



Consultation Paper on the New Zealand Defence Force Medal

The Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group has been directed by the Ministers of Defence and Veterans' Affairs to consider options, to undertake consultation, to prepare recommendations and draft eligibility criteria for the proposed New Zealand Defence Force Medal.

It is intended that the medal would recognise attested military service for New Zealand since 3 September 1945.

Note: Attested military service for New Zealand during the Second World War has already been appropriately recognised by the award of the New Zealand War Service Medal.

Operational service has long been recognised by the award of campaign medals and more recently by the New Zealand Operational Service Medal. With the exception of awards for long service, however, there is no medallic recognition for the many men and women in the New Zealand Defence Force who have not undertaken operational or special service. This includes, for example, those who have served only in New Zealand, in Singapore and Malaysia between 1966 and 1989, in the Antarctic on "Operation Deep Freeze", or on Compulsory Military Training (1950-1959) and National Service (1961-1972).

It is intended that the proposed new medal(s) would also be issued to the families of deceased service persons.

Any interested persons or organisations may send in a submission.

Note: The award of the NZDF Medal(s) would not confer entitlement to War Pension coverage.

Consultation responses will be accepted up to 5 p.m. on 23 July 2009.

Consultation responses should be sent to:

by e-mail: medals.admp@nzdf.mil.nz

or by mail: NZDF Medal Consultation
Medals Policy Cell
Personnel Branch
Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force
Private Bag 39997
WELLINGTON 5045

or by fax: (04) 498 6520 (NZDF Headquarters)
ATTN: Assistant Director Medals Policy

Other information

Submissions in person

Organisations which wish to give submissions in person to the Medallic Recognition Joint Working Group should contact the Assistant Director Medals Policy, HQNZDF, via e-mail:

medals.admp@nzdf.mil.nz

Please note that:

- Submissions in person can only be made in Wellington at a pre-organised time and date; and
- All travel and accommodation expenses are the responsibility of the organisation or person who is making the submission.

Online survey

There is also an online survey on the proposed NZDF Medal(s) being run from 15 June to 23 July 2009.

There are prominent links to the online survey on the:

NZDF Medals website: <http://medals.nzdf.mil.nz/medal-survey/> and the

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Introduction

Thank you for making a submission on the proposed NZDF Medal.

You can:

- Write your answers on the consultation paper. Spaces have been left for any comments you wish to make related to each question.
- Attach additional pages of comments.
- Write all your answers on a separate document.

Your Contact Information.

Name	
Organisation this submission is on behalf (if applicable)	
Your role in that organisation (if applicable)	
Postal address	
E-mail address	
Phone number	

Question 1. Who You Are

I am sending this submission as:

- a. A private individual.
- b. The official response of an ex-service person's organisation.
- c. Other (please specify)

Question 2. Ex-service Person's Organisation

If this submission is the official response of an ex-service person's organisation, please specify:

