

Qualified Medals for Wyoming Veteran Exemption


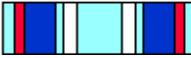
* This document is to be used as a reference guide.





* All Veterans need an expeditionary medal listed on their discharge document if they do not meet: 1) the statutory dates for the Second World War, Korean War emergency or the Vietnam War emergency or 2) the disability requirement.



* If the qualification remarks column in this document start with: "TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL", the veteran NEEDS to have one of the approved expeditionary medals listed on their discharge document.




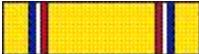
* If the discharge document is in error, the Veteran can contact the Wyoming Veterans Commission for assistance.




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Medal Name	Criteria	Qualification Remarks	Medal Ribbon
Afghanistan Campaign Medal	<p>a. Authorized to be awarded to soldiers who deploy to Afghanistan in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) on or after 24 October 2001 to a date to be determined or the cessation of OEF. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land.</p> <p>b. To be eligible for the award, a soldier must be assigned or attached to a unit participating in OEF for 30 consecutive days or for 60 nonconsecutive days in Afghanistan or meet one of the following criteria: 1) Be engaged in actual combat against the enemy and under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action, regardless, of time in the Afghanistan. 2) While participating in OEF or on official duties, regardless of time, is killed or wounded/injured requiring medical evacuation from Afghanistan. 3) While participating as a regularly assigned air crew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over Afghanistan in direct support of OEF; each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with the criteria shall count as one day towards the 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive day requirement.</p> <p>c. The medal may be awarded posthumously to any soldier who lost his/her life while, or as a direct result of, participating in qualifying operations, without regard to length of such service, if otherwise eligible.</p> <p>d. Only one award of the ACM may be authorized for any individual. Service stars are not prescribed</p> <p>e. Service members qualified for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) by reasons of service between 24 October 2001 and 30 April 2005, in Afghanistan, shall remain qualified for the medal. Any such soldier may be awarded the ACM in lieu of the GWOTEM for such service. Additionally, any such soldier authorized the arrowhead device may be awarded the ACM with arrowhead device in lieu of the GWOTEM with arrowhead device. No soldier shall be entitled to both medals for the same act, achievement or period of service.</p>		
Air and Space Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded to members of the United States Air Force who participate in or directly support a significant United States military operation designated by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The medal is awarded only to personnel who provide direct support of combat operations from outside a geographic area determined by the Joints Chiefs of Staff.</p> <p>Service members must be assigned or attached to a unit engaged in the operation. Personnel must be engaged in direct support for at least thirty consecutive days or for sixty non-consecutive days. For this medal, "direct support" is defined as (1) deploying in support of an operation, or (2) if at a home station, performing functions or missions that historically were deployed forward, or entirely new and future missions, which due to technological advances, are no longer constrained by geographic location. This includes, but is not limited to, sortie generation, intelligence, surveillance, targeting, computer network attack operations, etc.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	






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Air Force Achievement Medal	The Air Force Achievement Medal may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States (and to foreign military personnel) below the grade of colonel who, while serving in any capacity with the Air Force distinguish themselves by outstanding achievement or meritorious service but not to the extent that would warrant the award of a Commendation Medal.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Air Force Combat Action Medal	<p>a. Authorized on 12 June 2007 for actions from 11 September 2001 to date to be determined and may be awarded posthumously.</p> <p>b. Airmen are eligible for the combat action medal if their primary role includes performing duties in a combat zone, either on the ground or from the air, by entering into an unsecured area away from an established installation. While performing their duties, they must have come under fire or fire upon an enemy to qualify. A combat zone is defined as a geographic area for which an Airman receives imminent danger/hostile fire pay.</p> <p>Aircrew members must be flying in direct support of a combat zone and in combat. They also must be performing official duties and not manifested as a passenger. While performing close air support, taking fire from an enemy is not a prerequisite as long as the Airman is at great risk.</p>	The Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Air Force Commendation Medal	The Air Force Commendation Medal may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States below the grade of Brigadier General who, while serving in any capacity with the Air Force, distinguish themselves by heroism, outstanding achievement, or by meritorious service not of a sufficient nature to justify a higher award.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Air Force Cross	Awarded for extraordinary heroism, not justifying the award of a Medal of Honor, to any person, who while serving with the U.S. Air Force while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States in not a belligerent party.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	





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Air Force Distinguished Service Medal	<p>This decoration, established by Congress on July 6, 1960, is awarded to members of the United States Air Force who distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility, in combat or otherwise.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	




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Air Force Outstanding Unit Award	<p>The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award was authorized by Department of the Air Force General Order 1, Jan. 6, 1954. It is awarded by the Secretary of the Air Force to numbered units which have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from similar units, the services include; performance of exceptionally meritorious service, accomplishment of a specific outstanding achievement of national or international significance, combat operations against an armed enemy of the United States, or military operations involving conflict with or exposure to hostile actions by an opposing foreign force.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Air Medal	<p>The Air Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the armed forces of the United States, shall have distinguished himself by meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or heroism or for meritorious service. Award of the Air Medal is primarily intended to recognize those personnel who are on current crew member or non-crew member flying status which requires them to participate in aerial flight on a regular and frequent basis in the performance of their primary duties. However, it may also be awarded to certain other individuals whose combat duties require regular and frequent flying in other than a passenger status or individuals who perform a particularly noteworthy act while performing the function of a crew member but who are not on flying status. These individuals must make a discernible contribution to the operational land combat mission or to the mission of the aircraft in flight. Examples of personnel whose combat duties require them to fly include those in the attack elements of units involved in air-land assaults against an armed enemy and those directly involved in airborne command and control of combat operations. Involvement in such activities, normally at the brigade/group level and below, serves only to establish eligibility for award of the Air Medal; the degree of heroism, meritorious achievement or exemplary service determines who should receive the award. Awards will not be made to individuals who use air transportation solely for the purpose of moving from point to point in a combat zone.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.</p>	
American Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded for thirty days service outside the Continental United States but within the American Theater of Operations between December 7, 1941, and March 2, 1946; or, an aggregate service of one year within the Continental United States during the same period under the following circumstances:</p> <p>-- For service in active combat against the enemy and awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the commanding general of a corps, higher unit, or independent force that the individual actually participated in combat</p>		
American Defense Service Medal	<p>The American Defense Service Medal was awarded for service in the Armed Forces between September 8, 1939, and December 7, 1941. Army members had to serve 12 months to be eligible, but Navy and Marine Corps members were eligible based on any length of service.</p>		




