blue Berets" on 21th March 1976 in Jaegerspris (Denmark).

The medal has three denominations: Gold, Silver and Bronze; the ribbon contains the flag colors of all Nordic countries.

§ 2 Identification

Obverse

The medal consists of a blue enameled Maltese cross with convex ends, a round medallion in the middle, two crossed swords behind and between the arms of the cross. The medallion consists of an outer and inner circle. The outer circle consists of white titanium enamel and reads:

"NORDIC VETERANS"/" OF HONOUR"

The inner circle has a stylized peace rose in deep red enamel with leaves in green enamel. The pommels of the sword hilts are in emerald, green enamel. To reflect light, the bottom of the medal's enamel surface has a shell pattern. The medal is struck in three denominations: Gold, Silver and Bronze. All borders of the cross, the center of the rose, the surface surrounding the rose, and the friendship chain around the medallion shall have the medal's class and appurtenant color. Concerning Silver and Bronze medals the entire sword will be in Silver or Bronze, respectively. For Gold medals the sword blades will be in Silver, while the hilts will be in Gold.

Reverse

The medal's reverse is flat. The outer edge of the medallion is stamped with a friendship chain, inside of which is stamped the text: **"FRIENDSHIP ACROSS THE FRONTIERS"**.

The ribbon

The 35-millimeter-wide ribbon contains the Nordic countries' flag colors in 7 vertical, 4-millimeter wide stripes in the following order: red, white, blue, yellow, blue, white and red. The ribbon is made by marbled silk.

§ 3 Awards

a) The Gold Medal of Honour may be awarded for:

- Exceptionally outstanding efforts in peacekeeping operations and/or international peace work
- Exceptionally outstanding and longstanding (5 years or more) efforts for national and/or Nordic veteran work
- Exceptionally valuable support to national and/or international veteran work.

b) The Silver Medal of Honour may be awarded for:

- Outstanding efforts in peacekeeping operations and/or international peace work
- Outstanding and longstanding (5 years or more) efforts for national and/or Nordic veteran work. Very valuable support to national and/or international veteran work.

c) The Bronze Medal of Honour may be awarded for:

- Very good efforts in peacekeeping operations and/or international peace work
- Very good and longstanding (5 years or more) efforts for national and/or Nordic veteran work. Valuable support to national and/or international veteran work.

The Gold and Silver Medals may be awarded posthumously.

§ 4 Nomination procedures and approval authority

Within each BNVF member organization nominations for the Bronze Medal are to be initiated at local/branch level and forwarded to the organization's national board level. The national board level decides on any awards suggested.

The board of the national organization decides on any awards concerning the Bronze and Silver medals. Any nomination for the Gold Medal is to be forwarded to BNVF for approval, preferably with a minimum of two months' notice.

Representatives of the BNVF member organization may nominate for the Gold Medal to the BNVF directly.

Any nomination must be given on the prescribed format and form (*Annex I*).

A description of merits shall accompany each nomination. If nominations are based on exceptionally outstanding efforts in operations, nominations must include a letter of recommendation from the Commanding Officer of the force in question.

The awarding of the Bronze and Silver medal is a responsibility of each national organization. The awarding of a Gold medal by the BNVF requires consensus.

§ 5 Medal ownership

The medal is personal property and otherwise delivered back to giver.

§ 6 Awards presentation

Presentation of Gold medals are conducted by the BNVF president or a person appointed by the president for the purpose. Bronze and Silver medals are presented by the individual country organization president or person appointed for the purpose.

Presentations of all medals are accompanied by a certificate to each medal recipient (*Annex II*).

Certificates are signed by either the NBVF President or a NBVF Vice President, according to BNVF organizational structure.

§ 7 Wearing of Medal

Medals must be worn in accordance with national regulations. *

§ 8 Registration and archive

Any award will be thoroughly argued and approved upon, as well as registered by each member organization. Awards are to be recorded by the BNVF through the Board protocol and archive.

§ 9

Rules of procedure

Supplementary to these statutes, rules of procedure concerning medal order chapter, medal procedures and administration, medal mold and production, medal costs and shipment are to be agreed on among the BNVF members in accordance with statutes.

Annex I Nomination – format and form (template)

Annex II Certificate (template)

Oslo, May 8th 2022:



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Note concerning*:

The medal was approved by Her Majesty Queen Margaret II (HMQ) in 2008 and subsequently approved by HMQ on 27th Aug 2021. Hence active-duty military and civilian personnel in Denmark are eligible to officially wear the medal in accordance with regulations in general concerning medals.

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Further note concerning *:

Swedish Armed Forces HQ on 15th February 2022 granted that Swedish military personnel are eligible to officially wear the medal.

8th May 2022



Birger Kjer Hansen

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Annex I Nomination – format and form

Template

Any recommendation for awarding the Nordic Veterans Medal must include the following information about the candidate:

- Date and place of birth
- Full name
- Military/Police **) rank and/or Civilian professional occupation
- Postal address and contact data (e-mail address and phone no.)
- Detailed and comprehensive description of the circumstances giving rise to the recommendation in accordance with statutes § 3
- Accompanied by candidate fully CV (military and civilian) as relevant.

Furthermore, it must be clearly stated who has prepared and submitted the recommendation.

Finally the he person or persons submitting the recommendation must declare - if recommendation is approved and applied - to be willing to pay the costs of procuring the medal.

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All required information is to be fully disclosed and available before any board assessment is to be processed.

Note concerning **: Including any Security Force/Emergency Agency or alike run by state.

Annex II Certificates - format and form





NORDIC VETERANS MEDAL OF HONOUR



Awarded in Bronze to

For outstanding contribution to

FRIENDSHIP ACROSS THE FRONTIERS

Board of the Nordic Veterans Federation

Date:

President/Vice President





NORDIC VETERANS MEDAL OF HONOUR



Awarded in Silver to

For outstanding contribution to
FRIENDSHIP ACROSS THE FRONTIERS

Board of the Nordic Veterans Federation

Date:

President/Vice President





NORDIC VETERANS MEDAL OF HONOUR



Awarded in Gold to

For outstanding contribution to
FRIENDSHIP ACROSS THE FRONTIERS

Board of the Nordic Veterans Federation

Date:

President



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