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VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP / MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION

An incomplete application could delay your membership start date.

Applicant completes sections A, B, C or D and F. Auxiliaries/Departments complete section E.

A Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____
Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (If already a member) _____
☐ Annual Membership ☐ Rejoin
☐ Life Membership ☐ Transfer
☐ Member at Large in Department of _____ ☐ Member at Large - VFW Auxiliary National Headquarters
(If not a transfer, skip to B.)
☐ **LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER** Previous Auxiliary _____
☐ **ANNUAL TRANSFER** ☐ Previous Auxiliary _____ ☐ Paying ☐ Nonpaying
☐ **ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE** (Fill out Life Membership information below.) Previous Auxiliary _____

B THESE FIELDS REQUIRED
Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Address _____ ☐ Female ☐ Male
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Phone _____ Email _____

C ☐ **POST-AFFILIATED** (*Must be a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

D ☐ **NON-AFFILIATED** (*Veteran is not a current member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)
Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post (If applicable) _____
Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____
Dates of Service: _____ to _____ Location: _____

E Investigating Committee Signatures
1 ☒ _____ 2 ☒ _____ 3 ☒ _____
Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws, ☐ Rejected ☐ Accepted Meeting Date _____ Obligated Date _____

F By signing this, I agree to the stated charges for a Life Membership fee.
OBLIGATION In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise.
I attest that I am at least 16 years of age. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Signature ☒ _____ Date _____
(Must be signed by all members.)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ONLY ☐ Check here if this is a gift.

Credit cards may **NOT** be used for initial payment of Annual Dues.

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover ☐ AMEX _____ Life Membership Fee

Name on credit card _____

Billing address for card _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Credit Card No. _____ CVV Code _____

Exp. Date _____ Date _____ Signature ☒ _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES

Life Membership fees are not refundable.

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

Campaign Medal

[Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal](#)

[Afghanistan Campaign Medal \(ACM\)](#)

[Iraq Campaign Medal \(ICM\)](#)

[Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border](#)

[Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal](#)

[Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay](#)

This information is to be used for guideline purposes only. Proof of eligibility furnished must be:

- Separation Document or
- DD 214 reflecting campaign medal service to establish eligibility
- Service in Korea without the issuance of a campaign medal can be established with additional support documentation.
- Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay can be established with pay records.
- Other documents acceptable by VFW are also acceptable for Auxiliary eligibility.

Military Service

Qualifying Dates

Sep 11, 2001—Open

Sep 11, 2001—Open

Mar 19, 2003—Dec 31, 2011

Apr 2004—Open

Jun 15, 2014—Open



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Qualifiers For Membership

There are two primary qualifiers for membership in the VFW Auxiliary.

- 1) **Honorable Service**—The veterans whose eligibility the applicant is using must have served in the Armed Forces of the United States and either received a discharge of Honorable or General (Under Honorable Conditions) or be currently serving.
- 2) Service in a war, campaign, or expedition on foreign soil or in hostile waters. This can be proven by any of the following:
 - **An authorized campaign medal**
 - **Receipt of Hostile Fire Pay or Imminent Danger Pay** (verified by a military pay statement).
 - **Service in Korea** for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days.

This information is usually available through a veteran's DD-214. If other information is needed or if a veteran's DD-214 is not complete, they can contact the National Personnel Records Center at 314.801.0800 or online at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/> to request more information.

It is important that we verify the eligibility of ever member that signs up for VFW Auxiliary membership, not only to comply with our Bylaws but also to maintain the integrity of the organization.

Campaign Medal	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
Southwest Asia Service Medal —Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm (<i>combat Areas of operation only</i>) Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan		Aug 2, 1990—Nov 30, 1995 Jan 17, 1991—Apr 11, 1991
Kosovo Campaign Medal Operation Allied Force— <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i> Kosovo Defense Campaign— <i>Ground Action</i>		Mar 24, 1999—Jun 10, 1999 Jun 11, 1999—Dec 31, 2013
Combat Infantry Badge & Combat Medical Badge	Army	Dec 6, 1941—Open
Air Force Combat Action Medal		Sep 11, 2001—Open
Combat Action Ribbon	Navy—Marine Coast Guard	Dec 6, 1941—Open Dec 6, 1941—Apr 30, 1975
Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon	Coast Guard	May 1, 1975—Open
Combat Action Badge	Army	Sep 18, 2001—Open
SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Insignia	Navy	Jan 21, 1961—Open
Korea Duty Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial waters (<i>for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty</i>)		Jun 30, 1949—Open
Korea Defense Service Medal		Jul 28, 1954—Open

