

**WARRANT**

By the President whereby "the MENDI DECORATION FOR BRAVERY" is instituted

To all to whom these presents may come:

Greetings!

Whereas it is desirable to take into consideration and recognize exceptional, excellent, and outstanding acts of bravery by South African citizens;

And whereas it is desirable to honour in an appropriate manner persons who have displayed such acts of bravery;

Now, therefore, I do hereby institute in terms of section 84(2)(k) of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 (Act 108 of 1996) a Decoration, which shall be known as "the Mendi Decoration for Bravery" as an honourable tribute to such persons as may be considered deserving, and further ordain that the undermentioned rules, together with the regulations that may be issued in terms of this Warrant shall govern the award of the Decoration.

**CATEGORIES**

1. The Decoration may be awarded to South African citizens in the following categories:

- (i) Mendi Decoration for Bravery (Gold)

To South African citizens who have performed an act of conspicuous bravery through which their lives were placed in great danger or who have lost their lives, including trying to save the life of another person, or by saving property, in or outside the Republic of South Africa.

(ii) Mendi Decoration for Bravery (Silver)

To South African citizens who have performed an act of exceptional bravery through which their lives were placed in great danger or who have lost their lives, including trying to save the life of another person, or by saving property, in or outside the Republic of South Africa.

(iii) Mendi Decoration for Bravery (Bronze)

To South African citizens who have performed an act of outstanding bravery through which their lives were in great danger or who have lost their lives, including trying to save the life of another person, or by saving property, in or outside the Republic of South Africa.

### INSIGNIA

2. The Insignia of the Mendi Decoration for Bravery shall consist of-

- (i) the Breast Decoration;
- (ii) the Miniature; and
- (iii) the Lapel Badge.

2.1. Breast Decoration and Miniature

- (i) Both the breast Decoration and Miniature shall be identical in design, differing only in metallic content and size;
- (ii) The central motif of the decoration shall be in a form of a pointed cartouche bearing a representation of the Troopship of Mendi on the ocean there-above a blue crane in flight, Behind the cartouche are a spear and knobkerrie;
- (iii) The principal metal of Category I shall be Gold; of Category II Silver; and of Category III Bronze;
- (iv) The overall dimensions of the neck decoration shall be 62.4 mm in length, 40 mm in width, and 7 mm in thickness;

- (v) The dimensions of the miniature shall be half the size of the Breast Decoration;
- (vi) Both the full size and miniature and lapel Badge insignia shall bear on the reverse the national coat of arms in relief;
- (vii) The reverse of the Neck Decoration shall bear, beneath the coat of Arms of the Republic of South Africa, a serial number.

## 2.2 Ribbon

- (i) The ribbon shall be 36 mm in width, gold in colour and have within borders bearing a circular bead-like pattern, 3mm wide and set 2mm from the outer edges, recurring representation of the lion foot prints, all in cream colour;
- (ii) The miniature ribbon shall be half the width of the full-size ribbon.

## 2.3. Lapel Badge

The lapel badge shall be similar to the miniature in size and design, differing only in the means of suspension.

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE DECORATION

- 3. The Chancellor of orders administers the Decoration.

### AWARD OF THE ORDER

- 4. The President may, subject to the rules and Regulations concerning "the Decoration of Mendi for bravery " (hereafter referred to as the Regulations)-
  - (i) award the Decoration also posthumously;
  - (ii) annul such an award; and
  - (iii) restore an award annulled in terms of rule 4(ii).

**WEARING OF THE ORDER**

5. The insignia of the Mendi Decoration shall be worn on the left breast. The lapel badges of the respective categories shall be worn on the left lapel of the jacket and in the case of females, as a brooch.

**GENERAL RULES**

6. The conferment of the Decoration shall not entitle recipients to any individual precedence, rank, style or title, but they shall be entitled to indicate that they have been invested with the relevant category of the Decoration by the use of the following post-nominal letters :

Mendi Decoration for Bravery	:	Gold	- MDG
Mendi Decoration for Bravery		Silver	- MDS
Mendi Decoration for Bravery		Bronze	- MDB

7. All unawarded insignia and ribbons shall be kept at the Chancery and shall be issued to recipients by the Chancery only.
8. The names of the persons who have been awarded the Decoration shall be published in the Government Gazette.
9. The President may make Regulations to give effect to the provisions of this Warrant.

**Given under my Hand at Pretoria this 30th day of November, Two thousand and Three.**

**T. M. MBEKI,**

**PRESIDENT.**

**By Order of the President-in-Cabinet**

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES****THE PRESIDENCY**

No. R. 1768

2 December 2003

**REGULATIONS GOVERNING "THE MENDI DECORATION FOR BRAVERY"**

The President has, in terms of rule 9 of his Warrant, dated the 30th of November 2003, by which "the Mendi Decoration for Bravery" (hereinafter referred to as "the Decoration") was instituted, approved that the following regulations governing the Order be promulgated:

1. Upon award, the Decoration shall be presented by the President or by any other person designated by him to the person to whom the Decoration has been awarded. If at all possible, in the case of a posthumous award, to the next of kin, a blood relation or legal heir of the deceased, as the President may determine.
2. A Scroll of Award bearing the Seal of the President and signed by the President and the Chancellor of Orders, shall be issued in respect of each award.
3. The insignia shall be worn only by the person to whom they have been awarded.
4.
  - (i) If the insignia or scroll of Award is stolen, lost, destroyed or damaged: the circumstances must be reported to the Chancellor of Orders;
  - (ii) If the Chancellor, after due investigation and upon sworn information, is of the opinion that the theft, loss, destruction or damage to the insignia or Scroll of Award was not due to negligence or carelessness of the recipient, he may authorize the replacement thereof at state expense, otherwise the recipient shall bear the cost of replacement.
5. The holder shall not pledge, barter, sell or in anyway alienate the insignia except by testamentary bequest. In case of any doubt, the Chancellor of Orders must be consulted.
6. Upon award of the Decoration in a higher category the insignia of the category previously held by a recipient shall be returned to the Chancery and only the Insignia of the higher category may be worn.
7.
  - (i) The President may in terms of rule 4(ii) of the Warrant annul an award if the holder, in the opinion of the President, has performed any action or behaved in a manner which harmed the interest of the

Republic of South Africa or otherwise in such a manner that he/she has become unworthy of the Decoration;

- (ii) The holder concerned shall on annulment of the award surrender the Insignia and Certificate of Award to the Chancellor;
- (iii) The President may, in terms of rule 4(iii) of the Warrant restore the annulled Order if the person concerned is in every way deserving and worthy of such restoration.

8. The Chancery of Orders shall keep a register in which the following shall be recorded:

- (i) The name of the recipient, the date of award and the serial number of the insignia; and
- (ii) The annulment, restoration, loss or replacement of the Insignia of the Decoration.

9. The President may -

- (i) amend or recall the Insignia of the Decoration;
- (ii) amend or rescind the requirements for award of the Decoration;  
and
- (iii) recall the Decoration