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S.C. VFW Council of Administration,

Post 10804 is requesting the South Carolina VFW approve, for forwarding to the Commander-in-Chief, the following proposed amendment to Manual of Procedure ARTICLE 1 – MEMBERS, Section 101- Eligibility:

Last page, after next to last item (Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal) : ADD new line item

NATO Support of Ukraine

Feb 24, 2022 – OPEN

(30 days or more in a country listed below)  
(US Troops in/deployed to Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, and Romania)  
(Bulgaria & Turkey also possible inclusion countries)

RATIONALE: Just like Korea, the US military has been deployed to various Eastern NATO countries as a show of support for NATO and Ukraine since Russia invaded Ukraine on Feb 24, 2022.

Just like Korea & West Berlin (during the “Wall era”), US troops were/are deployed as a deterrent and a show of force for South Korea, West Berlin and Germany. The US is currently doing the same thing in these Eastern NATO countries.

Just like in Korea. Deployed troops are not in a combat environment, but could be at any time that North Korea decides to cross the DMZ into South Korea. Our Eastern NATO deployed forces face the same possibility should Russia decide to invade any of those nations next.

Our military is standing watch in a potentially hostile environment in Eastern NATO and they deserve inclusion into our brotherhood of VFW eligible veterans.

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