Commemorating the Centenary of the Creation of the Military Medal

The Medaille militaire (English: Military Medal) is a military decoration of the French Republic for other ranks for meritorious service and acts of bravery in action against an enemy force. It is the third highest award of the French Republic, after the Legion d'honneur, a civil and military order, and the ordre de la Liberation, a second world war-only order. The Medaille militaire is therefore the most senior entirely military active French decoration.



The Military Medal was established by the Prince President, future Napoleon III, 50 years after the Legion of Honor, on January 22, 1852. He thereby intended to honor the merits of his best troops and to expand the resources at his disposal to reward his soldiers.

Medals Awarded:
World War I: 950.000 medals awarded, most posthumously
World War II: 300,000 medals
Indochina War: 12,000 medals
Algerian War: 38,000 medals

The stamp issue contains unique designs for France, Algeria, French Morocco and Tunisia and a common design for the remaining colonies.

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