

TASMANIA VOLUNTEER FIRE-FIGHTER AWARDS FRAMEWORK (TVFFAF)

CONDITIONS & RULES V8 (June 2018)



Tasmania Fire Service

TFS VOLUNTEER JUBILEE MEDAL

Note: the rules have been totally reviewed to facilitate the introduction of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal: - in 2 categories

- TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal 50yrs – Scarlet ribbon.
- TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal 100 yrs. – Dark blue ribbon.

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PREFACE:

Jubilee Medals have been issued by brigades throughout Tasmania for several years. Pre-2018, Jubilee Medals were predominately of a brigade design and manufactured as required. The Volunteer Jubilee Medal is deemed a brigade award and is issued by the brigade to their brigade members.

In 2018, the 50yr Anniversary of the commencement of the Rural Fires Board (RFB), the TVFFAF deemed it appropriate to design a generic Jubilee Medal and have it available for brigades to purchase. The predominant reasons for doing this was: -

- The cost of producing a brigade designed medal is in most cases outside the collective financial reach of volunteer brigades and;
- The number of RFB/TFS Volunteer Brigades that will have achieved their 50yr Jubilee Anniversary in 2018 or in the immediate years to come is significant.
- At the conclusion it became apparent that several TFS Brigades had in fact achieved their 100-year anniversary, so using the same medal an approved colour of blue was selected as the ribbon colour to reflect this achievement.
 - TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal – 50 years anniversary - scarlet ribbon
 - TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal – 100 year anniversary – blue ribbon.

The TVFFAF will on behalf of the TFS administer the issue and recording of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal 50 & 100 years (generic).

The TVFFAF will initially finance the production of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic) and in turn provide them at an appropriate cost to brigades who qualify for their 50th or 100th year anniversary.

The TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic) will be available to both operational and non-operational volunteers respectively. The allocation of the medal is the responsibility of the brigade. Some specific references to this allocation are available within these rules.

The following “Conditions & Regulations 2018” have been accepted by the Tasmanian Volunteer Fire Brigade Association and the Tasmanian Retained Volunteer Firefighters Association, or by the TVFFAF Management Committee on behalf of the Volunteer Associations that their members represent.

Similarly, the “volunteer associations” via the Tasmania Fire Service, have acknowledged that the status of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic) will be that of a “brigade award” and as such will be worn to the right of other State Awards which are worn on the right side of the outer garment.

1: TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal

1.1: TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic):

The TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic) shall consist of a full-size medal, and a ribbon bar. It may be awarded to TFS Volunteer Operational Firefighters and Volunteer Operational Support Firefighters on the anniversary date of their brigades 50th or 100th year anniversary of registration/establishment.

This is a brigade award, not an individual award and only available to senior brigade members (not Junior /Cadet members) who are on the strength of that brigade at the date of that anniversary. This date requires determination. The TVFFAF may be able to assist in confirmation of this date.

The TVFFAF may be able to assist brigades with this aspect, having access to the Rural Fires Boards records through a “third party”. Brigades that are currently part of the Retained Fire Brigades system, would have initially been established under the Fire Brigades Commission, State Fire Authority and finally as part of the Tasmania Fire Service which commenced in 1979.

No clasps are issued for the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal – the actual service is depicted in the ribbon colour.

1.2: Descriptions:

The TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal, full size, with ribbon bar is as shown in Appendix “A”.

1.3: Station Plaques

If a brigade elects not to allocate the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medals (generic) to their brigade members, who are on their brigade strength at the 50th or 100th year Anniversary date of their brigade, they may purchase a “TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal Plaque” from the TVFFAF. to acknowledge this event.

Similarly, a brigade may elect to allocate the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal to their entitled brigade members and purchase a Station Plaque as well.

1.4: Qualifying Service Criteria - for TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic)

- Means the 50th Year Anniversary of a Tasmania Fire Service Brigade that commenced with the establishment of the Rural Fires Board of Tasmania in 1967/68 or within the Tasmania Fire Service in 1979.
- Means the 100th Year Anniversary of a Tasmania Fire Service Brigade that commenced with the establishment of the Fire Brigades Commission, changing to the State Fire Authority and finally the Tasmania Fire Service in 1979.
- Initially should a brigade member be on the brigade strength at the anniversary date of either 50 or 100 years, that member is entitled to wear the brigade Jubilee Award.
- If after the anniversary date, for either the 50th or 100th year anniversary a brigade member who joins the brigade may be approved to wear the “brigade (TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal) medal on the decision of the brigade at a brigade member where 75% of active members vote in favour. The member should have served at least two years’ service with diligence and integrity, but again this is a brigade decision.

- A member allocated a TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal can only receive it from their “primary” brigade. Should a member also be a member of a “secondary” brigade and that brigade is due for their TFS Jubilee Brigade Medal, there is no entitlement for a second embellishment.
- For members of the Rural Fires Board Brigades, Service prior to 1968 is not applicable for the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal for “volunteer brigades”. Other brigades (retained) may elect to have a TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal having completed their 50-year service as part of the State Fire Authority – a pre-Tasmania Fire Service fire authority within Tasmania.

1.5: TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal - Management Committee:

Means a committee established to facilitate the overall management and financial controls associated with the provision and awarding of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal will be the TVFFAF Management Committee which is made up of the nominated representative or each “volunteer association” and the State Co-ordinator.

A quorum will require the attendance of all three members at a meeting. This committee will be the final approving body for issuing the Medal and establishing/amending the Rules of the Association pertaining to the issue of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal.

Delegation for approval may be granted by the Committee as they consider appropriate.

Financial control and acceptance of annual balance sheets, pertaining to the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal project, will be a function of this committee along with a periodic review of the “Rules”. Association nominees on this committee will be the conduit for reporting to the two volunteer associations.

2: WEARING:

2.1: Official Functions:

At ceremonial functions the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal is worn on the right breast of the outer uniform garment i.e.: shirt or jumper/soft shell jacket.

The location of the medal will be as indicated in the annexures to these Rules. Note the correct order of precedence should be observed if the recipient has more than the one “state award(s) medals”.

Wearing of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal should be as per normal honours and awards other than it being worn on the right breast as per the attachments to these Rules.

2.2: Normal Station Wear:

Whilst in uniform (station wear) the recipient of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal should wear the ribbon bar on the right breast.

3: ELIGIBILITY

3.1: Member/brigade eligibility

As previously indicated within these rules, the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal will be available to brigade members from within a brigade that has achieved their 50th or 100th year anniversary of establishment.

Note: The brigade must apply to the TVFFAF State Co-ordinator for the supply and subsequent issue of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal – an individual brigade member from a brigade cannot apply for a medal even if they are a member of a volunteer brigade that has achieved its 50th year anniversary.

3.2: Retired members:

The TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic) cannot be awarded to brigade members who may have served a considerable period within a brigade and retired, prior to the anniversary date. At the brigade's discretion, a TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal Plaque, may be awarded to these members, again at the brigade's discretion.

4: NOMINATIONS

On receipt of a completed brigade nomination form (copy attached), the TVFFAF State Co-ordinator will clarify that the commencement date is correct and then:

- Complete a TVFFAF Invoice and send to the Brigade Chief/Secretary which will advise the brigade of the payment required.
- On receipt of the payment the TVFFAF will, by certified post, or other means, have the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal delivered to the brigade.
- Note a copy of the brigade TFS - RMS Brigade Membership Listing which is obtainable from your RHQ, is to be attached to the brigade nomination form.

5: PROCEDURES

5.1: Nominations may be made by:

- a Brigade Chief.
- a Brigade Secretary.

All nominations for a TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal must be made on the prescribed "nomination form" which can be obtained from the TVFFAF web page at www.tvffaf.org

6: ADMINISTRATION

In addition to the above the TVFFAF State Coordinator will: -

- ◆ maintain records for the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal by both brigade and members within that brigade that receive the medal, and
- ◆ Order medals, etc as required.

7: PRESENTATIONS:

7.1: Presentation of TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal:

The presentation of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal will be made by:

- ◆ The Brigade Chief or,
- ◆ A person nominated by the Brigade Chief

7.2: Dress for presentation:

Recipients of the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal should be dressed appropriately for the occasion, eg: wearing the appropriate TFS Uniform. (Dress of the Day).

Brigade members and others attending the presentation should wear their medals, honours and awards during the presentation of the Medal. For this occasion, the “wearing of honours and awards”, will be “full size medals”.

Appendix A: TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal & ribbon bar

The TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal was designed in 2018 and is based on the previous brigade “Jubilee Medals” that have been designed and organised totally by the brigade in question, but on occasion, with assistance of the TVFFAF in an advisory capacity.

The TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal has the same status as a brigade designed Jubilee Medal.

The ribbon is of a scarlet colour, (50th year anniversary) and blue colour (100th year anniversary). It should be noted that the scarlet colour is like other Jubilee Medals that have been produced by brigades within Tasmania over many years.

The obverse side is clear with provision for the recipient’s name to be engraved should the brigade or brigade member wish to do that. Note the cost of the engraving will be that of the brigade or brigade member and will be organised from within the brigade, after receipt of the medals.



Medal measures 46mm (H) x 36mm (W)

**Appendix B: Nomination form for TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal:
(50th year anniversary)**

An electronic copy of the current TVFFAF nomination form for the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic) can be found on the TVFFAF web page at www.tvffaf.org

See next page for copy of the nomination form: -

Nomination Form

TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic)

REG No

***Please complete and send to: TFS Volunteer Firefighter Awards Framework,
State Co-ordinator, 3 Blacks Road, Wesley Vale 7307. Mobile: 0409 140 237***

. The following information must be provided in complete detail. Incomplete nominations may be returned for additional information and until sufficient information is was nominated will not be considered.
Please ensure that the information provided is legible.

Date brigade established: (insert date)

Brigade Name: – (Full Name)	Has the brigade had another name previously to the one listed on the nomination.	Address and contact phone number of nominator

Details of persons being presented with the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic).

No:	Members Name.	Date joined brigade.	Comments if applicable
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TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal: \$20.00 per set.
TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal Plaque \$25.00 ea.

Appendix D: Wearing of: TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal (generic) on uniform.

The TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal is, as previously indicated a recognised “Brigade Award” having been acknowledged by the Chief Officer of the Tasmania Fire Service in 2018. As a Brigade Award, it is worn immediately above the right breast pocket of the uniform “outer garment”. That outer garment may be: - (note medals/awards/ribbon bars are not worn on PPE)

- Dress uniform
- Station wear jumper/soft shell jacket
- Station wear shirt (with or without a tie).

Recipients of other awards that are not National Awards – (National Awards are predominately “honours” - national medal/campaign ribbons which are worn similarly above the left breast pocket of the uniform) may wear them in the “correct order of precedence” on the right breast – along with the TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medal. This may include,

- Royal Humane Society Medal
- The Tasmania Police Commissioners Medal.
- The TFS Volunteer Medal.
- The State Emergency Service Long Service Medal
- Hobart Fire Brigade Medals -125 years
- TFS Volunteer Jubilee Medals (50 years – 100 years)

Order of precedence, for the above has been established reflecting the “year” the award was first presented and is therefore (from the left side): -

- Royal Humane Society Medal
- Tasmania Police Commissioners Medal
- TFS Volunteer Medal
- State Emergency Services Long Service Medal
- Brigade Jubilee Medal – HFB Medal (brigade awards/medals)

Ribbon bars are worn in the same location (immediately above the pocket line with a 5mm-space). When wearing a name plate with the ribbon bar, the name plate should be attached to the uniform centrally on the pocket flap. (Below the ribbon bar). When wearing the full medal, the only option is to wear the name plate centrally above the medal(s) (above the pocket). See diagrams attached

Appendix E:

