

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL

March 19, 2003 - Open



AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL

September 11, 2001 - Open



GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

September 11, 2001 - Open

Service for 30 consecutive or
60 non-consecutive days

Eligible Duty Areas:

Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Chad, Colombia, Crete, Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guantanamo Bay (Cuba), Hungary, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar Romania, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Senegal, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

Off shore: Arabian Sea, Bab el Mandeb Strait, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, Mediterranean Sea, Person Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz and Suez Canal.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



KOSOVO CAMPAIGN

MEDAL



[Kosovo Air Campaign](#),
March 24 to June 10,
1999



[Kosovo Defense](#)
[Campaign](#), June 11, 1999
- Open



ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL



[Kuwait](#) (Desert Spring):
Dec. 31, 1998; [March](#)
18, 2003; [Iraq](#) (Desert
Fox): Dec. 16 - 22, 1998;
[Iraq](#) (Desert Thunder):
Nov. 11 - Dec. 22, 1998;
[Iraq](#) (Northern Watch):
Jan. 1, 1997 - March 18,
2003; [Middle East](#)
(Vigilant Sentinel): Dec.
1, 1995 - Feb. 15, 1997; [Persian Gulf](#)
(Intercept Operations): Dec. 1, 1995 -
Open; [Iraq](#) (Southern Watch): Dec. 1, 1995
- March 18, 2003; [Bosnia](#) (former
Yugoslavia): June 1, 1992 - Open; [Haiti](#)
(Uphold Democracy): Sept. 16, 1994 -
March 31, 1995; [Somalia](#) (Restore Hope):
Dec. 5, 1992 - March 31, 1995; [Panama](#)
(Just Cause): Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990;
[Persian Gulf](#) (Earnest Will): July 24, 1987 -
Aug. 2, 1990; [Libya](#) (El Dorado Canyon):
April 12 - 17, 1986; [Grenada](#) (Urgent
Fury): Oct. 23 - Nov. 21, 1983; [Lebanon](#):
June 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987; [El Salvador](#):
Jan 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992; [Cambodia](#)
(Mayaguez rescue): May 15, 1975; *cont...*



ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL



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[Vietnam](#) (Frequent Wind):
April 29 - 30, 1975;
[Cambodia](#) (Eagle Pull):
April 11 - 13, 1975;
[Cambodia](#) (bombing): Mar
29 - Aug. 15, 1973; [Korea](#):
Oct. 1, 1966 - June 30,
1974; [Dominican Republic](#)
April 28, 1965 - Sept. 21,
1966; [Congo](#): Nov. 23 - 27,
1964; [Cuba](#): Oct. 24, 1962 - June 1, 1963;
[Quemoy & Matsu Islands](#): Aug. 23, 1958 -
June 1, 1963; [Taiwan Straits](#): Aug. 23, 1958 -
Jan 1, 1959; [Vietnam](#): July 1, 1958 - July 3,
1965; [Lebanon](#): July 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958

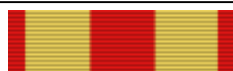
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NAVY & MARINE CORPS EXPEDITIONARY

MEDALS (post WW II)

[Gulf of Aden/Yemen](#) (Determined Response - USS Cole): Oct. 12, 2000 - Dec. 15, 2002; [Eritrea](#) (Safe Departure): June 6 - 23, 1998; [Rwanda](#) (Distant Runner): April 7 - 18, 1994; [Liberia](#) (Sharp Edge): Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991; [Panama](#) (preó and post-invasion): April 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989 & Feb. 1, - June 13, 1990; [Persian Gulf](#) (USS Stark, etc.): Feb. 1 - July 23, 1987; [Libya](#) (Prairie Fire, etc.): Jan. 20 - June 27, 1986; [Lebanon](#): Aug, 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983; [Indian Ocean Contingency Operations 9](#): Oct. 21, 1981; [Gulf of Aden/Yemen](#): Dec. 8, 1978ó June 6, 1979; [Thailand](#): May 16 - Aug. 10, 1962; [Cuba](#) (óBay of Pigsó and before & after): Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962



**SOUTHWEST ASIA
SERVICE MEDAL**
(Persian Gulf War)



**VIETNAM SERVICE
MEDAL**
(Vietnam War)

Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 20, 1995 ([Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm](#): *Combat areas of operation only.*) [Personnel assigned to Support Units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria and Jordan](#) Jan. 17 - April 11, 1991



[July 4, 1965ó March 28, 1978](#)

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



**KOREA DEFENSE
SERVICE MEDAL**

July 28, 1954 - Open. Service on the Korean Peninsula, or in territorial waters for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days.