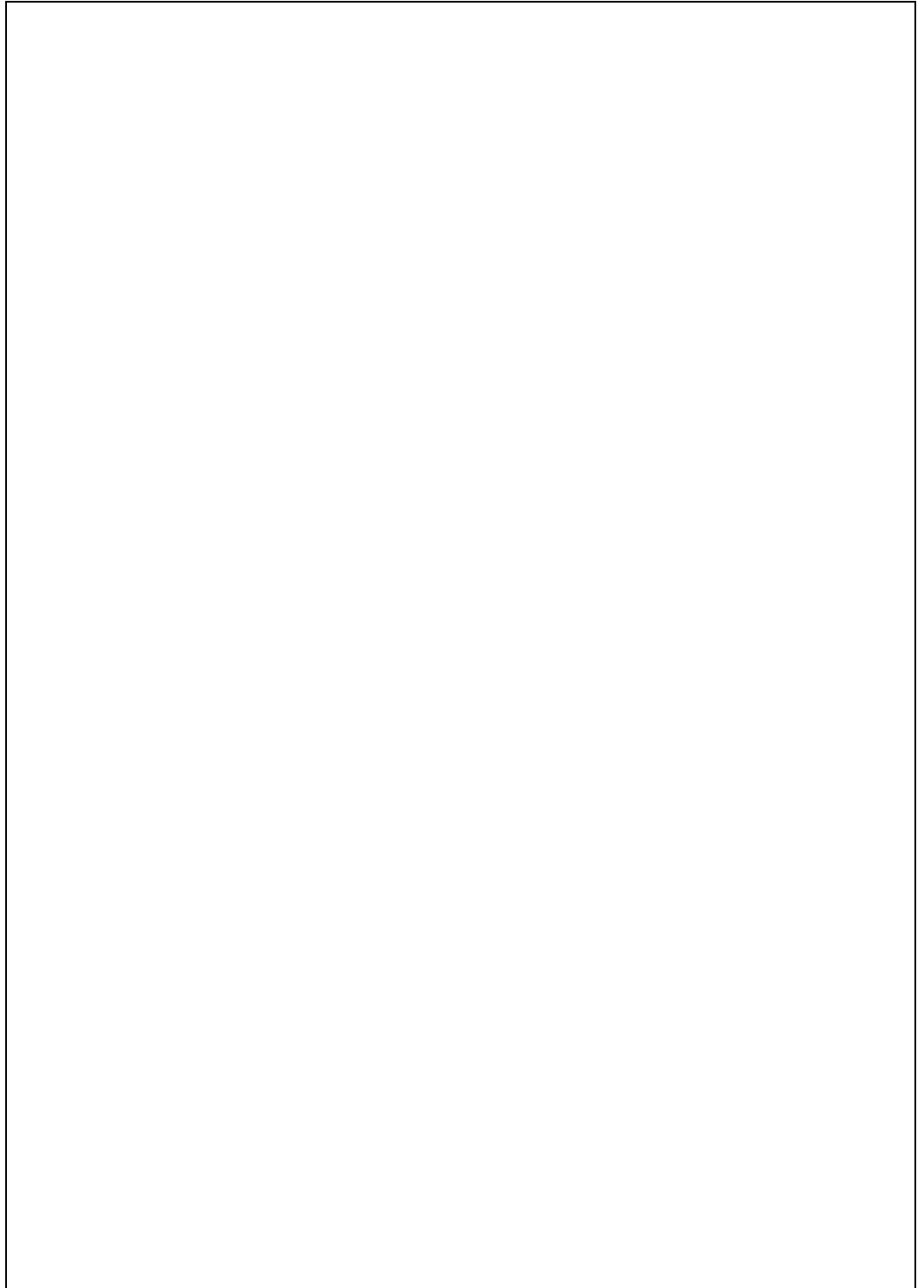
- a. How many active members there are in your ex-service person's organisation?

- b. Was this submission consulted on with those members?

Question 3. A NZDF Medal?

Should a New Zealand Defence Force Medal be created?

