

mechanics employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on any public work need not be limited to eight hours in any one calendar day, *Provided*, That overtime compensation at no less than time and one-half shall be paid in accordance with applicable law to all laborers and mechanics so employed.

This order shall remain in force and effect during the period of the national emergency declared by the said Proclamation No. 2914 unless sooner terminated by Executive order of the President.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

THE WHITE HOUSE,

November 15, 1961.

Executive Order 10977

ESTABLISHING THE ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States and as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, with ribbons and appurtenances, for award to personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States who after July 1, 1958:

(a) Participate, or have participated, as members of United States military units in a United States military operation in which personnel of any military department participate, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in significant numbers; and

(b) Encounter, incident to such participation, foreign armed opposition, or are otherwise placed, or have been placed, in such position that, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, hostile action by foreign armed forces was imminent even though it did not materialize.

Sec. 2. The medal, with ribbons and appurtenances, shall be of appropriate design approved by the Secretary of Defense and shall be awarded by the Secretary of the military department directly concerned, and by the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to the United States Coast Guard, under uniform regulations to be issued by the Secretary of Defense.

Sec. 3. The medal shall be awarded only for operations for which no other United States campaign medal is approved. For operations in which personnel of only one military department participate, the medal shall be awarded only if there is no other suitable award available to that department. No more than one medal shall be awarded to any one person, but for each succeeding operation justifying such award a suitable device may be awarded to be worn on the medal or ribbon as prescribed by appropriate regulations.

Sec. 4. The medal may be awarded posthumously and, when so awarded, may be presented to such representative of the deceased as may be deemed appropriate by the Secretary of the department concerned.

JOHN F. KENNEDY

THE WHITE HOUSE,

December 4, 1961.

Executive Order 10978

ESTABLISHING PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EXPORT EXPANSION PROGRAM

WHEREAS the level of employment throughout the United States, the strength of our national economy, and our capacity to carry out our international responsibilities can be substantially increased by the establishment of many new and increased foreign markets for a variety of American industrial and farm products; and

WHEREAS it is in the national interest to promote and expand the export trade of the United States; and

WHEREAS there has been established an Export Expansion Program designed to assist American private enterprise, both large and small, to expand greatly the nature and volume of exports; and

WHEREAS it is appropriate to award suitable public recognition to persons, firms, and organizations making significant contributions to the increase of American exports:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, and as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows: