

*Lastly:* We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

*Given at Our Court of St James's this Twenty-ninth day of July, Two Thousand and Two, in the Fifty-first Year of Our Reign.*

By Her Majesty's Command.

*Geoff Hoon*

17 September 2002

#### THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

*ELIZABETH THE SECOND*, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come:

#### GREETING!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George VI, by Warrants under His Sign Manual dated 22nd September 1940, 11th March 1941, 23rd February 1942 and 10th November 1942, did amend and consolidate the regulations governing the Decoration called the Distinguished Flying Cross;

AND WHEREAS We, by Warrants under Our Sign Manual dated 15th July 1955, 27th July 1968 and 22nd May 1980, did further amend the regulations governing eligibility for the said Decoration;

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient to amend the regulations further to allow members of any rank in Our Armed Forces to receive the said Cross;

NOW, THEREFORE, We do declare that the regulations promulgated in the aforementioned Warrants in respect of the Distinguished Flying Cross shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled; and in substitution thereof We by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances, which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept.

*Firstly:* It is ordained that the Decoration shall be designated and styled the "Distinguished Flying Cross".

*Secondly:* It is ordained that the Decoration shall consist of a Cross flory terminated in the horizontal and base bars with bombs and in the upper bar with a rose, surmounted by another cross composed of aeroplane propellers charged in the centre with a roundel within a wreath of laurels a rose winged ensigned by an Imperial Crown thereon the letters RAF; that the reverse of the Cross shall be plain and shall bear the Royal Cypher above the date 1918 and the rank, name and Service, Regiment or Corps, customarily appropriate to the recipient and the date of the award; that the Cross shall be suspended by a ring from a bar consisting of two sprigs of laurel; and that the whole shall be in silver.

*Thirdly:* It is ordained that the Decoration shall be worn on the left breast suspended on a ribbon one-and-a-quarter inches in width of violet and white in alternate diagonal stripes one-eighth of an inch in width running at an angle of 45 degrees downwards towards the wearer's left.

It is further ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals are to be worn it shall be placed immediately after the Military Cross.

*Fourthly:* It is ordained that the Decoration shall be awarded in recognition of an act or acts of exemplary gallantry while flying during active operations against the enemy to all members, of any rank, of Our Naval, Military or Air Forces on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Defence or the appropriate Minister of State of the other Realms and Territories of which We are Queen.

It is further ordained that members, of any rank, of a Foreign Naval, Military or Air Force or those of Commonwealth States of which We are not Queen who have been associated with operations of Our Naval, Military and Air Forces shall be eligible for the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Defence with the agreement of the appropriate Minister of State of the said Foreign country or Commonwealth State.

*Fifthly:* It is ordained that the Decoration may be awarded posthumously.

*Sixthly:* It is ordained that in the event of a person who has been awarded the Decoration again performing such an act or acts as would have entitled him or her to the Distinguished Flying Cross if he or she had not already received it, such further act or acts shall be recorded by a Bar attached to the ribbon by which the Decoration is suspended and for every further act an additional Bar shall be added. A rose Emblem denoting the award of each Bar shall be worn on the ribbon when the ribbon only is worn.

*Seventhly:* It is ordained that the Distinguished Flying Cross shall not confer any individual precedence but shall entitle the recipient to the addition after his or her name of the letters "DFC".

*Eighthly:* It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and that a Register thereof shall be kept in the office of Our Secretary of State for Defence.

*Ninthly:* It is ordained that reproductions of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar, known as a Miniature Cross, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Decoration is awarded, shall be half the size of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar respectively and that a sealed pattern of the said Miniature shall be kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

*Tenthly:* It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order under Our Sign Manual and on the recommendation of Our Secretary of State for Defence to cancel and annul the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to any person and that thereupon his or her name shall be removed from the aforementioned Register, but that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore the Decoration when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

It is further ordained that notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the *London Gazette*.

*Lastly:* We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

*Given at Our Court of St James's this Twenty-ninth day of July, Two Thousand and Two, in the Fifty-first Year of Our Reign.*

By Her Majesty's Command.

*Geoff Hoon*

17 September 2002

#### THE AIR FORCE CROSS

*ELIZABETH THE SECOND*, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come:

#### GREETING!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George VI, by Warrants under His Sign Manual dated 22nd September 1940, 11th March 1941, 23rd February 1942 and 10th November 1942, did amend and consolidate the regulations governing the Decoration called the Air Force Cross;

AND WHEREAS We, by Warrants under Our Sign Manual dated 15th July 1955, 27th July 1968 and 22nd May 1980, did further amend the regulations governing eligibility for the said Decoration;

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient to amend the regulations further to allow members of any rank in Our Armed Forces to receive the said Cross;

NOW, THEREFORE, We do declare that the regulations promulgated in the aforementioned Warrants in respect of the Air Force Cross shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled; and in substitution thereof We by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances, which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept.

*Firstly:* It is ordained that the Decoration shall be designated and styled the "Air Force Cross".

*Secondly:* It is ordained that the Decoration shall consist of a Cross the arms conjoined by wings, the upper bar terminated by an Imperial Crown and the base bar terminated by a bomb, surmounted by another cross composed of aeroplane propellers, the four ends inscribed with the Royal Cypher and in the centre a roundel thereon a representation of Hermes mounted on a hawk in flight bestowing a wreath; that the reverse of the cross shall be plain and shall bear the Royal Cypher above the date 1918 and the rank, name and Service, Regiment or Corps, customarily appropriate to the recipient and the date of the award; that the Cross shall be suspended by a ring from a bar consisting of two sprigs of laurel; and that the whole shall be in silver.

*Thirdly:* It is ordained that the Decoration shall be worn on the left breast suspended on a ribbon one-and-a-quarter inches in width of red and white in alternate diagonal stripes one-eighth of an inch in width running at an angle of 45 degrees downwards towards the wearer's left.

It is further ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals are to be worn it shall be placed immediately after the Distinguished Flying Cross.