



**THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
HAS AWARDED**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDAL FOR  
DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE**

**TO**

**Hillary Rodham Clinton**

*For distinguished public service as United States Secretary of State, from January 2009 to February 2013.*

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*February 2013*



*Leon E. Panetta  
Secretary of Defense*



## Citation

to accompany the award of the  
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*The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton is recognized for distinguished public service as United States Secretary of State, from January 2009 to February 2013. Secretary Clinton played an indispensable role in formulating and, with great success implementing the President's U.S. national security, foreign, and development policies in an era of dynamic shifts in global affairs. Applying an innovative "smart power" approach, Secretary Clinton led efforts to invigorate traditional alliances, engage emerging powers, and develop new partnerships to advance American interests, security, and values. Her sound counsel, strategic vision, and steady hand guided the U.S. response to the global economic crisis, political changes in North Africa and the Arab world, and new opportunities and challenges in Asia. She provided invaluable leadership to U.S. efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan during the security transitions in those countries. Secretary Clinton's transformative leadership elevated America's diplomatic and development corps' role as able partners for addressing the growing spectrum of security challenges and forged a strong relationship with the Department of Defense. The distinctive accomplishments of Secretary Clinton reflect great credit upon herself, the Department of State, and the United States Government.*