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Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal	Awarded to members of the Armed Forces who, after July 1, 1958, participate in specified United States operations or those in direct support of the United Nations or friendly foreign nations.		
Armed Forces Reserve Medal	<p>Criteria: Award under one of the following conditions:</p> <p>a. Awarded for honorable and satisfactory service as a member of one or more of the Reserve Components of the Armed Forces of the United States for a period of 10 years within a 12-year period. Upon completion of the fourth 10-year period, a gold hourglass followed by a bronze hourglass shall be awarded.</p> <p>b. Awarded for mobilization on or after 1 August 1990, to members called to active duty and served under Title 10, United States Code (USC) (Defense Department) or Title 14 USC (Coast Guard) or the member volunteered and served on active duty in support of US Military operations or contingencies designated by the Secretary of Defense. The "M" device is worn to indicate mobilization. Subsequent mobilizations are denoted by the wear of a number to indicate the number of times mobilized. No hourglass is worn unless authorized under the above paragraph.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Army Commendation Medal	<p>a. The Army Commendation Medal is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States other than General Officers who, while serving in any capacity with the Army after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself by heroism, meritorious achievement or meritorious service. Award may be made to a member of the Armed Forces of a friendly foreign nation who, after 1 June 1962, distinguishes himself by an act of heroism, extraordinary achievement, or meritorious service which has been of mutual benefit to a friendly nation and the United States.</p> <p>b. Awards may be made for acts of valor performed under circumstances described above which are of lesser degree than required for award of the Bronze Star Medal. These acts may involve aerial flight. An award may be made for acts of noncombatant-related heroism which do not meet the requirements for an award of the Soldier's Medal.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	


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Army Valorous Unit Award	<p>The Valorous Unit Award is to be awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent part for actions occurring on or after 3 August 1963. The Valorous Unit Award requires a lesser degree of gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps than that required for the Presidential Unit Citation. Nevertheless, the unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous conditions in accomplishing its mission so as to set it apart from the other units participating in the same conflict. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Silver Star to an individual. Extended periods of combat duty or participation in a large number of operational missions, either ground or air, is not sufficient. This award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time spans. It is not reasonable to presume that entire units can sustain Silver Star performance for extended time periods under the most unusual circumstances. Only on rare occasions will a unit larger than a battalion qualify for this award.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded for qualifying service within the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations between December 7, 1941, and March 2, 1946.</p>	<p>For service in active combat in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations against the enemy and awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the commanding general of a corps, higher unit, or independent force that the individual actually participated in combat.</p>	
Bronze Star Medal	<p>a. The Bronze Star Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity in or with the military of the United States after 6 December 1941, distinguished himself or herself by heroic or meritorious achievement or service, not involving participation in aerial flight, while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.</p> <p>b. Awards may be made for acts of heroism, performed under circumstances described above, which are of lesser degree than required for the award of the Silver Star.</p> <p>c. Awards may be made to recognize single acts of merit or meritorious service. The required achievement or service while of lesser degree than that required for the award of the Legion of Merit must nevertheless have been meritorious and accomplished with distinction.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
China Campaign Medal	<p>The China Campaign Medal was awarded for military service ashore in China with the China Relief Expedition (Boxer Rebellion) between June 20, 1900, and May 27, 1901.</p>		



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China Relief Expedition Medal	The China Relief Expedition Medal was awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served ashore with the China Relief Expedition (Boxer Rebellion) between May 24, 1900, and May 27, 1901, or who were assigned to certain designated ships in support of the China Relief Expedition.		
China Service Medal	<p>Awarded to Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel who:</p> <p>-- Served ashore in China or who were attached to any of the vessels that operated in support of the operations in China between July 7, 1937, and September 7, 1939; or who</p> <p>-- Served ashore in China or were attached to any of the vessels that operated in support of operations in China between September 2, 1945 and April 1, 1957. Military services performed in the Asiatic-Pacific area between September 2, 1945 and March 2, 1946 could be credited for eligibility for the China Service Medal unless the individual was eligible for the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal based on service performed prior to September 2, 1945.</p>		
China War Memorial Medal	Awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served in Mainland China, Burma, Vietnam, and Thailand, for at least thirty days between December 8, 1941 and September 2, 1945.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Coast Guard Achievement Medal	Awarded to all members of the Coast Guard, including reserves and members of other branches of the Armed Forces, when serving with Coast Guard units, for outstanding leadership, professional achievement and superior performance of duty in either peacetime or combat situations.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Coast Guard Commendation Medal	Awarded to members of the U.S. Coast Guard, Coast Guard Reserve, and to other members of the United States Armed Forces serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard, who distinguish themselves by heroism, outstanding achievement or meritorious service above that normally expected and worthy of special recognition.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	




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Combat Action Ribbon	<p>The Combat Action Ribbon is a personal decoration awarded to members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard (when operating under the control of the Navy) in the grade of captain (or colonel in the Marine Corps) and below who have actively participated in ground or surface combat.</p> <p>Personnel who earned the Combat Infantryman Badge or Combat Medical Badge while a member of the Army may be authorized to wear the Combat Action Ribbon. The principal criterion is that the recipient must have participated in a bona fide ground or surface combat firefight or in an action during which he was under enemy fire and his performance while under fire was satisfactory.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon	The current ribbon is awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States, serving in any capacity with the Coast Guard, for an act or service resulting in unusual or outstanding achievement, whose performance is less than that required for the Coast Guard Achievement Medal.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Distinguished Flying Cross	The Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the Armed Forces of the United States, distinguishes himself by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight. The performance of the act of heroism must be evidenced by voluntary action above and beyond the call of duty. The extraordinary achievement must have resulted in an accomplishment so exceptional and outstanding as to clearly set the individual apart from his comrades or from other persons in similar circumstances. Awards will be made only to recognize single acts of heroism or extraordinary achievement and will not be made in recognition of sustained operational activities against an armed enemy.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Distinguished Service Cross	The Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army, distinguishes himself or herself by extraordinary heroism not justifying the award of a Medal of Honor; while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing/foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing Armed Force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The act or acts of heroism must have been so notable and have involved risk of life so extraordinary as to set the individual apart from his or her comrades.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	





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Distinguished Service Medal - Air Force	<p>The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Army, has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is clearly exceptional. Exceptional performance of normal duty will not alone justify an award of this decoration.</p> <p>a. For service not related to actual war, the term "duty of a great responsibility" applies to a narrower range of positions, than in time of war, and requires evidence of conspicuously significant achievement. However, justification of the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of high positions of great importance.</p> <p>b. Awards may be made to persons other than members of the Armed Forces of the United States for wartime services only, and then only under exceptional circumstances, with the express approval of the President in each case.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Distinguished Service Medal - Army	<p>The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Army, has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is clearly exceptional. Exceptional performance of normal duty will not alone justify an award of this decoration.</p> <p>a. For service not related to actual war, the term "duty of a great responsibility" applies to a narrower range of positions, than in time of war, and requires evidence of conspicuously significant achievement. However, justification of the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of high positions of great importance.</p> <p>b. Awards may be made to persons other than members of the Armed Forces of the United States for wartime services only, and then only under exceptional circumstances, with the express approval of the President in each case.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Distinguished Service Medal - Coast Guard	<p>The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Army, has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is clearly exceptional. Exceptional performance of normal duty will not alone justify an award of this decoration.</p> <p>a. For service not related to actual war, the term "duty of a great responsibility" applies to a narrower range of positions, than in time of war, and requires evidence of conspicuously significant achievement. However, justification of the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of high positions of great importance.</p> <p>b. Awards may be made to persons other than members of the Armed Forces of the United States for wartime services only, and then only under exceptional circumstances, with the express approval of the President in each case.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	



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Distinguished Service Medal - Navy/Marine Corps	<p>The Distinguished Service Medal is awarded to any person who, while serving in any capacity with the United States Army, has distinguished himself or herself by exceptionally meritorious service to the Government in a duty of great responsibility. The performance must be such as to merit recognition for service which is clearly exceptional. Exceptional performance of normal duty will not alone justify an award of this decoration.</p> <p>a. For service not related to actual war, the term "duty of a great responsibility" applies to a narrower range of positions, than in time of war, and requires evidence of conspicuously significant achievement. However, justification of the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of high positions of great importance.</p> <p>b. Awards may be made to persons other than members of the Armed Forces of the United States for wartime services only, and then only under exceptional circumstances, with the express approval of the President in each case.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Dominican Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served ashore in Santo Domingo (Dominican Republic) or aboard certain ships in support thereof between May 5 and December 4, 1916.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.</p>	
European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded for for qualifying service within the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations between December 7, 1941, and March 2, 1946.</p>	<p>For service in active combat in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater of Operations against the enemy and awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the commanding general of a corps, higher unit, or independent force that the individual actually participated in combat.</p>	

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First Haitian Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served ashore in Haiti between the inclusive dates of July 9 and December 6, 1915, or aboard ships listed below during the dates indicated.</p> <p>Castine (gunboat): Aug 4, 1906 - Dec 6, 1915.</p> <p>Celtic (supply ship): Oct 28 - Nov 9, 1915; and Nov 28 - Dec 6, 1915.</p> <p>Connecticut (battleship): Aug 4 - Dec 2, 1915.</p> <p>Culgoa (supply ship): Sep 6 - Oct 8, 1915.</p> <p>Eagle (yacht): July 9 - Nov 2, 1915.</p> <p>Marietta (gunboat): Aug 31- Sep 9, 1915; and Dec 2-6, 1915.</p> <p>Nashville (gunboat): July 9 - Dec 6, 1915.</p> <p>Osceola (tugboat): Aug 8 - Nov 2, 1915.</p> <p>Patuxent (tugboat): Nov 1- Dec 6, 1915.</p> <p>Prairie (cruiser): Nov 7 - Dec 6, 1915.</p> <p>Sacramento (gunboat): Sep 9 - Dec 6, 1915.</p> <p>Solace (hospital ship): Aug 9 - Sep 24, 1915.</p> <p>Tennessee (battleship): Aug 15-18, 1915; and Aug 31 - Sep 3, 1915.</p> <p>Washington (cruiser): July 9 - Dec 6, 1915.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	

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First Nicaraguan Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served ashore in Nicaragua or aboard any of the following ships in support thereof between the inclusive dates of July 29 and November 14, 1912.</p> <p>Annapolis(gunboat)</p> <p>California (cruiser)</p> <p>Cleveland (cruiser)</p> <p>Colorado (cruiser)</p> <p>Denver (cruiser)</p> <p>Glacier (supply ship)</p> <p>Maryland (armored cruiser)</p> <p>Tacoma (cruiser) (landing party)</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	<p>Individuals authorized the award of this medal must have been deployed abroad for service in the Global War on Terrorism operations on or after September 11, 2001, and to a future date to be determined.</p>		

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Iraq Campaign Medal	<p>a. Authorized to be awarded to soldiers who deploy to Iraq in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) on or after 19 March 2003 to a date to be determined or the cessation of OIF. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq and the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles.</p> <p>b. To be eligible for the award, a soldier must be assigned or attached to a unit participating in OIF for 30 consecutive days or for 60 nonconsecutive days in Iraq or meet one of the following criteria: 1) Be engaged in actual combat against the enemy and under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action, regardless, of time in the Iraq. 2) While participating in OIF or on official duties, regardless of time, is killed or wounded/injured requiring medical evacuation from Iraq. 3) While participating as a regularly assigned air crew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over Iraq in direct support of OIF; each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with the criteria shall count as one day towards the 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive day requirement.</p> <p>c. The medal may be awarded posthumously to any soldier who lost his/her life while, or as a direct result of, participating in qualifying operations, without regard to length of such service, if otherwise eligible.</p> <p>d. Only one award of the ICM may be authorized for any individual. Service stars are not prescribed.</p> <p>e. Service members qualified for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) by reasons of service between 19 March 2003 and 30 April 2005, in Iraq, shall remain qualified for the medal. Any such soldier may be awarded the ICM in lieu of the GWOTEM for such service. Additionally, any such soldier authorized the arrowhead device may be awarded the ICM with arrowhead device in lieu of the GWOTEM with arrowhead device. No soldier shall be entitled to both medals for the same act, achievement or period of service.</p>		
Joint Meritorious Unit Award	<p>The Joint Meritorious Unit Award is awarded to Joint Activities of the Armed Forces of the United States which have subsequent to January 23, 1979 distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious achievement or service in pursuit of joint military missions of great significance.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Joint Service Commendation Medal	<p>Awarded to any member of the US Armed Forces who is distinguished by Meritorious Achievement or Service while Assigned to a Joint Activity. The degree of merit need not be unique but must be distinctive.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. Bronze V device worn to denote Valor/Heroism in Combat.</p>	

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Korea Defense Service Medal	<p>Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility for thirty consecutive or for sixty non-consecutive days, or who meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility; -- Is wounded or injured in the line of duty and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility; -- While participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, or within the area of eligibility in direct support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria shall count as one day toward the 30 or 60 day requirement; -- Personnel who serve in operations and exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered for the award as long as the basic time criteria are met. Due to the extensive time period for KDSM eligibility, the non-consecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period. <p>The Area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the continuous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas.</p>		
Korean Presidential Unit Citation	<p>Awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States that displayed great gallantry under extremely hazardous conditions during the Korean War.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.</p>	
Korean Service Medal	<p>Awarded to service members who participated in operations in the Korean war zone between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954.</p>		
Korean War Service Medal	<p>To be eligible for this medal, the Service member must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Served between the outbreak of hostilities (June 25, 1950) and the date the armistice was signed (July 27, 1953); -- Been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for thirty consecutive days or sixty non-consecutive days, and -- Performed duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operation or in support of combat operations. 		

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Kosovo Campaign Medal	<p>Service members must be bona fide members of a unit participating in, or be engaged indirect support of, the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of operations or for 60 non-consecutive days provided this support involves entering the area of operations or meets one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be engaged in actual combat, or duty that is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area of operations; - While participating in the operation, regardless of time, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of operations; - While participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of operations in direct support of the military operations. 		
Kuwait Liberation Medal - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	<p>Awarded to U.S. Service personnel who participated in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. To be eligible, U.S. military personnel must have served during the qualifying period in one or more of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- The Arabian Gulf -- The Red Sea -- The Gulf of Oman -- That portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude <p>In addition, those personnel must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Been Attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground and/or shore operations; -- Attached or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; -- Actually participated as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the designated areas -- Served in temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days during this period (that time limitation could be waived for personnel participating in actual combat operations). 		

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Kuwait Liberation Medal - Kuwait

Awarded to members of the Coalition Forces who participated in Operation Desert Storm and the liberation of Kuwait. For U.S. military personnel to qualify, they must have served in support of Operation Desert Storm between January 17 and February 28, 1991, in one or more of the following areas:

-- The Persian Gulf

-- The Red Sea

-- That portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude

-- The Gulf of Aden

-- The total areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates

In addition, those personnel must have:




-- Been attached to or regularly serving for one or more days with an organization participating in ground and/or shore operations;




-- Been attached to or regularly serving for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations;



-- Actually participated as a crew member in one or more aerial flights supporting military operations in the areas designated above; or,


-- Served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days during the qualifying period. Note: That time limitation may be waived for personnel who actually participated in combat operations.











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Legion of Merit Medal	<p>a. The degrees of Chief Commander, Commander, Officer, and Legionnaire are awarded only to members of armed forces of foreign nations under the criteria outlined in Army Regulation 672-7 and is based on the relative rank or position of the recipient as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Chief Commander - Chief of State or Head of Government. (2) Commander - Equivalent of an U.S. military Chief of Staff or higher position but not to Chief of State. (3) Officer - General of Flag Officer below the equivalent of a U.S. military Chief of Staff; Colonel or equivalent rank for service in assignments equivalent to those normally held by a General or Flag Officer in U.S. military service; or Military Attaches. (4) Legionnaire - All recipients not included above. <p>b. The Legion of Merit is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States without reference to degree for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. The performance must have been such as to merit recognition of key individuals for service rendered in a clearly exceptional manner. Performance of duties normal to the grade, branch, specialty or assignment, and experience of an individual is not an adequate basis for this award. For service not related to actual war the term "key individual" applies to a narrower range of positions than in time of war and requires evidence of significant achievement. In peacetime, service should be in the nature of a special requirement or of an extremely difficult duty performed in an unprecedented and clearly exceptional manner. However, justification of the award may accrue by virtue of exceptionally meritorious service in a succession of important positions.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Marine Corps Achievement Medal	<p>The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces in the grades of lieutenant commander (or major) and below. It is awarded for meritorious service or achievement in either combat or noncombat based on sustained performance or specific achievement of a superlative nature but which does not warrant a Navy Commendation Medal or higher. It may not be awarded for service involving participation in aerial flight after January 1, 1969.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal	<p>Awarded to Marine Corps personnel who land on foreign territory, engage in operations against armed opposition, or who operate under circumstances deemed to merit special recognition and for which no campaign medal has been awarded.</p>		


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Medal for Humane Action	<p>a. The Medal for Humane Action was awarded for qualifying service between 26 June 1948 and 30 September 1949.</p> <p>b. The medal commemorates military service in direct support of the Berlin Airlift. It was awarded to members of the Armed Forces for 120 consecutive days of service in, or in direct support of, the Berlin airlift, between 26 June 1948 and 30 September 1949, within the following prescribed boundaries:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Northern Boundary - 54th parallel north latitude. (2) Eastern Boundary - 14th meridian east longitude. (3) Southern Boundary - 48th parallel north latitude. (4) Western Boundary - 5th meridian west longitude. 	Delete? Non combat medal.	
Medal of Honor	<p>The Medal of Honor is awarded by the President, in the name of Congress, to a person who, while a member of the Army, distinguishes himself or herself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his or her life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The deed performed must have been one of personal bravery or self-sacrifice so conspicuous as to clearly distinguish the individual above his or her comrades and must have involved risk of life. Incontestable proof of the performance of the service will be exacted and each recommendation for the award of this decoration will be considered on the standard of extraordinary merit.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Meritorious Unit Commendation - Army	<p>The Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to units for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six continuous months during a period of military operations against an armed enemy on or after January 1, 1944. Although service in a combat zone is not required, the unit's accomplishments must be directly related to the larger combat effort. The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart from and above other units with similar missions. The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual. Only in rare cases will a unit larger than a battalion qualify for this award. For services performed during World War II, this award was limited to service units and was restricted to services performed between January 1, 1944 and September 15, 1946. Members of units that received the Plaque were entitled to wear on their right sleeve a two inch square of olive drab cloth on which appeared a golden yellow laurel wreath one and five-eighths inches in diameter. Effective March 1, 1961 the Meritorious Unit Commendation was authorized for units and/or detachments of the Armed Forces for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services for at least six months in support of military operations. Change 12 to Army Regulation 672-5-1 dated April 6, 1966, replaced the patch with a scarlet ribbon worn inside a gold frame.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	




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Meritorious Unit Commendation - Navy/Marine Corps	Established by order of the Secretary of the Navy, 17 July 1967, it is awarded by the Secretary to any unit of the Navy or Marine Corps which has distinguished itself under combat or noncombat conditions, by either valorous or meritorious achievement compared to other units performing similar service, but not sufficient to justify the award of the Navy Unit Commendation.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Mexican Service Medal	<p>Awarded for military service in any of the following expeditions or engagements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- Vera Cruz Expedition: April 24 to November 26, 1914. -- Punitive Expedition into Mexico: March 14, 1916, to February 7, 1917. -- Buena Vista, Mexico: December 1, 1917. -- San Bernardino Canon, Mexico: December 26, 1917. -- LeGrulla, Texas: January 8-9, 1918. -- Pilares, Mexico: March 28, 1918. -- Nogales, Arizona: November 1-5, 1915, or on August 27, 1918. -- El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico: June 15-16, 1919. -- Any action against hostile Mexican forces in which U.S. troops were killed or wounded between April 12, 1911, and February 7, 1917. 	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	





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NATO Medal - Kosovo	<p>The NATO Medal for Kosovo service was created in October 1998 and was awarded to any service member who participated in NATO sponsored campaigns as a member of a NATO peacekeeping force to the Serbian Province of Kosovo. To date, the following military campaigns have been authorized by NATO for the presentation of the NATO Medal for Kosovo service.</p> <p>Operation Allied Force (24 Mar 99 - 10 Jun 99) Operation Joint Guardian (11 Jun 99 - TBD) Operation Allied Harbour (4 Apr 99 - 1 Sep 99) Operation Sustain Hope (4 Apr 99 - 10 Jul 99) Operation Noble Anvil (24 Mar 99 - 20 Jul 99)</p> <p>The NATO Medal for Kosovo is also authorized for membership in the following NATO controlled Kosovo Task Forces</p> <p>Task Force Hawk (5 Apr 99 - 24 Jun 99) Task Force Saber (31 Mar 99 - 8 Jul 99) Task Force Falcon (11 Jun 99 - TBD) Task Force Hunter (1 Apr 99 - 1 Nov 99)</p> <p>Participation in multiple service operations is denoted by either campaign clasps, or service stars, awarded to the NATO Medal.</p> <p>The NATO Medal for Kosovo is considered an open tour service medal, meaning that an end date has yet to be established. A very similar decoration, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, was issued by the United States armed forces for participation in the same operations. United States military regulations at present do permit service members to receive both the NATO Medal and Kosovo Campaign Medal for the same tour of service.</p>		


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NATO Medal - Yugoslavia	<p>Thirty days (continuous or accumulated) in the territory and airspace of the former Republic of Yugoslavia and the Adriatic Sea, or ninety days (continuous or accumulated) in the area of operations outside the former Republic of Yugoslavia and the Adriatic Sea between July 1, 1992 and a date to be determined.</p> <p>To be eligible for award of the NATO medal for the former Republic of Yugoslavia, U.S. military personnel must serve or have served:</p> <p>-- Under NATO command in Headquarters, AFSOUTH, HQ NAVSOUTH, HQ AIRSOUTH, or HQ 5th ATAF, and in direct support of NATO operations in the former Republic of Yugoslavia</p> <p>-- Under NATO command in other installations, within the areas of operations and in direct support of NATO operations, as designated by SACEUR</p> <p>-- Under NATO operational command in the NATO airborne Early Warning Force, or in ships assigned to operations Maritime Monitor, Maritime Guard, or Sharp Guard</p> <p>-- Under NATO operational control in Operation Deny Flight, in ships and aircraft assigned to Operations Maritime Monitor, Maritime Guard, or Guard Sharp, or as NATO Liaison Officers.</p>		
Navy Achievement Medal	<p>The Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces in the grades of lieutenant commander (or major) and below. It is awarded for meritorious service or achievement in either combat or noncombat based on sustained performance or specific achievement of a superlative nature but which does not warrant a Navy Commendation Medal or higher. It may not be awarded for service involving participation in aerial flight after January 1, 1969.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	
Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal	<p>Authorized in 1944, the Navy Commendation Medal (earlier the "Commendation Ribbon") is awarded by the Navy and Marine Corps to their own or members of other Armed Forces serving with the Navy or Marine Corps, who distinguish themselves by heroic action, outstanding achievement, or meritorious service.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.</p>	




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Navy Cross	<p>The Navy Cross may be awarded to any person who, while serving with the Navy or Marine Corps, distinguishes himself in action by extraordinary heroism not justifying an award of the Medal of Honor. The action must take place under one of three circumstances: while engaged in action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or, while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict in which the United States is not a belligerent party. To earn a Navy Cross the act to be commended must be performed in the presence of great danger or at great personal risk and must be performed in such a manner as to render the individual highly conspicuous among others of equal grade, rate, experience, or position of responsibility. An accumulation of minor acts of heroism does not justify an award of the Navy Cross.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Navy Expeditionary Medal	<p>Awarded to Navy personnel who have landed on foreign territory and engaged in operations against armed opposition or who have operated under circumstances deemed to merit special recognition and for which no campaign medal has been awarded.</p> <p>This medal is only awarded to personnel attached to one of the ships or units listed in the notice or instruction at some time during the respective periods shown, and who actually participated in the operation. This includes personnel attached to a squadron or unit embarked in a ship during the eligible period for that ship. Members of rear echelons, transients, observers, and personnel assigned for short periods of Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) or Training Duty (TD) are not normally eligible. However, consideration will be given in those instances when the local commander certifies a particular and significant contribution by an individual.</p>		
Navy Meritorious Unit Citation	<p>Established by order of the Secretary of the Navy, 17 July 1967, it is awarded by the Secretary to any unit of the Navy or Marine Corps which has distinguished itself under combat or noncombat conditions, by either valorous or meritorious achievement compared to other units performing similar service, but not sufficient to justify the award of the Navy Unit Commendation.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Navy Presidential Unit Citation	<p>The Navy Presidential Unit Citation is awarded in the name of the President to units of the Armed Forces of the United States and cobelligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. The unit must have accomplished its mission under such extremely difficult and hazardous conditions to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same campaign. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would be required for award of a Navy Cross to an individual.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Navy Unit Commendation	<p>Established by order of the Secretary of the Navy, 18 December 1944, it is awarded by the Secretary to any ship, aircraft, detachment, or other unit of the naval service of the United States Navy which has, subsequent to 6 December 1941, distinguished itself by outstanding heroism in action against the enemy, but not sufficient to justify award of the Presidential Unit Citation.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	





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Occupation Service Medal	<p>The medal was awarded for 30 days consecutive service while assigned to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Germany (excluding Berlin) between 9 May 1945 and 5 May 1955. Service between 9 May and 8 November 1945 will count only if the EAME Campaign Medal was awarded for service prior to 9 May 1945. b. Austria between 9 May 1945 and 27 July 1955. Service between 9 May and 18 November 1945 will count only if the EAME Campaign Medal was awarded for service prior to 9 May 1945. c. Berlin between 9 May 1945 and 2 October 1990. Service between 9 May and 8 November 1945 may be counted only if the EAME Campaign Medal was awarded for service prior to 9 May 1945. d. Italy between 9 May 1945 and 15 September 1947 in the compartment of Venezia Giulia E. Zara or Province of Udine, or with a unit in Italy designated in DA General Order 4, 1947. Service between 9 May and 8 November 1945 may be counted only if the EAME Campaign Medal was awarded for service prior to 9 May 1945. e. Japan between 3 September 1945 and 27 April 1952 in the four main islands of Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu; the surrounding smaller islands of the Japanese homeland; the Ryukyu Islands; and the Bonin-Volcano Islands. Service between 3 September 1945 and 2 March 1946 will be counted only if the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal was awarded for service prior to 3 September 1945. f. Korea between 3 September 1945 and 29 June 1949. Service between 3 September 1945 and 2 March 1946 will be counted only if the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal was awarded for service prior to 3 September 1945. 		




