

**DECISION No. 396, dated 16.7.2025 ON THE
APPROVAL OF THE DESCRIPTIONS AND
TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF ORDERS AND
MEDALS, AS WELL AS THE CERTIFICATES AND
NOTIFICATION LETTERS FOR THEIR DELIVERY**

In accordance with Article 100 of the Constitution and Article 19 of Law No. 93/2022, "On decorations in the Republic of Albania", on the proposal of the Prime Minister, the Council of Ministers

DETERMINED:

1. Approval of the descriptions and technical specifications of orders and medals, as well as of the certificates and notification letters for their delivery, according to attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 attached to this decision.
2. The Chancellery of Orders and Medals, the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of the Interior of the implementation of this decision.

This decision shall enter into force upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Belinda Balluku

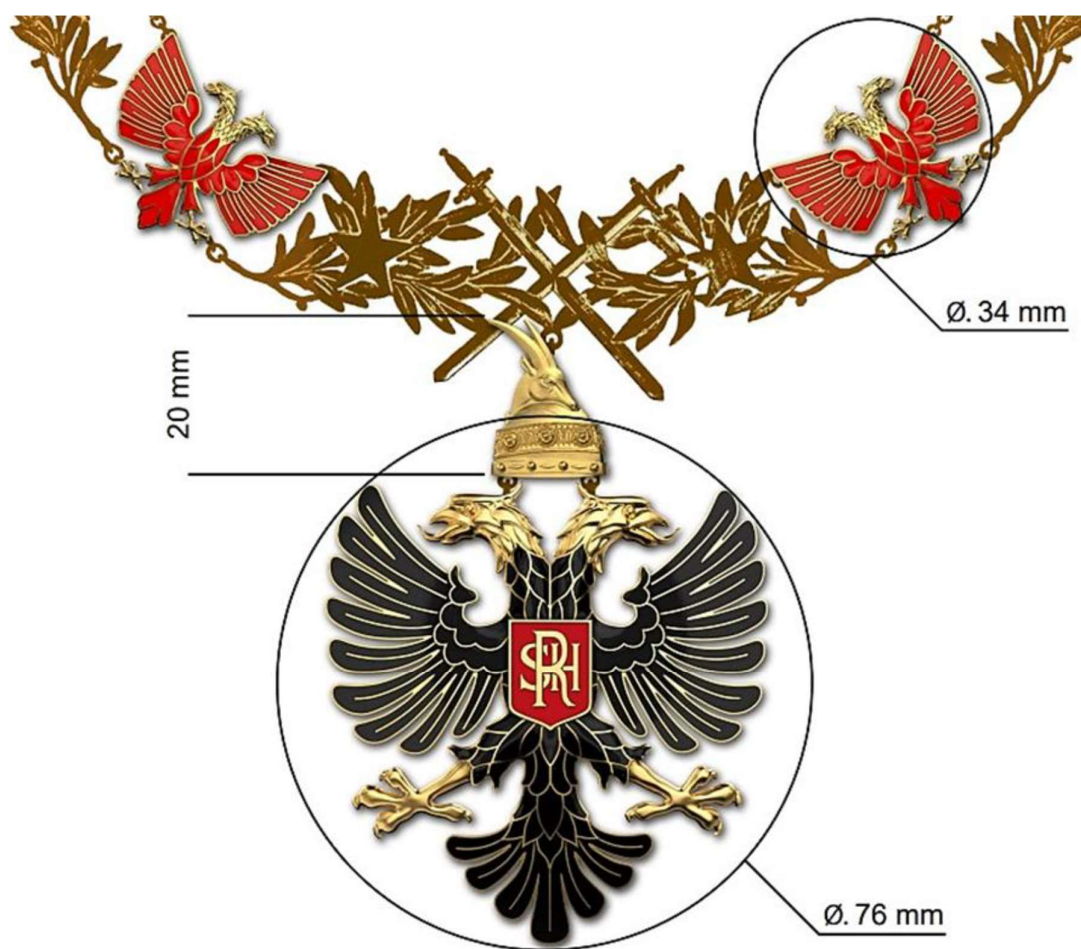
ATTACHMENT 1: DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS OF ORDERS AND MEDALS OF STANDARD FORMAT

A. SUPREME ORDER OF THE EAGLE

1. COLLAR

According to the provisions of point 4, article 7, of law no. 93/2022, the Collar is a unique specimen and an attribute of the incumbent president. In the historical memory of the Albanian state, a collar, with approximately the same functions, was in use in the years 1925–1939. In the current context, it is natural to adapt the design of the collar of the head of state, head of the orders, leaving room for some changes in detail: replacing the star above the eagle with Skanderbeg's helmet; placing the monogram of the Republic "RSH" on the central chain.

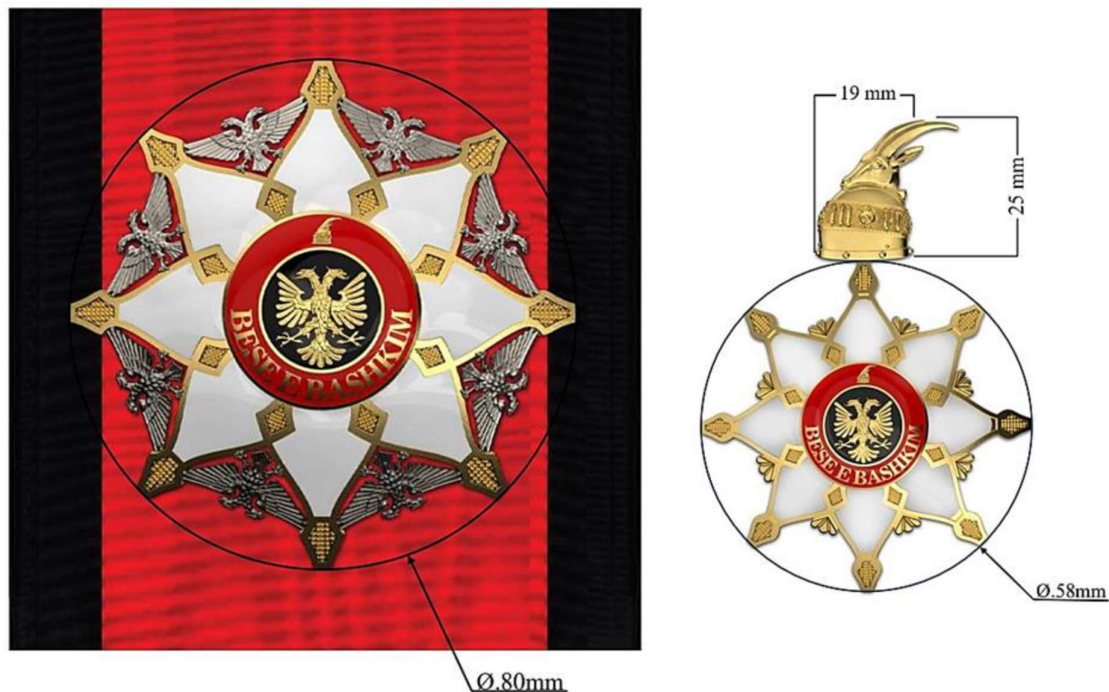
Considering that the necklace to be made will remain a unique specimen and will embody one of the symbols of the sovereignty of the state (Regalia) through passing from one head of state to another, it is made of solid gold or very precious metal.



The collar of the Supreme Order of the Eagle consists of a large eagle in the centre hanging from the necklace. The eagle is double-headed, according to the official model of 1922, measuring 76 mm in diameter, with black enamel, except for the heads and claws, with single-sided work. On the chest it bears a red enamel shield with the stylized

monogram RSH (Republic of Albania). All lightly 2–3 mm. The eagle is held on top by two small rings with the stylized helmet of Skanderbeg with a heraldic view to the left. Over the helmet is mounted the necklace with a small ring, which is held between two crossed swords with the tip down. The necklace consists of 9 eagles alternating with 10 laurel branches. The eagles are double-headed, with partially translucent red enamel, measuring 34 mm in diameter. The laurel branches are "au naturel" with a 5-pointed star in the middle. The eagles are held on top by the laurel branches on each side with two small rings. When not in solid gold, the necklace and the great eagle are made of silver 960/999, gilded with gold 750/999.

2. THE GREAT STAR



The Great Star of the USSH consists of:

1. a large 8-pointed star, with a diameter of 80 mm, with single-sided work, with white enamel, between the points of which are placed 8 small stylized eagles. In the centre of the star, in a medallion with black enamel, the double-headed eagle is placed in relief, according to the official model of 1922. The medallion is surrounded by a circle in red enamel, in the lower half of which is placed the motto of the Order "BELIEVE AND UNITY", while in the upper half the helmet of Skanderbeg with a heraldic view to the right. The whole is indented in the centre by about 10–15 mm. On the back of the star, there is a vertical pin, with the tip down, for attaching to the jacket. The star is made of 960/999 silver, gilded with 750/999. The small eagles are made of silver, while the central eagle in relief is made of 960/999 silver, gilded with 750/999 gold;
2. the decoration of the Great Star sash. The decoration is generally the same as the Great Star, so it consists of an 8-pointed star, with a diameter of 58 mm, with single-sided work, with white enamel, in the centre of which, on a medallion with black enamel, is superimposed in relief the double-headed eagle, according to the official model of 1922. Around the black medallion, a circle with red enamel, in the lower half of which is

written the motto of the Order "BELIEVE AND UNION". All lightly 2–3 mm. The star is made of 960/999 silver, gilded 750/999. The decoration is attached above, by a horizontal hinge, to the helmet of Skanderbeg, with heraldic view to the right, which is attached above by a 12 mm ring on the ribbon of the bandage.

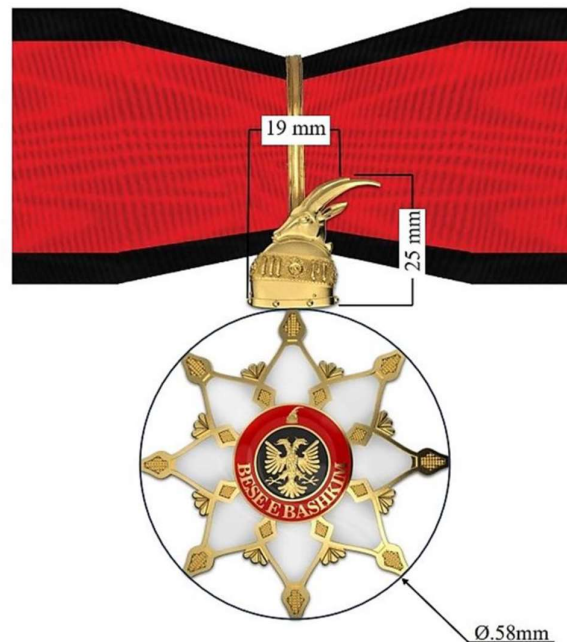
3. GRAND OFFICER

The Grand Officer of the USSH consists of:

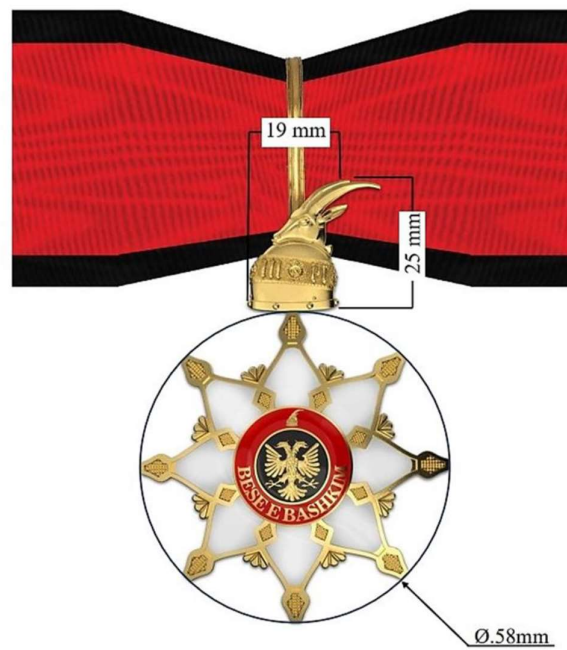
1. the star, generally the same as the Grand Star, but without the silver eagle decorations at the edges and with a smaller diameter of 80 mm. The star is made of 960/999 silver, gilded 750/999;



2. the decoration, which, the same as that of the Grand Star sash, is hung around the neck with a 50 mm ribbon (cravat).



4. COMMANDER



The decoration of The Commander of the USSH is the same as that of the Grand Star and the Grand Officer's cravat but is not accompanied by any plaque or other decoration.

5. OFFICER



The decoration of the USSH Officer consists of the Star, which, in contrast to the superior ranks, is not eight-pointed, but six-pointed, in the example of the initial ranks of the Order of the Black Eagle of the Principality of Albania in 1914. The Star is in 960/990 silver enamelled and 750 gilded, with single-sided work, with dimensions of 46 mm, held with hinges in the shape of Skanderbeg's helmet with a heraldic view to the right and hanging from the Order's ribbon with dimensions of 37 mm. It is worn on the left side of the chest.

6. KNIGHT



The decoration of the Knight of the USSH consists of a Star, which, similar to that of the Officer, is six-pointed. The Star is in 960/990 silver enamelled, with single-sided work, with dimensions 46mm, hanging without special hinges (10 mm ring) from the ribbon of the Order with dimensions 37 mm. It is worn on the left side of the chest.

B. ORDER OF SKANDERBE

1. THE LARGE STAR



The decoration of the Grand Star of the USK consists of:

1. a large 5-pointed star with a diameter of 74 mm, with the top down and with diamond-cut rays. It is superimposed on a 5-pointed star with a point at the top, with white enamel with a diameter of 64 mm. The Star is single-sided. In the centre of the star, on a double border of red and black enamel, is placed in bas-relief the portrait of Skanderbeg, according to the author Cristofano dell'Altissimo, preserved in the "Uffizi" gallery in Florence. Above the star, partially hiding the upper corner, is the helmet of Skanderbeg stylized with a heraldic view to the left. Between the two stars is a circular wreath of oak leaves with translucent green enamel, tied at the bottom with a bandage half with red enamel and half with black enamel. The whole is hollowed out in the centre about 10 mm. On the reverse side of the star there is a vertical pin with the tip down for attachment to the jacket. The diamond-studded star is made of 960/999 silver; the white enamelled star, oak leaf crown and Skanderbeg's helmet are made of 960/999 silver gilded 750/999, while the central relief shield is made of 960/999 silver gilded 750/999;

2. the decoration of the Great Star's sash. The decoration is generally the same as the Great Star, but the diamond-shaped base is removed and its diameter is reduced to 58 mm. The base of the decoration is slightly rounded 2–3 mm. The decoration is made of 960/999 silver, gilded 750/999. The decoration is attached by a horizontal hinge, with the helmet of Skanderbeg facing right, which is attached by a 12 mm ring on the ribbon of the sash (large cord).

2. GRAND OFFICER

The decoration of the Grand Officer of the USK consists of:

1. the star, generally the same as the Great Star, but without the diamond-shaped base and with a smaller diameter of 64 mm. The star is made of 960/999 silver, gold-plated 750/999;



2. the decoration, which, the same as that of the Great Star sash, is hung around the neck with a 50 mm strip (cravat).



3. COMMANDER



The decoration of the Commander of the USK is the same as that of the Grand Star armband and the Grand Officer's cravat but is not accompanied by any star or other decoration.

4. OFFICER



The decoration of the USK Officer consists of the Star, which is in 960/990 silver enamelled and 750 gold plated, with single-sided work, with dimensions 40 mm, attached with hinges in the shape of Skanderbeg's helmet, with heraldic view to the left and hanging from the ribbon of the Order with dimensions 37 mm. The oak wreath is gilded but not enamelled. It is worn on the left side of the chest.

5. KNIGHT



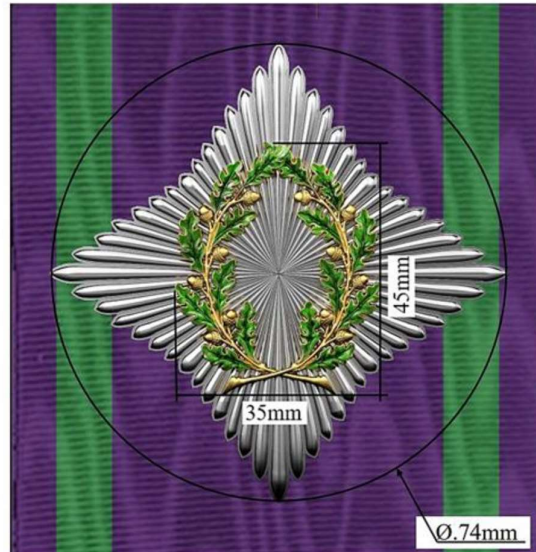
The decoration of the Knight of the USK consists of the Star, which is in 960/990 silver enamelled, with single-sided work, measuring 40 mm, hanging without special hinges (10 mm ring) from the Order's ribbon measuring 37 mm. The oak wreath is neither gilded nor enamelled. It is worn on the left side of the chest.

C. ACADEMIC OAK ORDER

1. GRAND STAR

The decoration of the Grand Star of the ULA consists of:

1. a large 4-pointed star with a diameter of 74 mm, with single-sided work, with the points positioned in the shape of a radiating rhombus with a smooth and not diamond-shaped surface. A wreath of oak leaves with green enamel, measuring 35 x 45 mm, is superimposed on it. The star is made of silver 960/999; the oak wreath with green enamel is made of silver 960/999, gilded with gold 750/999;



2. the decoration of the Great Star sash. The decoration displays the same oak leaf wreath as the one superimposed on the Great Star, but measuring 50 mm x 60 mm. It is attached to the sash with a 12 mm ring. It is single-sided, made of silver 960/999, gilded with gold 750/999 and enamelled in green.



2. COMMANDER



The decoration of the Commander of the ULA consists of an oak leaf wreath, which, like that of the Great Star sash, is hung around the neck with a 50 mm ribbon (cravat).

3. KNIGHT



The decoration of the Knight of the ULA consists of a wreath of oak leaves, with single-sided work, with dimensions 35 mm x 45 mm, made of 960/999 silver, gilded with gold 750/999, but not enamelled. It hangs from the 37 mm ribbon of the order and is worn on the left side of the chest.

Ç. MEDALS AWARDED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

1. MEDAL OF MILITARY MERIT



The Medal of Military Merit presents on the obverse, in relief, the double-headed eagle according to the official version of 1922, with a sword in its claws, in a medallion with a diameter of 35 mm. Around, a wreath of laurel leaves 4 mm wide. On the reverse side, the field is left free to engrave the name of the holder and the date of award of the medal. The medal is attached to the top by a hinge with a stylized helmet of Skanderbeg with a heraldic view to the left. On both sides of the helmet are two partially unfolded flags, which together form the figure of the trophy. The helmet and the flags are attached to the ribbon, being attached to it through a flat horizontal ring welded behind the flags. The medal has a diameter of 35 mm.

The gold medal, when not made of solid gold, is made of 925/999 silver gilded with 750/999 gold.

The silver medal is made of 925/999 silver.

The bronze medal is made of bronze.

2. CIVIL MERIT MEDAL



The Civil Merit Medal presents on the obverse, in relief, the double-headed eagle according to the official version of 1922, in a medallion with a diameter of 35 mm. Surrounding, a laurel wreath with a width of 4 mm. On the reverse side, the field is left free to engrave the name of the holder and the date of awarding the medal. The medal has a diameter of 35 mm.

The gold medal, when not produced from solid gold, is made of 925/999 silver gilded with 750/999 gold.

The silver medal is made of 925/999 silver.

The bronze medal is made of bronze.

3. "MOTHER TERESA" MEDAL



The "Mother Teresa" medal is presented as a 4-pointed star, framed in the shape of a radiating rhombus in relief. In the centre, inside a medallion, the portrait of Mother Teresa is placed. The medal has a diameter of 44 mm.

The gold medal is made of 925/999 silver plated with 750/999 gold.

The silver medal is made of 925/999 silver.

The bronze medal is made of bronze.

4. THE "TORCH OF DEMOCRACY" MEDAL



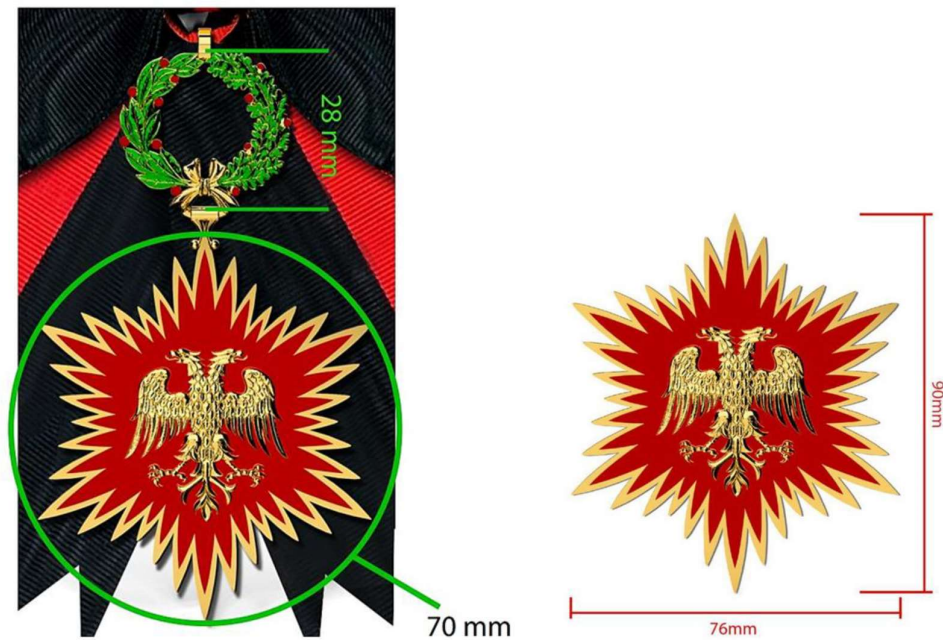
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The "Torch of Democracy" medal is presented in a circular shape with the symbol of the unquenchable flame in the centre, which comes to life from a fountain decorated with laurel leaves. In the background, a composition of rays and barbed wire is distinguished. Around the bottom of the medal, in large raised letters, "TORCH OF DEMOCRACY". On the reverse side, the field is left free to engrave the name of the holder and the date of awarding the medal. The medal has a diameter of 35 mm.

The medal is made of bronze.

D. MEDAL AWARDED BY THE PRIME MINISTER

1. MEDAL FOR PUBLIC APPRECIATION



The Gold Medal [Grand Cordon with Star of Public Appreciation] presents a stylized 6-pointed star, with single-sided work, with red enamel, measuring 90 mm x 76 mm. The star is superimposed on a double-headed eagle in relief, according to the variant in the figure, measuring 40 x 37 mm. On the back side of the star there is a vertical pin with the tip down, for attachment to the jacket. The decoration is made of 960/999 silver, gold-plated 750/999.

The Gold Medal is accompanied by a sash, which ends with a decoration, which is generally the same as the Star, where the red star has a diameter of 70 mm. The decoration is held above, by a horizontal hinge, by a wreath of oak and laurel leaves measuring 28 mm in diameter, which is held above by a 12 mm ring on the ribbon of the sash.



The silver medal [Great Star of Public Appreciation] is the same as the Gold Medal, except that the star measures 60 mm x 51 mm and is worn with a ribbon around the neck. The decoration is held above, by a horizontal hinge, by a wreath of oak and laurel leaves measuring 26 mm in diameter. The wreath is held above by two rings, which connect to the clasp measuring 35 mm x 4.8 mm. It is accompanied by a star similar to the Great Star, but measuring 80 mm x 68 mm.



The Bronze Medal [Star of Public Appreciation] is the same as the Gold Medal, except that the star measures 50 mm x 43 mm and the ribbon is 22 mm wide. The decoration is attached, by a horizontal hinge, to a wreath of oak and laurel leaves with a diameter of 25 mm. The wreath is attached at the top with two rings, which connect to the clasp measuring 22 mm x 4.8 mm.

DH. MEDALS AWARDED BY MINISTERS

1. MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL



The Military Service Medal is presented in a circular shape with the central symbol of a double-headed eagle in the art deco model of the 1930s, which holds a sword in its talons and on top the helmet of Skanderbeg, with a heraldic view to the left. From one end of the wings to the other the legend "Military Service" is written. The medal has a diameter of 35 mm.

The gold medal is made of 925/999 silver plated with 750/999 gold.

The silver medal is made of 925/999 silver.

The bronze medal is made of bronze.

2. PUBLIC ORDER SERVICE MEDAL



The Public Order Service Medal is presented in a circular shape with a central symbol of an eagle in the model widely used today in the insignia of the State Police. On both sides of it are placed the symbols of the force of law (sword) and its implementation (sceptre of justice). Under the symbols described above, the legend "For Service in Public Order" is written. The medal has a diameter of 35 mm.

The gold medal is made of 925/999 silver plated with 750/999 gold.

The silver medal is made of 925/999 silver.

The bronze medal is made of bronze.

ATTACHMENT 2: DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS OF THE RIBBONS OF THE ORDER AND MEDAL

1. The ribbons must be made of "watered" type silk [watered silk].

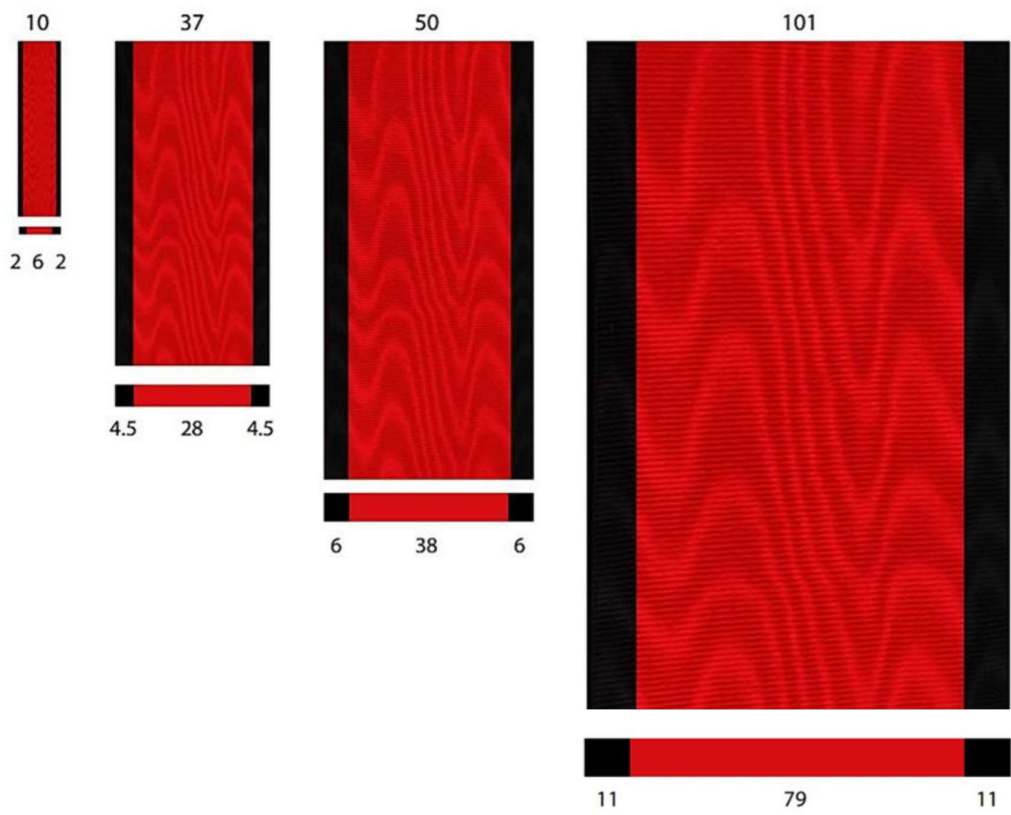


2. The ribbons have a width of:

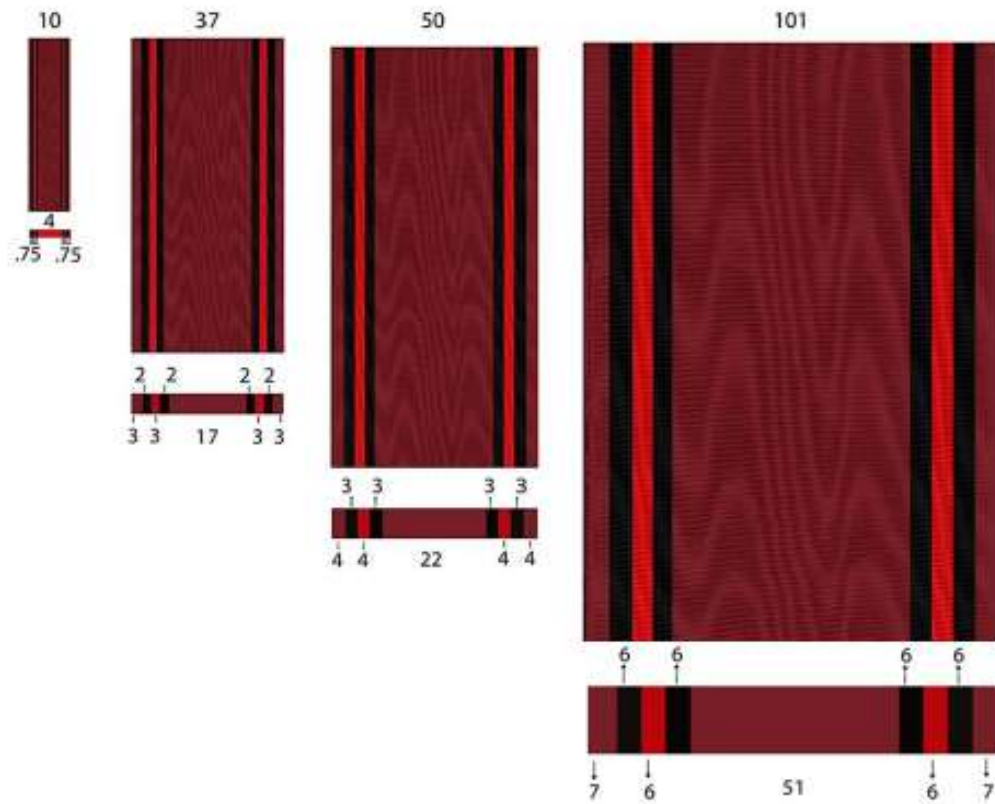
- for the Grand Star and the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude, Class I: 101 mm;
- for the Grand Officer, Commander and Class II of the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude: 50 mm;
- for the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude, Class III: 30 mm;
- for the Officer, Knight, and other medals: 37 mm;
- for miniatures of Orders and Medals, without distinction: 10–12 mm.

