



Ministry
of Defence

DEFENCE BUSINESS SERVICES
MOD Medal Office

HM ARMED FORCES VETERANS LAPEL BADGE

BACKGROUND

The HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge was launched in May 2004 by the Minister for Veterans to assist the wider public in identifying Veterans. The first Badge was issued on 10 May 2004 to Lord Healey, who served at the Battle for Monte Cassino. Having started with issue to Veterans of the Second World War, the Badge is now available to all eligible Veterans.



The Veterans Badge launched in 2004.

DESIGN OF THE BADGE

The Badge is an enamelled, engraved, and pinned lapel badge featuring the words “HM Armed Forces – Veteran”, which encompass the tri-Service anchor, crossed swords and eagle motif. Its symbolism is intended to unite all Veterans and represent the combined efforts of the Armed Forces whilst encouraging a sense of unity and community amongst Veterans. Following the passing of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and accession of His Majesty King Charles III, the decision was taken that the Badge will bear the Crown representing the reigning Monarch at the time it is issued, regardless of when the recipient served.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All those who have served in HM Armed Forces, including Volunteer and Regular Reserves. This does not include overseas forces or those who served alongside HM Forces. The Badge is a survivor's badge and therefore is not issued posthumously. The only exception is for War Widows and Widowers who are in receipt of a War Widows/Widowers Pension paid by the Ministry of Defence. This also includes those who have received an award of Survivors Guaranteed Income Payment (SGIP) under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme. This is in recognition of the fact that their spouse or long-term partner's death was due to their military service.

Procurement and issue of the Veterans Badge is managed by

MOD Medal Office, Innsworth House, Imjin Barracks
Gloucester, GL3 1HW

DBS-Medals@mod.gov.uk

www.mod.gov.uk

Vets UK 0808 1914 2 18

The HM Armed Forces Veterans Badge is covered by Crown Copyright and the appropriate Registered Designs, and no licence is granted for any third party to manufacture or sell these badges.