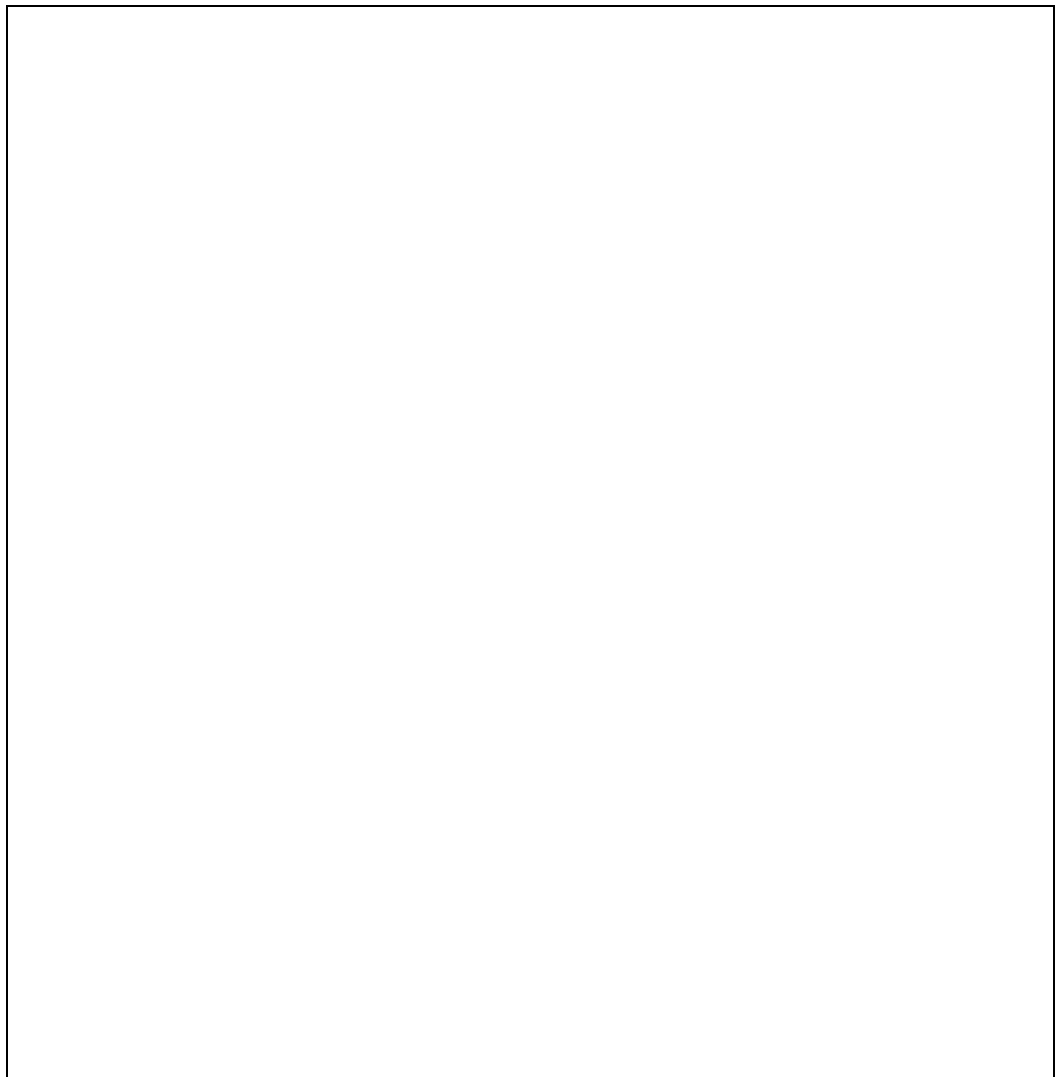
- a. Yes
- b. No



Question 4. Length of Service

How long do you think a person should have served in the New Zealand military to be awarded the New Zealand Defence Force Medal?

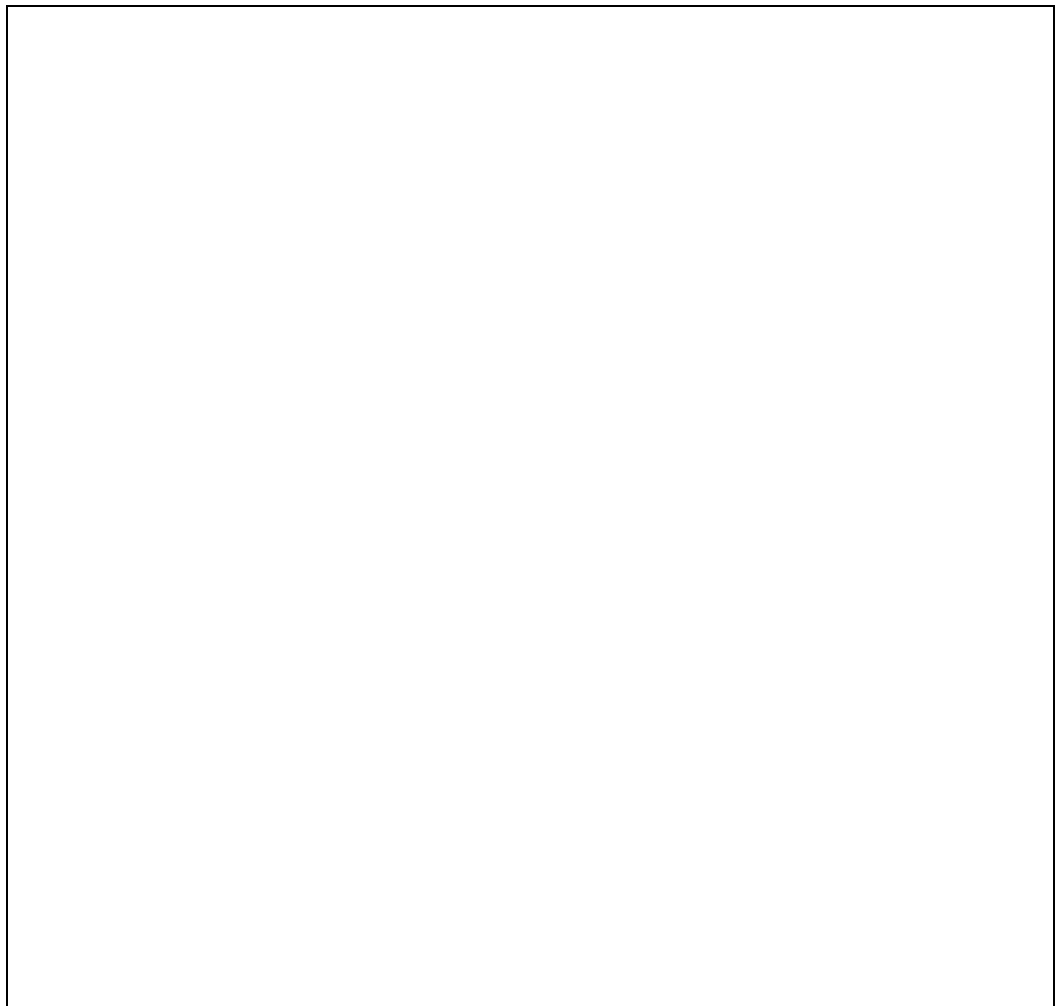
- a. 1 year
- b. 2 years
- c. 3 years
- d. 4 years
- e. 5 years
- f. 6 years
- g. more than 6 years



Question 5. Type of Medallic Recognition

With regard to the type of medallic recognition, should there be:

- a. **One medal for all** - with no clasps.
- b. **One medal for all** - with multiple clasps for Regular Force, volunteer Territorial service, and Compulsory Military Training / National Service
- c. **Two medals:** one for Regular Force or volunteer Territorial service; and one medal for Compulsory Military Training and National Service.
- d. **Three medals:**
 - one for Regular Force service;
 - a second medal for volunteer Territorial service; and
 - a third medal for Compulsory Military Training and National Service.



Question 6. Aggregating Part-time and Full-time Service

Should every “efficient” * year in the part-time Territorial Force (volunteer or Compulsory Military Training / National Service) be equivalent to one full-time year Regular Force service (for the purposes of accumulating service for this medal(s))?

*** Definition:** An “efficient” year of service is when a person meets or exceeds the yearly requirements of his / her engagement in the Territorial Force (volunteer or Compulsory Military Training / National Service). The number of days’ service required to be “efficient” has varied over time, but has generally been about 20 days’ equivalent full-time service per training year.

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 7. Cumulative Service

To be eligible for the medal, should service be cumulative? – i.e. not required to be consecutive service for the full qualifying eligibility period. (Cumulative service allows personnel to break service and come back and not lose the benefit of their prior service).

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 8. Deaths in Service

Should the medal(s) be awarded to service personnel who die while in service (in NZ or overseas) before they reach the qualifying length of service? I.e. this policy would include service persons who die from any cause while undertaking training or military service in New Zealand and service personnel who die while serving overseas.

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 9. Medically Discharged

Should the medal(s) be awarded to service personnel who are medically discharged due to an injury attributable to their service before obtaining the qualifying length of service?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 10. Behaviour or Conduct

Should there be a good behaviour or conduct requirement for the award of the medal(s)?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 11. Service in Singapore and/or Malaysia

Would you consider the medal appropriate and sufficient medallic recognition for service in Singapore and/or Malaysia between 1966 and 1989?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 12. Service in the Antarctic

Would you consider the medal appropriate and sufficient medallic recognition for service in the Antarctic between 1946 and the present?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 13. Conscripted Service

Would you consider the same medal being awarded to all who have served (Regular Force, volunteer Territorial, or conscripted service) appropriate and sufficient medallic recognition for conscripted service?

Definition: Conscripted service refers to Compulsory Military Training (1950-1959) and balloted National Service (1961-1972).

- a. Yes
- b. No

Question 14. Conscripted Service

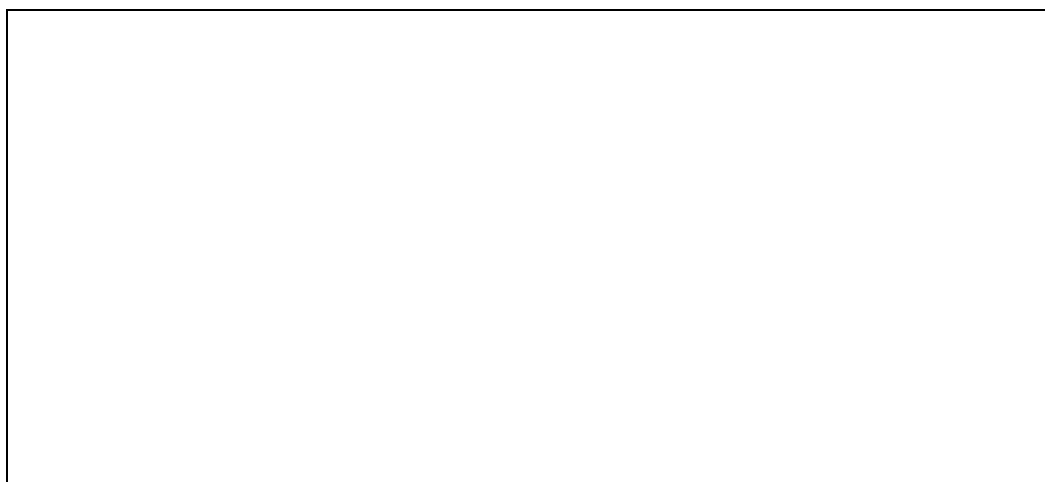
Government records indicate that at most only 70% of those who completed basic training under the Compulsory Military Training or balloted National Service schemes completed their training requirements in their subsequent years of service.