***Korean Duty:**

Service on the Korean Peninsula, or in territorial waters for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days.

June 30, 1949 - Open



KOREA SERVICE MEDAL
(Korean War)

June 27, 1950 - July 27, 1954



CHINA SERVICE MEDAL

China/Formosa : 1950 - 1957

Chinese Civil War : (1945 - 1949) All Services, Sept. 2, 1945 - April 1, 1957.

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



**ARMY OF
OCCUPATION MEDAL**
(30 consecutive days)

West Berlin: May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990;
Germany: (Except West Berlin): May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955; **Austria:** May 9, 1945 - July 27, 1955; **Japan:** Sept. 3, 1945 - April 27, 1952; **Korea:** Sept. 3, 1945 - June 29, 1949; **Italy:** May 9, 1945 - Sept. 15, 1947; **Germany** (Except West Berlin)- May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955; **Trieste:** May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1954; **Asiatic/Pacific:** Sept. 2, 1945 - April 27, 1952; **Italy:** May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947.



**WORLD WAR II
EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-
MIDDLE EASTERN
CAMPAIGN MEDAL**

**European-Africa-Middle-Eastern
Campaign:** Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945;
American Campaign: Dec. 7, 1941 - March 2, 1946; American Defense Service Medal: Sept. 8, 1939-Dec. 7, 1941



**WORLD WAR II
ASIATIC-PACIFIC
CAMPAIGN MEDAL**

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign: 7, 1941 - March 2, 1946

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



WORLD WAR II
AMERICAN CAMPAIGN
MEDAL

American Campaign:

Dec. 7, 1941 - March 2, 1946



WORLD WAR II
AMERICAN DEFENSE
SERVICE MEDAL

American Defense Service Medal:

Sept. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941



AIR FORCE
COMBAT ACTION
MEDAL

Air Force Combat Action Medal:

Sept. 11, 2001 - Open

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



**AIR FORCE EXPEDITIONARY
SERVICE RIBBON
WITH GOLD COMBAT FRAME**

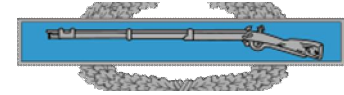
June 18, 2003 - Open



COMBAT ACTION RIBBON*
NAVY/MARINE CORPS/COAST GUARD

Dec. 6, 1941 - Open

*Only two actions occurred when a campaign medal was not also authorized. USS Liberty (June 8 - 9, 1967) and Operation Assured Response (Monrovia, Liberia, April 30 - May 6, 1996)



COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE
(ARMY)

Dec. 6, 1941 - Open

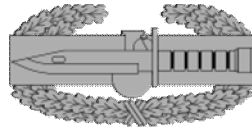
MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



COMBAT MEDICAL BADGE

(ARMY)

Dec. 6, 1941 - Open



COMBAT ACTION BADGE

(ARMY)

Sept. 18, 2001 - Open



SSBN DETERRENT PATROL INSIGNIA

(NAVY)

Jan. 21, 1961 - Open

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY



COMBAT ACTION RIBBON

(COAST GUARD)

May 1, 1975 - Open

EXPLANATORY NOTE:

In the case of the Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medals & China Service Medal, there were earlier campaigns/overseas duty locations recognized. But for the purpose of this chart, only post-World War II actions are listed.

Also, some countries currently covered by the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal also fall under the AFEM (Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal) in earlier years.

HOSTILE FIRE & IMMINENT DANGER PAY

Receipt of these special pays has qualified veterans for membership since Congress amended VFW's charter on October 16, 2002. (*P.L. 107 - 242*).

***IMPORTANT:** Though sometimes confused or used interchangeably, Hostile Fire Pay (HFP) and Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) are distinct. HFP is an *event-based pay*, meaning a service member must actually face hostile fire or explosion of an enemy mine. IDP is a *threat-based pay* and goes to service members assigned to areas deemed dangerous by the Pentagon. Imminent danger can be caused by civil war, terrorism or wartime conditions.

HFP or IDP is verified through a service member's Leave and Earnings Statement (*DFAS Form 702*), issued by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. The Marine Corps issues the *DFAS-KC Form 7220/39*.