EXAMPLE – MEDAL SIZES IN MILLIMETERS

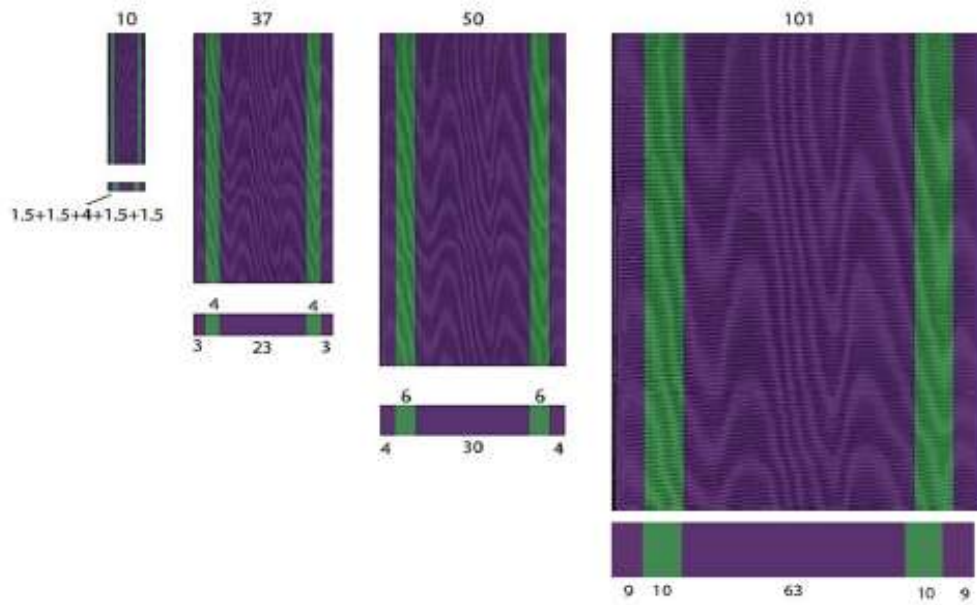
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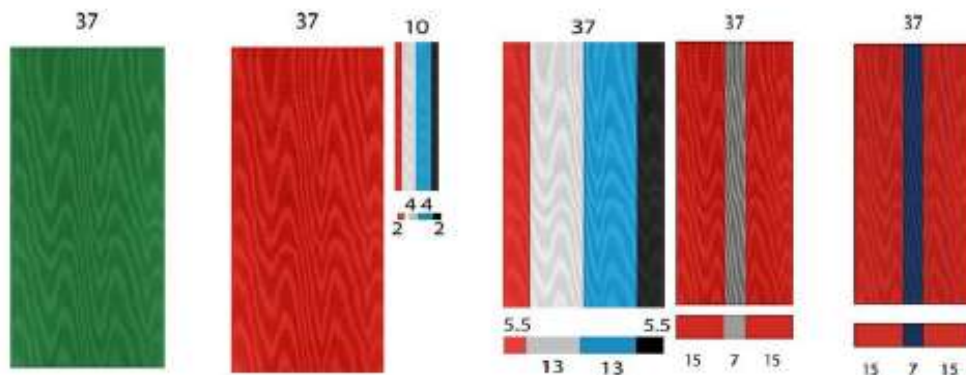
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3. The ribbon of the Grand Star of Orders and the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude, Class I, is approximately 2 m long, with the ends cut in a zigzag pattern. The ends of the ribbon are joined at a distance of about 10–12 cm from their ends by a ribbon of the same material, from which the respective decoration is hung.
4. The ribbon of the Grand Officer and Commander of Orders, as well as of the II and III classes of the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude, is about 50 cm long and ends at both ends with a thin ribbon, which serves to be tied around the shirt collar.
5. The ribbon of the Officer and Knight of Orders is about 20 cm long, folded in half through the hanging ring of the decoration.
6. The ribbon of the Medals is about 20 cm long, folded in half through the hinge or hanging ring of the medal.

7. The ribbon of the Supreme Order of the Eagle is 101 mm, red with a black line 11 mm at the edges. The ribbon of the other degrees has the same colors, maintaining the respective proportions.

8. The ribbon of the Order of Skanderbeg is 101 mm, burgundy with a black-red-black combination at a distance of 7 mm from the edges. The ribbon of the other degrees has the same colors, maintaining the respective proportions.

9. The ribbon of the Order of the Academic Oak is 101 mm, dark violet, with a green line 10 mm, at a distance of 9 mm from the edges.

10. The ribbon of the Military Merit Medal is red.

11. The ribbon of the Civil Merit Medal is green.

12. The ribbon of the "Mother Teresa" Medal is white and blue. On the white edge there is a red line

5.5 mm while on the blue edge there is a black line 5.5 mm.

13. The ribbon of the "Torch of Democracy" Medal is black crossed in equal width and length by 6 yellow lines on one side and the other of the ribbon and by a red line in the middle.

14. The ribbon of the Medal of Public Gratitude is black crossed by a central red line 4 mm.

15. The ribbon of the commemorative, military and civil Medals, has colors that are determined case by case

by their founding act. Their distinguishing mark is the fact that the ribbon, in each case, has a 2 mm gray line at its edges.

16. The ribbon of the Military Service Medal is red with a central gray line 4 mm.

17. The ribbon of the Public Order Service Medal is red with a 4 mm blue central stripe.

ATTACHMENT 3

1. MINIATURES; MILITARY UNIFORM INSIGNIA; ROSETTES

Orders and medals in miniature format are of the international standard and represent the corresponding decoration reduced in size from 12 mm to 25 mm. Miniatures cannot be smaller than 10 mm.

The mignon ribbon, in water-dyed silk, is standard with a width of 10–13 mm and is produced according to the respective colours of each order and medal.

The military uniform insignia for everyday use [non-parade], also known as barrettes have standard dimensions of 37 x 10–12 mm, with the colours according to the respective decoration and are made of water-dyed silk material.

The rosettes of the orders and the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude are of international format and have a diameter ranging from 6 to 12 mm, with colors according to the respective decoration.

2. DISTINCTIVE SYMBOLS OF THE DEGREES IN MINIATURE, BARRETTES AND ROSETTES

The distinctive symbols of the degrees of the orders and some medals are determined whenever the reduced formats of the decorations are worn and not the regular formats.

For the orders and the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude, the distinction is made mainly through the rosette:

1. For the Great Star of the orders and the First Class of the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude a rosette in water-dyed silk with the respective colours on a bed of frozen gilded silk is used. This rosette is attached, in order to distinguish rank, also to the ribbons of the miniature format and to the insignia of the uniforms of the military.
2. For the Grand Officer of Orders, a rosette in water-dyed silk with the corresponding colours is used on a bed of frozen silk half-gilt and half-silver. This rosette is attached, in order to distinguish the rank, also to the ribbons of the miniature format and to the insignia of the uniforms of the military.
3. For the Commander of Orders and the II class of the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude, a rosette in water-dyed silk with the corresponding colours is used on a bed of frozen silk of silver. This rosette is attached, in order to distinguish the rank, also to the ribbons of the mignon format and to the insignia of the uniforms of the military.
4. For the Officer of Orders, a rosette in water-dyed silk with the corresponding colours is used. On the rosette is the helmet of Skanderbeg, with heraldic view to the right for the Supreme Order of the Eagle and with heraldic view to the left for the Order of Skanderbeg. This rosette is also attached, in order to distinguish the degree, to the ribbons of the mignon format and to the insignia of the uniforms of the soldiers.
5. For the Knight of the Orders and for the III class of the Prime Minister's Medal for Public Gratitude, a rosette in watered silk with the respective colours is used without any other distinguishing mark. The ribbons of the miniature format and the insignia of the uniforms of the soldiers of these degrees are not accompanied by a rosette.