What do you believe the eligibility criteria should be for medallic recognition for Compulsory Military Training and balloted National Service?

**Question 15. Volunteer Service**

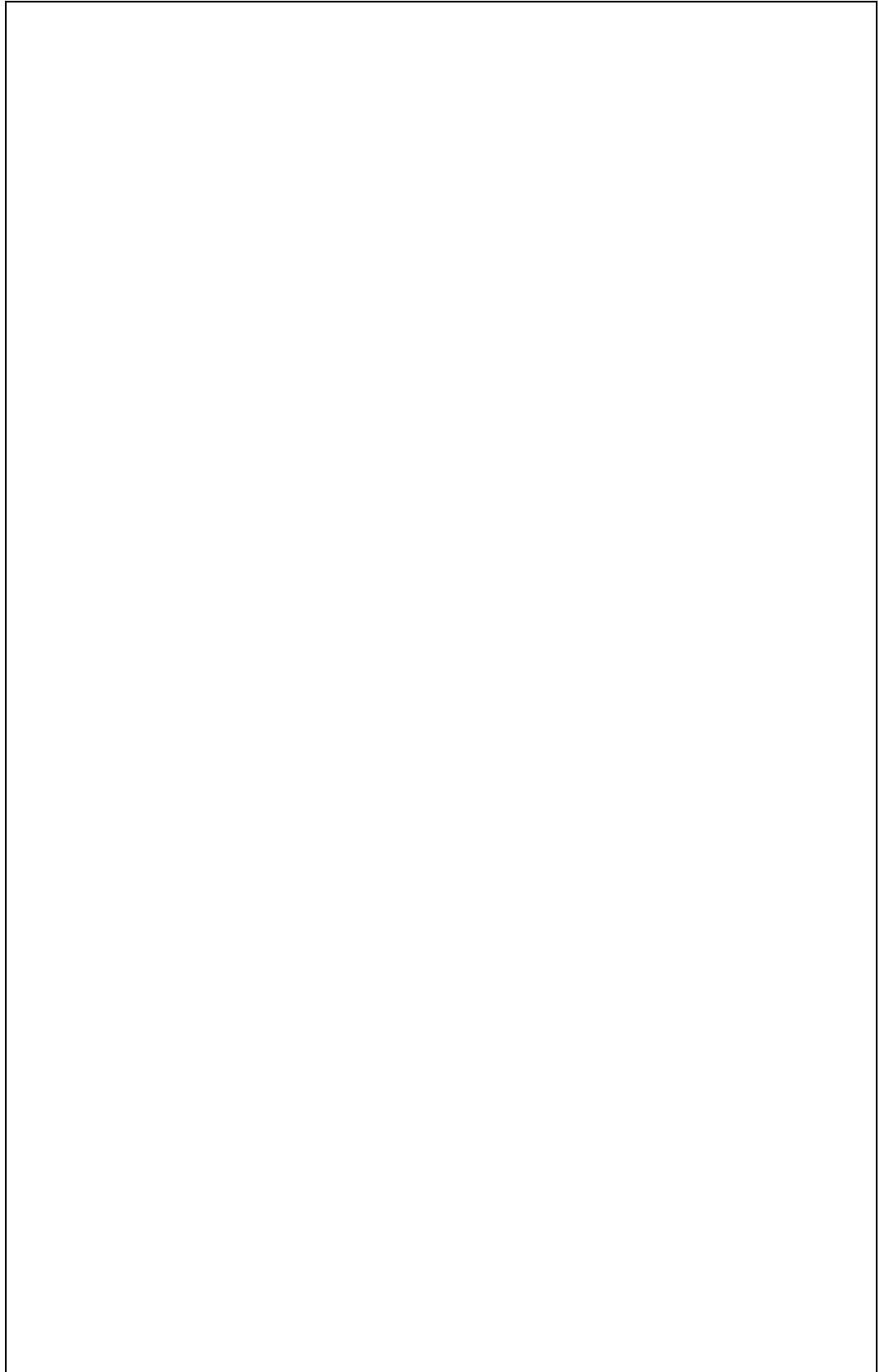
Would you consider the same medal being awarded to all who have served (Regular Force, volunteer Territorial, or conscripted service) appropriate medallic recognition for this volunteer service?

- a. Yes
- b. No



Question 16. Additional Comments or Issues

If you have any additional comments or issues you want the Joint Working Group to consider please write these in the comments box below.

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