

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			
<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>Phillippine 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 (except West Berlin)		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>		
<u>Dominican Campaign</u>	Navy	May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916	Army, Navy, Air Force		Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954
<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	<u>Navy & Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal</u>		
<u>Army Occup. of Germany</u>	Army	Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923	Cuban Military Operation		Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
<u>Second Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933	Thailand Military Operation		May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
<u>Yangtze Service</u>	Navy	Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927 Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932	Iranian, Yemen & Indian Ocean Operation		Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979 Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
<u>China Service</u>	Navy	Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939 Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957	Lebanon		Aug. 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983
<u>American Defense Service</u> (with foreign service clasp)	Army-Navy	Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941	Libyan Expedition		Jan. 20, 1986 - Jun. 27, 1986
<u>European-African- Middle Eastern Campaign</u>	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945	Persian Gulf		Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
<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	Panama (pre and post invasion)		Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989 Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
<u>Asiatic-Pacific Campaign</u>	Army-Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia		Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
<u>Army of Occupation</u> (30 consecutive days of duty)			Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda (11th Marine Exped. Unit USS Peleliu)		Apr. 7-18, 1994
Italy		May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947	<u>Vietnam Service Medal</u>		Jul. 4, 1965 - Mar. 8, 1973
Germany (except West Berlin)		May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955	<u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u> (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)		
Austria		May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955	Lebanon		Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958
Germany (West Berlin)		May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990	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

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Congo		Nov. 23-27, 1964	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
Dominican Republic		Apr. 23, 1965 - Sep. 21, 1966	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
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 - <i>Cambodia</i> (includes evacuation)		Apr. 11-13, 1975			
Operation Frequent Wind - <i>Vietnam</i> (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 - <i>Grenada</i>		Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983			
Eldorado Canyon - <i>Libya</i>		Apr. 12-17, 1986			
Operation Earnest Will - <i>Persian Gulf</i> (only those participating in, or in direct support)		Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990			
Operation Just Cause - <i>Panama</i> (USS <i>Vreeland</i> & other SVS-designated aircrew mbrs. outside the Conus in direct support)		Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990			
United Shield - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995			
Operation Restore Hope - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995			
Operation Uphold Democracy - <i>Haiti</i>		Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995			
Operation Joint Endeavor - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996			
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, & Persian Gulf.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Feb. 15, 1997			
Operation Southern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003			
Operation Maritime Intercept - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003			
Operation Joint Guard - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998			
Operation Northern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf W of 56° E Long., and Incirlik AB, Turkey (only pers. TDY to ONW)</i>		Jan. 1, 1997 - Mar. 18, 2003			
Operation Joint Forge - <i>Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Jun. 20, 1998 - Mar. 23, 1999			
			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 - <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i>		Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
			Kosovo Defense Campaign - <i>Ground Action</i>		Jun. 11, 1999 - Open
			Combat Infantryman Badge & Combat Medical Badge	Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
			Combat Action Ribbon	Navy, Marine, Coast Guard	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
			Combat Action Medal	Air Force	Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
			Combat Action Badge	Army	Sep. 18, 2001 - Open
			SSBN Nuclear Deterrent Patrol Breast 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 - Open
			Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with GOLD BORDER		Apr. 2004 - Open
			Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay		
			This information is to be used for guideline purposes only. The separation document or DD 214 MUST reflect 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.		