



Ribbon of the  
Waterloo Medal  
1815

# Campaign for a Veterans Medal

## The Waterloo Petition

The Veteran Occupier  
Address as Envelope

1st September 2015

Dear Sir or Madam,

### **CAMPAIGN UPDATE and the VETERANS ROSETTE**

When we started this campaign for written petitions last year we promised to keep all those who replied informed of the progress of the campaign. We now have 52,000 written petitions in support of a medal for all Veterans. We have archived the details of those who submitted their service record and when the medal is approved we will write to you. We have had two unsuccessful attempts at getting a reading in Parliament and full details can be found on the National Defence Medal (NDM) website. We have been knocked back by the Honours and Awards Committee who state that there is insufficient support for the award of a medal for veterans. It has also been reported that the cost of a medal for 4 Million veterans would be unacceptable in the present financial climate. We continue to believe that this is a dubious manipulation of the figures involved.

### **The Veterans Rosette - FREE.**

In the light of the comments above we seek your help in spreading the word and ask you to wear the rosette in support of the campaign (photo and application form enclosed). The Rosette is free except for the cost of postage (Second Class Large) and the return of two signed petitions in the pre-paid envelope provided. The Battle of Waterloo in 1815 was a defining moment in British history: this campaign for recognition of service is our Veteran's Waterloo 200 years later. The Waterloo medal awarded in 1816 is considered by many to be the first "Veterans medal" as it was also awarded retrospectively and posthumously.

### **Petitions**

We have 52,000 petitions and we need your help to get 48,000 more to force a review and debate in Parliament for the award of the NDM. If you feel that the veterans deserve recognition for their service please ask two friends or relatives to sign our petition. If you would like to help more you can photocopy the form and spread the word. The petition form includes a line for a personal e-mail address; this is not obligatory and will only be used to send out future progress reports.

### **Action Now**

Please help us by getting more petitions and wearing the rosette. If you do not wish to wear a rosette please send in the signed petitions in the pre-paid envelope. All voluntary donations will go to send out more invitations to support the campaign and contradict the idea that there is not enough public support

Yours faithfully,

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