



ELIGIBILITY GUIDE

The following is to be used as a guide in determining eligibility for membership and is furnished as a matter of information concerning the periods during which campaign and/or service medals were authorized.

Eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is based on honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States performed by officers or enlisted personnel who have served in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service is recognized by the award of a campaign or service medal of the United States, or who served in Korea as outlined in the following guide, or who earned Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay. Persons still serving in the active Armed Forces may be accepted for membership provided they meet eligibility requirements.

Proof of service to establish eligibility for membership rests with the applicant. The Post is responsible for assuring the eligibility of every member accepted to membership. The Department Headquarters and the National Headquarters are accountable for the eligibility of their respective Members-at-Large.

The following campaign medals have been recognized as meeting campaign medal requirements of membership:

<u>Campaign Medal</u>	<u>Military Service</u>	<u>Qualifying Dates</u>
Expeditionary Spanish Campaign	Navy/Marine Corps	Feb. 12, 1874 - Open
	Army	May 11, 1898 - Aug. 16, 1898
	Navy	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	Feb. 4, 1899 - Dec. 31, 1913
	Navy	Feb. 4, 1899 - Sep. 15, 1906
China Relief Expedition	Army	Jun. 20, 1900 - May 27, 1901
	Navy	Apr. 5, 1900 - May 27, 1901
Cuban Pacification	Army	Oct. 6, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909
	Navy	Sep. 12, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909
Mexican Service	Army	Apr. 12, 1911 - Jun. 16, 1919
	Navy	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
Dominican Campaign	Navy	May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916
World War I Victory (with battle or service clasp including Siberia and European Russia)	Army	Apr. 6, 1917 - Apr. 1, 1920
	Navy	Apr. 6, 1917 - Mar. 30, 1920
Army Occupation of Germany	Army	Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923
Second Nicaraguan Campaign	Navy	Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933
Yangtze Service	Navy	Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927
		Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932
China Service	Navy	Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939
		Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957
American Defense Service (with foreign service clasp)	Army/Navy	Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941
European-African- Middle Eastern Campaign	Army/Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945
American Campaign (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.)	Army/Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946
Asiatic-Pacific Campaign	Army/Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946



Army of Occupation (30 consecutive days of duty)

Italy
Germany (except West Berlin)
Korea
Japan
Austria
Germany (West Berlin)

Navy Occupation Service Medal

Italy
Trieste
Germany (except West Berlin)
Austria
Asiatic Pacific
Korean Service Medal

Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

Cuban Military Operation
Thailand Military Operation
Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean Operation

Lebanon
Libyan Expedition
Persian Gulf
Panama - (pre and post invasion)

Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia
Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda (11th Marine Expeditionary Unit USS Peleliu)

Vietnam Service Medal

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Lebanon
Taiwan Straits
Quemoy and Matsu Islands
Vietnam
Congo
Laos
Berlin
Cuba
Congo
Dominican Republic
Korea
Cambodia
Thailand - (only those in direct support of Cambodia)

Qualifying Dates

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

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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
Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954

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Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979
Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
Jan.20, 1986 - Jun.27, 1986
Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989
Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989
Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
Apr. 7 - 18, 1994

Jul. 1, 1958 - Mar. 28, 1973
Apr. 29 - 30, 1975

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Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov.1, 1958
Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959
Aug. 23, 1958 - Jun. 1, 1963
Jul. 1, 1958 - Jul. 3, 1965
Jul. 14, 1960 - Sep.1, 1962
Apr. 19, 1961 - Oct 7, 1962
Aug.14, 1961 - Jun. 1, 1963
Oct. 24, 1962 - Jun. 1, 1963
Nov. 23 - 27, 1964
Apr. 23, 1965 - Sep. 21, 1966
Oct. 1, 1966 - Jun.30, 1974
Mar. 29, 1973 - Aug. 15, 1973
Mar. 29, 1973 - Aug. 15, 1973



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

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
Operation Uphold Democracy - Haiti	Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31 , 1995
Operation Joint Endeavor - Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & airspace	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,	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	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, Former Republic of Yugoslavia	Dec. 16, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998 Jan. 1, 2014 - Open

Southwest Asia Service Medal

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

Operation Allied Force - Kosovo Air Campaign	Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
Kosovo Defense Campaign - Ground Action	Jun. 11 , 1999 - Dec. 31 , 2013



	<u>Qualifying Dates</u>
Combat Infantry Badge & Combat Medical Badge - Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
Combat Action Ribbon - Navy, Marine, Coast Guard	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
Air Force Combat Action Medal	Sep. 11 , 2001 - Open
Combat Action Badge - Army	Sep. 18, 2001 - Open
SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia - Navy	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	Jun. 30, 1949 - Open
Korea Defense Service Medal	Jul. 28, 1954 - Open
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Afghanistan Campaign Medal	Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Iraq Campaign Medal	Mar. 19, 2003 - Dec. 31 , 2011
Air Force Expeditionary Service with GOLD BORDER	Apr. 2004 - Open
Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal	Jun. 15, 2014 - Open
Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay	