



## RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

### Mandate Cold War Service Medal Resolution No. 16-33

**WHEREAS**, in past years, most recently in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, authorization was proposed for the Cold War Service Medal covering the period 2 September 1945 through 26 December 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, the veterans of the Cold War faithfully served our country during a campaign of Soviet Block aggression, Eastern Europe occupation, low intensity conflicts, and the constant threat of nuclear attack; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cold War was not without casualties; 389 American servicemen were killed from hostile fire during the "cold" portion of the Cold War, which is higher than the battle deaths in Desert Storm or the Spanish American Wars; and

**WHEREAS**, veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan have received numerous recognitions and awards for a conflict that was not declared as a war by Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, the Secretary of Defense has not yet authorized the wearing of the Cold War Service Medal on the military uniform; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Defense instead issues a paper certificate that is available to anyone who served during the Cold War as a US Government employee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Reserve Officers Association of the United States, chartered by Congress, urge the Congress to direct the Secretary of Defense to authorize and issue a Cold War Service Medal.

Renewed: 14 September 2016, 10 August 2013, 10 February 2010 and 30 June 2007  
Adopted by the National Convention, 12 June 2004