Campaign
Medal

Military
Service

Qualifying
Dates

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Operation Urgent Fury—Grenada

Eldorado Canyon—Libya

Operation Earnest Will—Persian Gulf (*only those participating in, or in direct support*)

Operation Just Cause—Panama (*USV Ireland & other SVS—designated aircrew mbrs. outside the Conus in direct support*)

United Shield—Somalia

Operation Restore Hope—Somalia

Operation Uphold Democracy—Haiti

Operation Joint Endeavor—Bosnia, Croatia, The Adriatic Sea & airspace.

Operation Vigilant Sentinel—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, & Persian Gulf.

Operation Southern Watch—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE,

Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62°E Long, Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.

Operation Maritime Intercept—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman

W of 62°E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan

Operation Joint Guard—Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.

Operation Northern Watch—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf W of 56°E Long., and Incirlik

AB, Turkey (*only pers. TDY to ONM*)

Operation Joint Forge—Bosnia—Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea at airspace.

Operation Desert Thunder—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen,

Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea support.

Operation Desert Fox—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt,

Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea support.

Former Republic of Yugoslavia

Jan 1, 2014—Open

Oct 23, 1983—Nov 21, 1983

Apr 12—17, 1986

Jul 24, 1987—Aug 1, 1990

Dec 20, 1989—Jan 31, 1990

Dec 5, 1992—Mar 31, 1995

Dec 5, 1992—Mar 31, 1995

Sep 16, 1994—Mar 31, 1995

Nov 20, 1995—Dec 19, 1996

Dec 1, 1995—Feb 15, 1997

Dec 1, 1995—Mar 18, 2003

Dec 1, 1995—Mar 18, 2003

Dec 20, 1996—Jun 20, 1998

Jan 1, 1997—Mar 18, 2003

Jun 21, 1998—Mar 23, 1999

Nov 11, 1998—Dec 22, 1998

Dec 16, 1998—Dec 22, 1998

VFW AUXILIARY ELIGIBILITY DIAGRAM



Korea Duty (Service in Korea for 30 consecutive or 60 Non-consecutive days)

60 Non-consecutive days)

[illegible]

Campaign Medal	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
<u>Army of Occupation</u> (<i>30 consecutive days of duty</i>) Italy Germany (except West Berlin) Korea Japan Austria Germany (West Berlin)		May 9, 1945—Sep 15, 1947 May 9, 1945—May 5, 1955 Sep 3, 1945—Jun 29, 1949 Sep 3, 1945—Apr 27, 1952 May 9, 1945—Jul 27, 1955 May 9, 1945—Oct 2, 1990
<u>Navy Occupation Service Medal</u> Italy Trieste Germany (except West Berlin) Austria Asiatic Pacific		May 8, 1945—Dec 15, 1947 May 8, 1945—Oct 26, 1954 May 8, 1945—May 5, 1955 May 8, 1945—Oct 25, 1955 Sep 2, 1945—Apr 27, 1952
<u>Korean Service Medal</u>		Jun 27, 1950—Jul 27, 1954
<u>Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal</u> Cuban Military Operation Thailand Military Operation Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean Operation		Jan 3, 1961—Oct 23, 1962 May 16, 1962—Aug 10, 1962 Dec 8, 1978—Jun 6, 1979 Nov 21, 1979—Oct 20, 1981 Aug 20, 1982—May 31, 1983 Jan 20, 1986—Jun 27, 1986 Feb 1, 1987—Jul 23, 1987 Apr 1, 1988—Dec 19, 1989 Feb 1, 1990—Jun 13, 1990
Lebanon Libyan Expedition Persian Gulf Panama (<i>pre and post invasion</i>)		
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<div> <p>Army of Cuba Occupation Medal Awarded for Landing 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. Military Branch—Army Qualifying Dates: Jul 18, 1898–May 20, 1902</p> </div>		
<div> <p>Spanish Campaign Medal Awarded for Landing 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. Military Branch—Navy-Marine Corps Qualifying Dates: Apr 20, 1898–Dec 10, 1898</p> </div>		
<div> <p>Spanish Campaign Medal Awarded for Landing 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. Military Branch—Army Qualifying Dates: May 11, 1898–Aug 16, 1898</p> </div>		
<div> <p>Navy Expeditionary Medal (NEM) Awarded for Landing on foreign territory and engaged in operations against armed opposition, or operated under circumstances which, after full consideration, shall be deemed to merit special recognition and for which service no campaign medal has been awarded. Military Branch—Navy Qualifying Dates: Feb 12, 1874–Open</p> </div>		



Army of Puerto Rico Occupation Medal

Awarded for Service members who performed military occupation duty in Puerto Rico after the close of the Spanish–American War

Military Branch—Army **Qualifying Dates:** Aug 14, 1898–Dec 10, 1898



Philippine Campaign Medal

The **Philippine Campaign Medal** is a medal of the United States Armed Forces which was created to denote service of U.S. military men in the Philippine–American War between the years of 1899 and 1913.

Military Branch—Army **Qualifying Dates:** Feb 4, 1899–Dec 31, 1913



Philippine Campaign Medal

To be awarded the **Philippine Campaign Medal**, a Navy or Marine Corps service member was required to perform service in the Philippine Islands between the dates of February 4, 1899 and December 31, 1904. Such service was required to be either ashore in support of Army units or on board certain vessels assigned to the area of the Philippine Sea.

Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates:** Feb 4, 1899–Sep 15, 1906



China Relief Expedition Campaign Medal

Established on January 12, 1905, the China Campaign Medal honors United States military members who carried out service onshore in China between the dates of June 20, 1900 and May 27, 1901 as part of the China Relief Expedition during the Boxer Rebellion.

Military Branch—Army **Qualifying Dates:** Jun 20, 1900–May 27, 1901



Campaign Medal

Dominican Campaign

World War I Victory (*With battle or service clasp included Siberia and European Russia*)

Army Occupation of Germany

Second Nicaraguan Campaign

Yangtze Service

China Service

American Defense Service (*with Foreign Service Clasp*)

European—African—Middle Eastern Campaign
American Campaign

(*30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive or 60 nonconsecutive Days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.*)

Asiatic—Pacific Campaign

Military Service

Navy

Army
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Army—Navy

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Army—Navy

Qualifying Dates

May 4, 1916—Dec 5, 1916

Apr 6, 1917—Apr 1, 1920
Apr 6, 1917—Mar 30, 1920

Nov 12, 1918—Jul 11, 1923

Aug 27, 1926—Jan 2, 1933

Sep 3, 1926—Oct 21, 1927
Mar 1, 1930—Dec 31, 1932

Jul 7, 1937—Sep 7, 1939
Sep 2, 1945—Apr 1, 1957

Sep 8, 1939—Dec 7, 1941

Dec 7, 1941—Nov 8, 1945
Dec 7, 1941—Mar 2, 1946

Dec 7, 1941—Mar 2, 1946

The following is a guide in determining eligibility and may be updated by the VFW.

Campaign Medal	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
Expeditionary	Navy/Marine Corps	Feb 12, 1874—Open
Spanish Campaign	Army Navy	May 11, 1898—Aug 16, 1898 Apr 20, 1898—Dec 10, 1898
Army of Cuba Occupation	Army	Jul 18, 1898—May 20, 1902
Army of Puerto Rico Occupation	Army	Aug 14, 1898—Dec 10, 1898
Philippine Campaign	Army Navy	Feb 4, 1899—Dec 31, 1913 Feb 4, 1899—Sep 15, 1906
China Relief Expedition	Army Navy	Jun 20, 1900—May 27, 1901 Apr 5, 1900—May 27, 1901
Cuban Pacification	Army Navy	Oct 6, 1906—Apr 1, 1909 Sep 12, 1906—Apr 1, 1909
Mexican Service	Army Navy	Apr 12, 1911—Jun 16, 1919 Apr 12, 1914—Feb 7, 1917
First Nicaraguan Campaign	Navy	Jul 29, 1912—Nov 14, 1912
Haitian Campaign	Navy	Jul 9, 1915—Dec 6, 1915 Apr 1, 1919—Jun 15, 1920



China Relief Expedition Campaign Medal

The China Relief Expedition was an expedition in China undertaken by the United States Armed Forces to rescue United States citizens, European nationals, and other foreign nationals during the latter years of the Boxer Rebellion, which lasted from 1898 to 1901.