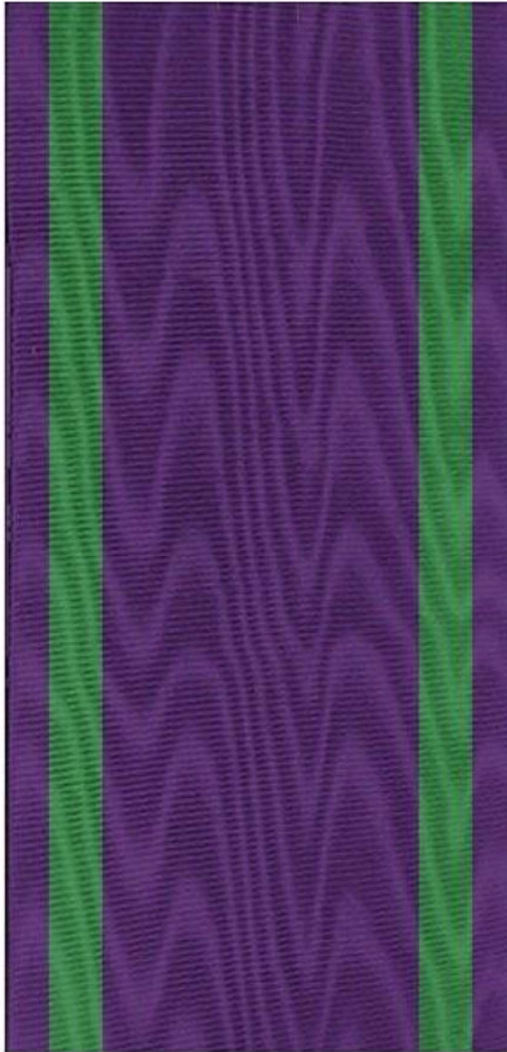
EXAMPLE – ROSETTES OF THE GRAND STAR, COMMANDER, AND KNIGHT OF THE SUPREME ORDER OF THE EAGLE AND OF THE I, II, III CLASSES OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S MEDAL FOR PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



EXAMPLE – ROSETTES OF THE GRAND STAR, COMMANDER, AND KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF SKANDERBEG



EXAMPLE – ROSETTES OF THE GRAND STAR, COMMANDER AND KNIGHT OF THE ORDER OF THE ACADEMIC OAK



6. By way of exception to the above, the President of the Republic in office, and after leaving office, in his capacity as Chairman of the Orders and holder of the Necklace, may decorate the mignon-shaped ribbon or the beret of the Supreme Order of the Eagle with a golden double-headed eagle instead of the rosette.



7. Soldiers who have been decorated according to the provisions of point 6, article 20, of law no. 93/2022, decorate the ribbons of the awarded decoration with two crossed swords.



8. For some medals, the distinction of degrees is determined through special symbols:

- Military Merit Medal:

1. Gold Medal: 3 Skanderbeg helmets on the uniform insignia;
2. Silver Medal: 2 Skanderbeg helmets on the uniform insignia;
3. Bronze Medal: 1 Skanderbeg helmet on the uniform insignia.



- Military Service and Public Order Service Medals:

1. Gold Medals: a gilded five-pointed star on the uniform insignia;
2. Silver Medals: a silver five-pointed star on the uniform insignia;
3. Bronze Medals are not accompanied by special insignia.



9. From the back, the insignia have 2 pieces of wire welded, which serve for their mounting on the medal ribbon. The insignia are produced from stamped gilded sheet metal, while the stars are gilded and silvered.

3. ALLOWED TOLERANCES

For all the described objects, the permissible tolerance in dimensions (unless otherwise specified) is up to $\pm 3\%$. This tolerance serves the visual harmonization of the component parts of the decorations and ribbons.

ATTACHMENT 4

A. ORDER CERTIFICATES

Order certificates are made of high-quality cardboard, with standard A3 dimensions (420 x 297 mm).

The standard certificate contains, in the top centre, the inscription "Republic of Albania". Below, also in the centre, the inscription "Order ..." is placed. Below the inscriptions, in the centre, the painted image of the insignia of the Commander of the respective Order appears. In the case of the Supreme Order of the Eagle, on both sides of the insignia, his motto "Belief and Unity" is written. This is followed by the text for each decorated person approved by the Chancellery. Below, in the center left, is the dry seal of the Chancellery of Orders and Medals based on the respective logo, together with the inscription "President of the College", name, surname and signature; while on the right, "President of the Republic", name, surname and signature, accompanied by the seal of the institution.

B. MEDAL NOTIFICATION LETTERS

The Medal notification letters are made of high quality cardboard, with standard A4 dimensions (210 x 297 mm).

The standard notification letter contains in the top centre the coat of arms of the Republic and the inscription "Republic of Albania". It is then followed by the text for each decorated person approved by the Chancellery, which is placed on an image of the medal printed in the background.

Below in the centre left is the dry seal of the Chancellery of Orders and Medals, based on the respective logo together with the inscription "Chairman of the Chancellery", name, surname, and signature; while on the right "President of the Republic", name, surname, and signature, accompanied by the seal of the institution.

The notification letters for the Medal of Military Merit and Civil Merit have a detailed description of the motivation approved by the Chancellery.