

VFW ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates	Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
<u>Expeditionary</u>	Navy - Marine Corps	Feb. 12, 1874 - Open	Germany (<i>West Berlin</i>)		May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990
<u>Spanish Campaign</u>	Army Navy	May 11, 1898 - Aug. 16, 1898 Apr. 20, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	Korea		Sep. 3, 1945 - Jun. 29, 1949
<u>Army of Cuba Occupation</u>	Army	Jul. 18, 1898 - May 20, 1902	Japan		Sep. 3, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Army of Puerto Rico Occupation</u>	Army	Aug. 14, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	<u>Navy Occupation Service Medal</u>		
<u>Philippine Campaign</u>	Army Navy	Feb. 4, 1899 - Dec. 31, 1913 Feb. 4, 1899 - Sep. 15, 1906	Italy		May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947
<u>China Relief Expedition</u>	Army Navy	Jun. 20, 1900 - May 27, 1901 Apr. 5, 1900 - May 27, 1901	Trieste		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 26, 1954
<u>Cuban Pacification</u>	Army Navy	Oct. 6, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909 Sep. 12, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909	Germany (<i>except West Berlin</i>)		May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955
<u>Mexican Service</u>	Army Navy	Apr. 12, 1911 - Jun. 16, 1919 Apr. 12, 1914 - Feb. 7, 1917	Austria		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1955
<u>First Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 29, 1912 - Nov. 14, 1912	Asiatic Pacific		Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Haitian Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 9, 1915 - Dec. 6, 1915 Apr. 1, 1919 - Jun. 15, 1920	<u>Korean Service Medal</u>		Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954
<u>Dominican Campaign</u>	Navy	May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916	<u>Navy & Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal</u>		
<u>World War I Victory</u> (with battle or service clasp incl. Siberia and European Russia)	Army Navy	Apr. 6, 1917 - Apr. 1, 1920 Apr. 6, 1917 - Mar. 30, 1920	Cuban Military Operation		Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
<u>Army Occup. of Germany</u>	Army	Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923	Thailand Military Operation		May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
<u>Second Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933	Iranian, Yemen & Indian Ocean Operation		Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979 Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
<u>Yangtze Service</u>	Navy	Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927 Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932	Lebanon		Aug. 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983
<u>China Service</u>	Navy	Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939 Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957	Libyan Expedition		Jan. 20, 1986 - Jun. 27, 1986
<u>American Defense Service</u> (with foreign service clasp)	Army - Navy	Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941	Persian Gulf		Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
<u>European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign</u>	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945	Panama (pre and post invasion)		Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989 Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
<u>American Campaign</u> (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.)	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia		Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
<u>Asiatic-Pacific Campaign</u>	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda (11th Marine Exped. Unit USS Peleliu)		Apr. 7-18, 1994
<u>Army of Occupation</u> (30 consecutive days of duty)			<u>Vietnam Service Medal</u>		Jul. 4, 1965 - Mar. 8, 1973
Italy		May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947	<u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u>		
Germany (<i>except West Berlin</i>)		May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955	Lebanon		Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958
Austria		May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955	Taiwan Straits		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959
			Quemoy & Matsu Islands		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jun. 1, 1963
			Vietnam		Jul. 1, 1958 - Jul. 3, 1965
			Congo		Jul. 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

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Dominican Republic		Apr. 23, 1965 - Sep. 21, 1966	Operation Desert Thunder - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea support.</i>		Nov. 11, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
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 Desert Fox - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea support.</i>		Dec. 16, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
Operation Eagle Pull - Cambodia (includes evacuation)		Apr. 11-13, 1975			
Operation Frequent Wind - Vietnam (includes evacuation)		Apr. 29-30, 1975	Southwest Asia Service Medal		
Mayaguez Operation		May 15, 1975	Operation Desert Shield/ Operation Desert Storm (combat areas of operation only)		Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 30, 1995
El Salvador		Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992	Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan.		Jan. 17, 1991 - Apr. 11, 1991
Lebanon		Jun. 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987			
Operation Urgent Fury - Grenada		Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983	Kosovo Campaign Medal		
Eldorado Canyon - Libya		Apr. 12-17, 1986	Operation Allied Force - <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i>		Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
Operation Earnest Will - Persian Gulf (only those participating in, or in direct support)		Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990	Kosovo Defense Campaign - <i>Ground Action</i>		Jun. 11, 1999 - Open
Operation Just Cause - Panama (USS Vreeland & other SVS-designated aircrew mbrs. outside the Conus in direct support)		Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990	Combat Infantryman Badge & Combat Medical Badge	Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
United Shield - Somalia		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	Air Force Combat Action Medal		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Operation Restore Hope - Somalia		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	Combat Action Ribbon	Navy - Marine Coast Guard	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open Dec. 6, 1941 - April 30, 1975
Operation Uphold Democracy - Haiti		Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995	Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon	Coast Guard	May 1, 1975 - Open
Operation Joint Endeavor - Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & airspace.		Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996	Combat Action Badge	Army	Sep. 18, 2001 - Open
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, & Persian Gulf.		Dec. 1, 1995 - Feb. 15, 1997	SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia	Navy	Jan. 21, 1961 - Open
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	Korea Duty		Jun. 30, 1949 - Open
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	Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial waters for (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)		
Operation Joint Guard - Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.		Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998	Korea Defense Service Medal		Jul. 28, 1954 - Open
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	Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Operation Joint Forge - Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.		Jun. 20, 1998 - Mar. 23, 1999	Afghanistan Campaign Medal		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
			Iraq Campaign Medal		Mar. 19, 2003 - Dec. 31, 2011
			Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with GOLD BORDER		Apr. 2004 - Open
			Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay		Jan. 1, 1971 - Present
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