Military Branch—**Navy** **Qualifying Dates:** Apr 5, 1900-May 27, 1901



Cuban Pacification Medal

Established on May 11, 1909, the **Army of Cuban Pacification Medal** honors United States military members who carried out service on-shore in Cuba between September 12, 1906 and April 1, 1909.

Military Branch—**Army** **Qualifying Dates:** Oct 6, 1906-Apr 1, 1909



Cuban Pacification Medal

The **Cuban Pacification Medal** (Navy) is a military award of the United States Navy which was created by orders of the United States Navy Department on 13 August 1909. The medal was awarded to officers and enlisted men who served ashore in Cuba between the dates of 12 September 1906 and 1 April 1909, or who were attached to a specific number of ships, for the Cuban Pacification. Established on May 11, 1909, the Cuban Pacification Medal honors United States military members who carried out service onshore in Cuba between September 12, 1906 and April 1, 1909.

Military Branch—**Navy** **Qualifying Dates:** Sep 12, 1906-Apr 1, 1909



Mexican Service Medal

The **Mexican Service Medal** was awarded to military personnel who carried out duties against hostile Mexican parties during designated periods between 1911 and 1919 amid what is generally referred to as the Border War or Border Campaign.

Military Branch—**Army** **Qualifying Dates:** Apr 12, 1911-Jun 16, 1919





Mexican Service Medal

Created by the United States Department of War in December 1917, the **Mexican Service Medal** was awarded to military personnel who carried out duties against hostile Mexican parties during designated periods between 1911 and 1919 amid what is generally referred to as the Border War or Border Campaign.

Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates:** Apr 12, 1914–Feb 7, 1917



First Nicaraguan Campaign Medal

Established on September 22, 1913, the **First Nicaraguan Campaign Medal** recognizes members of the United States Navy and Marine Corps who served in Nicaragua or in surrounding waters between the dates of July 29, 1912 and November 14 of the same year. Eligible vessels include the USS Annapolis, California, Cleveland, Colorado, Denver, Glacier, Maryland, and Tacoma.

Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates:** Jul 29, 1912—Nov 14, 1912



First Haitian Campaign Medal

Established in 1917, the **First Haitian Campaign Medal** honors United States Navy and Marine Corps members who carried out service in support of peacekeeping operations in Haiti between July 9 and December 6, 1915.

Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates:** Jul 9, 1915—Dec 6, 1915
Apr 1, 1919—Jun 15, 1920



Dominican Campaign Medal

Established on December 29, 1921, the **Dominican Campaign Medal** honors Navy and Marine Corps members who carried out service in the Dominican Republic between May 5 and December 4, 1916 during the United States' invasion of the country.

Military Branch—Navy

Qualifying Dates: May 4, 1916—Dec 5, 1916



Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay

Hostile Fire and Imminent Danger Pays are monthly special pays that compensate service members for physical danger. Hostile Fire Pay is paid to a member who meets one or more of these criteria: (1) takes hostile fire or is exposed to an explosion of a hostile mine; (2) is in a unit engaged in hostile action; (3) is killed, injured, or wounded by hostile fire or explosion of a hostile mine. Imminent Danger Pay is paid to a member who is on duty in foreign areas where they are subject to the threat of physical harm or imminent danger because of civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism, or wartime conditions. Although DOD regulations distinguish between Hostile Fire Pay and Imminent Danger Pay, they are derived from the same statute. An individual can collect one or the other, but not both simultaneously.

Military Branch—All

Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay can be verified on a Military Pay Statement.



Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM)

The **Iraq Campaign Medal** honors United States military personnel who carry out service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom on or subsequent to March 19, 2003. To qualify, service must have lasted at least 30 days consecutively or 60 days non-consecutively. The term of requirement may be waived if service carried out entailed armed combat; injury necessitating medical evacuation; for members of flight crews flying sorties, every day operating is measured as an eligible day. Service must have taken place in Iraq or in water or airspace within 12 nautical miles of the country's borders.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates—Mar 19, 2003—Dec 31, 2011



Air Force Expeditionary Service with GOLD BORDER (AFESR)

The **Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon** honors members of the United States Air Force who carry out standard contingency deployments for a term of either 45 days consecutively or 90 days non-consecutively. The addition of the frame was authorized in 2004 to recognize personnel who engaged in combat in a designated zone. The frame is only awarded to personnel who have already qualified for the Air Force.

Military Branch—Air Force

Qualifying Dates—Apr 2004—Open



Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal

The **Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal** may be awarded to members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, for service in Iraq, Syria, or contiguous waters or airspace retroactively from 15 June 2014 to a date yet to be determined. Service members who were awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal for service that is now covered by the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal may make application to be awarded the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal in lieu of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates—Jun 15, 2014—Open



World War I Victory Medal

(with battle or service clasp including Siberia and European Russia)

Established in 1919, the **World War I Victory Medal** honors United States Armed Forces personnel who carried out service in qualifying periods and areas during World War I.

Military Branch—Army **Qualifying Dates**: Apr 6, 1917—Apr 1, 1920

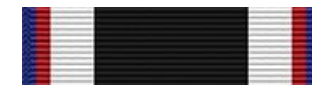
Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates**: Apr 6, 1917—Mar 30, 1920



Army Occupation of Germany

Established on November 21, 1941, the **Army of Occupation of Germany Medal** honors United States military members who carried out occupation service in Germany of Austria-Hungary in the aftermath of World War I. To qualify, service must have taken place between November 12, 1918 and July 11, 1923.

Military Branch—Army **Qualifying Dates**: Nov 12, 1918—Jul 11, 1923



Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal

Authorized by the United States Congress on November 8, 1929, the **Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal** honors members of the U.S. Navy for service in Nicaragua. This service must have taken place in a naval operation carried out at any point from August 27, 1926 and January 2, 1933.

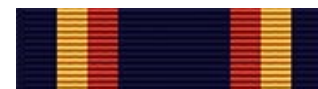
Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates**: Aug 27, 1926—Jan 2, 1933



Yangtze Service Medal

The **Yangtze Service Medal** is a decoration of the United States military which was created in 1930 for presentation to members of the United States Navy and United States Marine Corps. Personnel who served with a landing force in Shanghai during these operations were also eligible for the medal.

Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates**: Sep 3, 1926—Oct 21, 1927
Mar 1, 1930—Dec 31, 1932





China Service Medal (CHISM)

Established on August 23, 1940, the **China Service Medal** honors members of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who carried out service between July 7, 1937 and September 7, 1939 and/or between September 2, 1945 and April 1, 1957. To be eligible, personnel must have served on shore in China or on designated vessels supporting operations in China.

Military Branch—Navy **Qualifying Dates**: Jul 7, 1937—Sep 7, 1939
Sep 2, 1945—Apr 1, 1957



Korea Defense Service Medal (KDSM)

Established in February of 2004, the **Korean Defense Service Medal** honors members of the United States military who carried out service in Korea or its surrounding waters and airspace for a term of thirty days consecutively or sixty days nonconsecutively.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates—Jul 28, 1954—Open



American Defense Service Medal (ADSM)

(with foreign service clasp)

The **American Defense Service Medal** was a military award of the United States Armed Forces, established by Executive Order 8808, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on June 28, 1941.[1][2] The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had served on active duty between September 8, 1939, and December 7, 1941.

Military Branch—Army & Navy **Qualifying Dates**: Sep 8, 1939—Dec 7, 1941



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM)

Established on March 12, 2003, the **Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal** honors military personnel who have carried out service on overseas deployments in support of efforts in the War on Terror on or after September 11, 2001. It is used primarily to recognize service in countries other than Iraq and Afghanistan, which have their own corresponding campaign medals.

To qualify, individuals must serve in designated operations for a minimum term of either 30 days consecutively or 60 days nonconsecutively. In lieu of the term requirement, service involving combat engagement with hostile forces and danger of bodily harm may qualify, and service members participating in flight sorties in eligible areas may also qualify.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates—Sep 11, 2001—Open



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAME)

Established on November 6, 1942, the **European – African – Middle Eastern Campaign Medal (EAME)** honors military personnel who carried out service in the European Theater during World War II. Initially awarded as a ribbon, the medal was authorized in July of 1947.

Military Branch—Army & Navy

Qualifying Dates: Dec 7, 1941—Nov 8, 1945



Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM)

The **Afghanistan Campaign Medal** honors United States military personnel who carried out service in the country of Afghanistan or its airspace. It may also be awarded to personnel who lost their life while serving in Afghanistan. In order to be eligible, recipients must have served in Afghanistan for a term of thirty days consecutively or a total of sixty days non-consecutively. Additionally, service members who engaged in combat or were wounded in combat against hostile forces in Afghanistan may be eligible without regard to the required service interval.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates—Sep 11, 2001—Open



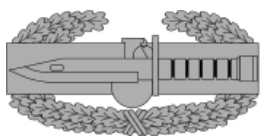


Air Force Combat Action Medal (AFCAM)

The **Air Force Combat Action Medal** was established on March 15, 2007 to recognize members of the United States Air Force for active participation in air or ground combat. In order to be eligible, personnel must have experienced direct enemy fire in an unsecured location or directly engaged enemy forces with fire. The Air Force Combat Action Medal may be granted to foreign soldiers or members of other US military branches carrying out service in an Air Force unit.

Military Branch—Air Force & Space Force

Qualifying Dates—Sep 11, 2001—Open



Combat Action Badge (CAB)

The **Combat Action Badge** (CAB) is a United States military award given to soldiers of the U.S. Army of any rank and who are not members of an infantry, special forces, or medical MOS, for being "present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with prescribed rules of engagement" at any point in time after 18 September 2001.

Military Branch—Army

Qualifying Dates—Sep 18, 2001—Open



SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia

The **SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia** is a uniform breast pin worn by officers and enlisted sailors of the United States Navy's submarine service who have completed strategic deterrent patrols in nuclear ballistic or cruise missile submarines.

Military Branch—Navy

Qualifying Dates—Jan 21, 1961—Open

Korea Duty

Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial waters for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates—Jun 30, 1949—Open



American Campaign Medal (ACM)

American Theatre Campaign Medal (ATO)

(30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.)

The medal was intended to recognize those military members who had performed military service in the American Theater of Operations during World War II

Military Branch—Army & Navy **Qualifying Dates**: Dec 7, 1941—Mar 2, 1946



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (APCM)

Established on November 6, 1942, the **Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal** honors United States Military personnel who carried out service during World War II in the Pacific Theater between the years of 1941 and 1945. Initially awarded as a service ribbon, the medal version was approved in 1947 with General Douglas MacArthur as its first recipient.

Military Branch—Army & Navy **Qualifying Dates**: Dec 7, 1941—Mar 2, 1946



Army of Occupation (AOM)

(30 consecutive days of duty)

The **Army of Occupation Medal** is a military award of the United States military which was established by the United States War Department on 5 April 1946. The medal was created in the aftermath of the Second World War to recognize those who had performed occupation service in either Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan or Korea. The original Army of Occupation Medal was intended only for members of the United States Army, but was expanded in 1948 to encompass the United States Air Force shortly after that service's creation.

Military Branch—Army

Qualifying Dates & Countries

Italy—May 9, 1945—Sep 15, 1947

Germany (except West Berlin)—May 9, 1945—May 5, 1955

Korea—Sep 3, 1945—Jun 29, 1949

Japan—Sep 3, 1945—Apr 27, 1952

Austria—May 9, 1945—Jul 27, 1955

Germany (West Berlin)—May 9, 1945—Oct 2, 1990





Navy Occupation Service Medal

The **Navy Occupation Service Medal** is a military award of the United States Navy which was "Awarded to commemorate the services of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel in the occupation of certain territories of the enemies of the United States during World War II" and recognized those personnel who participated in the European and Asian occupation forces during, and following World War II. The medal was also bestowed to personnel who performed duty in West Berlin between 1945 and 1990.

Military Branch—Navy

Qualifying Dates & Countries

Italy—May 8, 1945—Dec 15, 1947

Trieste—May 8, 1945—Oct 26, 1954

Germany (except West Berlin)—May 8, 1945—May 5, 1955

Austria—May 8, 1945—Oct 25, 1955

Asiatic Pacific—Sep 2, 1945—Apr 27, 1952



Korean Service Medal (KSM)

Established in November of 1950, the **Korean Service Medal** honors United States Armed Forces personnel who carried out service in Korea between the dates of June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954 during and shortly after the Korean War.

Military Branch—All **Qualifying Dates:** Jun 27, 1950—Jul 27, 1954



Navy

NEM



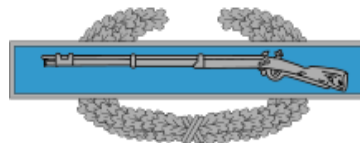
Marine Corps

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Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

Established on August 15, 1936, the **Navy Expeditionary Medal** honors U.S. Navy members who have participated in a foreign landing, engaged in combat against an enemy force, or carried out service in qualifying operations for which there is no other corresponding award.

Established on May 8, 1919, the **Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal** honors Marine Corps members who participated in a foreign landing, engaged in combat against an enemy force, or carried out service in qualifying operations for which there is no other corresponding award.



Combat Infantry Badge (CIB)

The badge is awarded to infantrymen and Special Forces soldiers in the rank of colonel and below, who fought in active ground combat while assigned as members of either an Infantry or Special Forces unit of brigade size or smaller at any time after 6 December 1941.

Military Branch—Army

Qualifying Dates—Dec 6, 1941—Open



Combat Medical Badge (CMB)

Any member of the Army Medical Department, at the rank of colonel or below, who is assigned or attached to a ground combat arms unit of brigade or smaller size which provides medical support during any period in which the unit was engaged in ground combat is eligible for the CMB.

Military Branch—Army

Qualifying Dates—Dec 6, 1941—Open



Combat Action Ribbon
Navy & Marine Corps



Combat Action Ribbon
Coast Guard

Combat Action Ribbon (CAR)

Coast Guardsmen, Navy sailors, and Marines active in clandestine, stealth or special operations are deemed eligible for consideration of the award. For a military member to be awarded a **Combat Action Ribbon** evidence must establish the member engaged the enemy, was under hostile fire, or was physically attacked by the enemy. The service member must have demonstrated satisfactory performance under enemy fire while actively participating in a ground or surface engagement

Military Branch—Navy, Marine, Coast Guard

Qualifying Dates—Dec 6, 1941—Open



Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM)

Established on March 12, 1991, the **Southwest Asia Service Medal** honors United States military personnel who carried out service in Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates-Operations & Countries:

Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm (combat areas of operation only)—Aug 2, 1990—Nov 30, 1995

Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan—Jan 17, 1991—Apr 11, 1991



Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)

Established on May 3, 2000, the **Kosovo Campaign Medal** honors United States military personnel who carried out service in qualifying operations in central and eastern Europe and around the Mediterranean for a minimum term of 30 days consecutively or 60 days nonconsecutively. The award includes the Kosovo Air Campaign, which took place between March 24 and June 10, 1999 in Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovenia, and surrounding air and waters in the Adriatic and Ionian Seas; it also covers the Kosovo Defense Campaign between June 11, 1999 and an undetermined date in Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia (Kosovo included) as well as air and water around the relevant Adriatic coastlines.

Military Branch—All

Qualifying Dates-Operations & Countries:

Operation Allied Force—Kosovo Air Campaign—Mar 24, 1999—Jun 10, 1999

Kosovo Defense Campaign—Ground Action—Jun 11, 1999—Dec 31, 2013



Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal Cont'd

Military Branch—Navy & Marines

Qualifying Dates & Operations:

Cuban Military Operation—Jan 3, 1961—Oct 23, 1962

Thailand Military Operation—May 16, 1962—Aug 10, 1962

Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean Operation—Dec 8, 1978—Jun 6, 1979
Nov 21, 1979—Oct 20, 1981

Lebanon—Aug 20, 1983—May 31, 1983

Libyan Expedition—Jan 20, 1986—Jun 27, 1986

Persian Gulf—Feb 1, 1987—Jul 23, 1987

Panama (Pre and Post invasion)—Apr 1, 1988—Dec 19, 1989
Feb 1, 1990—Jun 13, 1990

Operation Sharp Edge (Liberia)—Aug 5, 1990—Feb 21, 1991

Operation Distant Runner (Rwanda)—Apr 7-18, 1994

(11th Marine Expeditionary Unit USS Peleliu)



Vietnam Medal (VSM)

Established on July 8, 1965, the **Vietnam Service Medal** honors members of the United States military who carried out service in the Vietnam War. To qualify, service must have lasted at least 30 days consecutively or 60 days non-consecutively, or for one or more days in direct support of ground or naval operations in designated combat zones in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, or Vietnam.

Military Branch—All **Qualifying Dates:** Jul 1, 1958—Mar 29, 1973
Apr 29-30, 1975



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

The **Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal** may be authorized for three categories of operations: U.S. military operations; U.S. military operations in direct support of the United Nations; and U.S. operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations. The medal shall be awarded only for operations for which no other U.S. campaign medal is approved, where a foreign armed opposition or imminent threat of hostile action was encountered.

Military Branch—All



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) Cont'd Qualifying Dates-Operations & Countries:

Lebanon—Jul 1, 1958—Nov 1, 1958
Taiwan Straits—Aug 23, 1958—Jan 1, 1959
Quemoy and Matsu Islands—Aug 23, 1958—Jun 1, 1963
Vietnam—Jul 1, 1958—Jul 3, 1965
Congo—July 14, 1960—Sep 1, 1962
Laos—Apr 19, 1961—Oct 7, 1962
Berlin—Aug 14, 1961—Jun 1, 1963
Cuba—Oct 24, 1962—Jun 1, 1963
Congo—Nov 23-27, 1964
Dominican Republic—Apr 23, 1965—Sep 21, 1966
Korea—Oct 1, 1966—Jun 30, 1974
Cambodia—Mar 29, 1973—Aug 15, 1973
Thailand (only those in direct support of Cambodia)
Mar 29, 1973—Aug 15, 1973
Operation Eagle Pull—Cambodia (includes evacuation)
Apr 11-13, 1975
Operation Frequent Wind—Vietnam (includes evacuation)
Apr 29-30, 1975
Mayaguez Operation—May 15, 1975
El Salvador—Jan 1, 1981—Feb 1, 1992
Lebanon—Jun 1, 1983—Dec 1, 1987
Operation Urgent Fury—Grenada—Oct 23, 1983—Nov 21, 1983
Eldorado Canyon—Libya—Apr 12-17, 1986
Operation Earnest Will—Persian Gulf (only those participating in,
or in direct support)—Jul 24, 1987—Aug 1, 1990
Operation Just Cause—Panama (USS Vreeland & other SVS-
designated aircrew members outside the Conus in direct support) Dec
20, 1989—Jan 31, 1990
United Shield—Somalia—Dec 5, 1992—Mar 31, 1995
Operation Restore Hope—Somalia—Dec 5, 1992—Mar 31, 1995



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) Cont'd Qualifying Dates-Operations & Countries:

Operation Uphold Democracy—Haiti—Sep 16, 1994—Mar 31, 1995
Operation Joint Endeavor—Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & air-
space—Nov 20, 1995—Dec 19, 1996
Operation Vigilant Sentinel—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian
Gulf—Dec 1, 1995—Feb 15, 1997
Operation Southern Watch—Iraq, Saudi Arabia Kuwait, Persian
Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long.,
Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan—Dec 1, 1995—Mar 18, 2003
Operation Maritime Intercept—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea,
Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE,
Oman, Yemen, Egypt & Jordan—Dec 1, 1995—Mar 18, 2003
Operation Joint Guard—Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace—
Dec 20, 1996—Jun 20, 1998
Operation Northern Watch—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian
Gulf W of 56° E Long., and Incirlik AB, Turkey (only pers. TDY to
ONW)—Jan 1, 1997—Mar 18, 2003
Operation Joint Forge—Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea
& airspace—Jun 20, 1998—Mar 23, 1999
Operation Desert Thunder—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain,
Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of
Oman, Red Sea Support—Nov 11, 1998—Dec 22, 1998
Operation Desert Fox—Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar,
UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman,
USN Red Sea Support—Dec 16, 1998—Dec 22, 1998
Former Republic of Yugoslavia—Jan 1, 2014—Open



Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal (MCEM)

Awarded for Landing 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.

Military Branch—Marine Corps

Qualifying Dates: Feb 12, 1874—Open