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Philippine Campaign Medal	<p>The Philippine Campaign Medal was awarded for military service in the Philippine Islands under any of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashore between February 4, 1899 and July 4, 1902. • Ashore in the Department of Mindanao between Feb 4, 1899, and Dec 31, 1904. • Against the Pulajanes on Leyte between July 20, 1906 and June 30, 1907, or on Samar between August 2, 1904, and June 30, 1907. <p>With any of the following expeditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Against Pala on Jolo between April and May, 1905. • Against Datu Ali on Mindanao in October, 1905. • Against hostile Moros on Mount Bud-Dajo, Jolo, in March of 1906. • Against hostile Moros on Mount Bagsac, Jolo, between January and July of 1913. • Against hostile Moros on Mindanao or Jolo between 1910 and 1913. • Any action in which U.S. troops were killed or wounded between February 4, 1899, and December 31, 1913. <p>The Navy Philippine Campaign Medal was awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who served ashore in the Philippine Islands between February 4, 1899, and July 4, 1902; or who served ashore in Mindanao in cooperation with the U.S. Army between February 4, 1899, and December 31, 1904, or who were attached to certain vessels in Philippine waters during the dates established for those vessels.</p>		
Philippine Defense Medal	<p>Awarded for service in the defense of the Philippines from December 8, 1941 to June 15, 1942, under either of the following conditions:</p> <p>Participation in any engagement against the enemy in Philippine territory, waters, or in the air over the Philippines or Philippine waters; or,</p> <p>Assigned or stationed in Philippine territory or waters for not less than thirty days during the authorizing period.</p>		
Philippine Independence Medal	<p>Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who meet eligibility requirements for both the Philippine Defense Medal and the Philippine Liberations Medal, or who were present on duty in the Philippines on July 4, 1946.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.</p>	






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Philippine Liberation Medal	<p>Awarded for service in the liberation of the Philippines from October 17, 1944, to September 2, 1945. In order to qualify, one of the following provisions must be met:</p> <p>-- Participation in the initial landing operation of Leyte and adjoining islands from October 7-20, 1944; or,</p> <p>-- Participation in any engagement against the enemy during the Philippine Liberation Campaign; or,</p> <p>-- Service in the Philippine Islands or in ships in Philippine wates for not less than 30 days during the period of October 17, 1944 to September 2, 1945.</p>		
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation	<p>Awarded for extraordinarily meritorious service. The Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation has been awarded to United States military personnel who participated in the following:</p> <p>World War II</p> <p>-- Service in the defense of the Philippines from December 7, 1941 to May 10, 1942.</p> <p>-- Service in the liberation of the Philippines from October 17, 1944 to July 4, 1945.</p> <p>-- All U.S. military units and naval vessels that earned any of the Philippine engagement stars are entitled to the Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation.</p> <p>-- Certain submarines which maintained physical contact with guerrilla forces during the Japanese occupation of the Philippine Islands.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Presidential Unit Citation - Army/Air Force	<p>The Presidential Unit Citation may be awarded to units of the Armed Forces of the United States and cobelligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy occurring on or after December 7, 1941. The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions so as to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same campaign. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant the award of a Distinguished Service Cross to an individual.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Presidential Unit Citation - Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard	<p>The Presidential Unit Citation is awarded in the name of the President to units of the Armed Forces of the United States and cobelligerent nations for extraordinary heroism in action against an armed enemy. The unit must have accomplished its mission under such extremely difficult and hazardous conditions to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same campaign. The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would be required for award of a Navy Cross to an individual.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	

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Prisoner of War Medal	<p>a. The Prisoner of War Medal is issued only to those U.S. military personnel who were taken prisoner and held captive after 5 April 1917;</p> <p>(1) While engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;</p> <p>(2) While engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or</p> <p>(3) While serving with friendly forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.</p> <p>b. Civilians who have been credited with military service which included the period of captivity are also eligible for the medal.</p> <p>c. Hostages of terrorists and persons detained by governments with which the United States is not engaged actively in armed conflict are not eligible for the medal.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	

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Purple Heart	<p>a. The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of an Armed Force who, while serving with the U.S. Armed Services after 5 April 1917, has been wounded or killed, or who has died or may hereafter die after being wounded;</p> <p>(1) In any action against an enemy of the United States;</p> <p>(2) In any action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Armed Forces of the United States are or have been engaged;</p> <p>(3) While serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party;</p> <p>(4) As a result of an act of any such enemy of opposing armed forces;</p> <p>(5) As the result of an act of any hostile foreign force;</p> <p>(6) After 28 March 1973, as a result of an international terrorist attack against the United States or a foreign nation friendly to the United States, recognized as such an attack by the Secretary of the department concerned, or jointly by the Secretaries of the departments concerned if persons from more than one department are wounded in the attack; or,</p> <p>(7) After 28 March 1973, as a result of military operations, while serving outside the territory of the United States as part of a peacekeeping force.</p> <p>(8) After 7 December 1941, by weapon fire while directly engaged in armed conflict, regardless of the fire causing the wound.</p> <p>(9) While held as a prisoner of war or while being taken captive.</p> <p>b. A wound for which the award is made must have required treatment by a medical officer.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Second Haitian Campaign Medal	Awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who engaged in operations, either ashore or afloat, in Haiti between April 1, 1919, and June 15, 1920.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal	Awarded to Navy and Marine Corps personnel who participated in operations in Nicaragua between August 27, 1926, and January 2, 1933.	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	

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Silver Star	<p>The Silver Star is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the U.S. military, is cited for gallantry in action against an enemy of the United States while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force, or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The required gallantry, while of a lesser degree than that required for award of the Distinguished Service Cross, must nevertheless have been performed with marked distinction. Soldiers who received a citation for gallantry in action during World War I may apply to have the citation converted to the Silver Star Medal.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.</p>	
Sino-American Cooperative Organization Commemorat	<p>Awarded to American members of the Sino-American Cooperative Organization who operated against Japanese forces on the Chinese Mainland between 1942 and 1945.</p>	<p>TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.</p>	
Southwest Asia Service Medal	<p>Awarded for service in the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees North latitude and west of 68 degrees East longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. Individuals serving between January 17, 1991, and November 30, 1995, in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan (including their air space and territorial waters) are also eligible; however, they must have directly supported combat operations (e.g., embassy guards are not eligible). The Service member must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- been attached to or regularly served for one or more days with an organization participating in ground or shore military operations; -- been attached to or regularly served for one or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; -- Actually participated as a crew member in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated above; or, -- Served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non consecutive days (these limitations may be waived for people participating in actual combat operations). 		
United Nations Korean Medal	<p>Generally awarded for any period of service while assigned as a member of the Armed Forces dispatched to Korea or adjacent areas for service on behalf of the United Nations. Service in qualifying organizations had to be certified by the United Nations Commander-in-Chief as having directly supported military operations in Korea. In the case of the United States, such certification was issued in General Orders 31 (June 20, 1955); General Orders 33 (July 11, 1955); and General Orders 36 (July 13, 1955).</p>		

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United Nations Medal	<p>Awarded to personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States who served for a period of not less than six months in any of the following operations:</p> <p>UN Truce Supervision Organization in Palestine (1948 to October 13, 1995) UN Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (1949 to October 13, 1995) UN Security Force in West New Guinea (October 1962 to April 1963) UN Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (April 1991 to October 13, 1995) UN Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (1991 to October 13, 1995) UN Advance Mission in Cambodia (November 1991 to March 1992) UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (March 1992 to September 1993) UN Protection Force in Yugoslavia (March 1992 to October 13, 1995) UN Mission in Haiti (September 1993 to October 13, 1995) UN Special Service UN Operations in Somalia (to include the US Quick Reaction Force members) (May 1993 to March, 1995)</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Vietnam Campaign Medal	<p>Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who:</p> <p>-- served for six months in South Vietnam;</p> <p>-- served outside the geographical limits of South Vietnam and contributed direct combat support to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces for an aggregate of six months;</p> <p>-- were assigned in Vietnam on January 28, 1973, and who served a minimum of 60 calendar days in Vietnam between January 29 and March 28, 1973.</p> <p>-- Who did not complete the length of service required but were:</p> <p>--- wounded by the enemy in a military action; --- captured by the enemy during action in the line of duty but were later rescued or released; or, --- who were killed in action or in the line of duty.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation	<p>The Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal was awarded as an individual foreign award to some members of the United States Army. The unit citation of the Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal was awarded certain units by the Vietnamese government for meritorious service during the period 1 March 1961 to 28 March 1974. Individuals who received the RVN Civil Actions Medal as an individual award are authorized to wear the medal. Personnel assigned to an unit which was awarded the medal are authorized to wear the unit award emblem.</p>		

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Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation	<p>Authorized to be worn by units individually cited for service in military operations in support of the government of South Vietnam. The actions cited are for the same services that would have resulted in the award of a Valorous Unit Citation by the Army or a Navy Unit Citation.</p> <p>The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Colors), with palm, has been awarded to all United States military personnel who served in South Vietnam between March 1, 1961 and March 28, 1973.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation	<p>The Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation was awarded by the Vietnamese government to all personnel in the Military Assistance Advisory Group during August and September 1954. The emblem consists of three vertical red stripes on a golden yellow background, in a gold frame.</p> <p>The decoration was also awarded throughout the Vietnam War to certain units of the U.S. military deemed to have performed exceptional service to Vietnam. The Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation is considered obsolete since the bestowing authority, the government of South Vietnam, no longer exists.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Vietnam Service Medal	<p>Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who served at any time between July 4, 1965, and March 28, 1973, in Vietnam or its contiguous waters or airspace; or, for any period of service during the same time period in Thailand, Laos, or Cambodia or the air spaces thereover and in direct support of operations in Vietnam.</p>		
Vietnam Wound Medal	<p>For military personnel who had been wounded in action and to government officials wounded in the line of duty by the enemy or rebels.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	
World War I Victory Medal	<p>Awarded for military service during the First World War. It was awarded for active service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918; for service with the American Expeditionary Forces in European Russia between November 12, 1918, and August 5, 1919; or for service with the American Expeditionary Forces in Siberia between November 23, 1918, and April 1, 1920.</p>	This medal is awarded for achievements in addition to foreign combat. In order to qualify, the Veteran must provide documentation showing deployment to a foreign country to combat the enemy in the specified armed conflict and/or time frame.	
Yangtze Service Medal	<p>Awarded to Navy and Marine Corps Personnel who:</p> <p>Participated in operations in the Yangtze River Valley in China between September 3, 1926, and October 21, 1927, or between March 1, 1930, and December 31, 1932; or who</p> <p>Served ashore in Shanghai or in the valley of the Yangtze River with a landing force during the time periods listed above.</p>	TO QUALIFY, VETERAN NEEDS AN EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL.	