

# COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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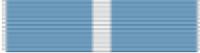
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## AWARDS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COAST GUARD COMBAT VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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1. Republic of Korea War Service Medal. The Republic of Korea War Service Medal was established in 1951 by the Republic of Korea (ROK) and offered to all service members who fought under the United Nations. U.S. law prohibited U.S. personnel from accepting the award at that time. On 20 August 1999, the Defense Department approved the acceptance and wear of the medal. 

a. Eligibility. Coast Guard personnel must have:

- (1) Served between the outbreak of hostilities, 25 June 1950, and the date the armistice was signed, 27 July 1953;
  - (2) Been on permanent assignment or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days; and
  - (3) Performed their duty within the territorial limits of Korea, in the waters immediately adjacent thereto or in aerial flight over Korea participating in actual combat operations or in support of combat operations.
- b. The ROK specifies the eligibility period and criteria. Only the ROK-provided medal is approved by the U.S. government to meet the U.S. criteria for wear on the military uniform.
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2. Vietnam Service Medal



- a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States under the following conditions:
- (1) Awarded to all members serving at any time between 4 July 1965 and 28 March 1973 in the area defined under the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for Vietnam.
  - (2) Awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States in Thailand, Laos, or Cambodia or the air space thereover, between 4 July 1965 and 28 March 1973 and serving in direct support of operations in Vietnam.
  - (3) Members qualified for the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal by reason of service between 1 July 1958 and 3 July 1965 (inclusive) in an area for which the Vietnam Service Medal was subsequently authorized shall remain qualified for that medal. Upon application, any such member may be awarded the Vietnam Service Medal in lieu of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for such service. However, no person shall be entitled to both awards for service in an area for which the Vietnam Service Medal has been authorized.
- b. Specific Personnel Eligible. Attached to or regularly serving for 1 or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations; attached to or regularly serving for 1 or more days aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations; actual participation as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations; service for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days, except that time limit may be waived for personnel participation in actual combat operations. See enclosure (16) for a list of authorized campaigns and Coast Guard units having service creditable for the Vietnam Service Medal.
- c. Limitation of Medal. The medal must be awarded only for operations for which no other U.S. campaign medal is approved. No person may be issued both Vietnam Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Vietnam (see Paragraph 5.A.7.f. concerning election), and no person shall be entitled to more than one award of the Vietnam Service Medal.
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3. **Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM).**



a. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel in designated areas of operation as follows:

(1) General. The SWASM may be authorized for wear by members of the Coast Guard who have served in one or more of the following areas on or after 2 August 1990 to 30 November 1995: the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 N latitude and west of 68 E longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates. Individuals serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, and Jordan, including airspace and territorial waters, between 17 January 1991 and 30 November 1995 are also eligible for award of this medal.

(2) Criteria

- (a) Eligible personnel must have been attached to or regularly served for one or more days with an organization participating in military ground or shore operations.
- (b) Attached to or regularly served for one or more days aboard a Coast Guard or Naval vessel directly supporting military operations.
- (c) Actually participated as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights directly supporting military operations in the areas designated above.
- (d) Served on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days. The time limitation may be waived for people who participated in actual combat operations.

b. Manner of Wear. A 3/16-inch bronze service star will be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the Southwest Asia Service Medal for participation in each campaign period. The campaign periods are designated as:

- (1) Defense of Saudi Arabia - 2 August 1990 to 16 January 1991,
- (2) Liberation and Defense of Kuwait - 17 January 1991 to 11 April 1991, and

4. Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM).



a. Eligibility Requirements. The AFEM may be awarded to personnel of the Armed Forces of the United States who (See Table 1-1 for authorized awarding authority):

- (1) Participate, or have participated, as members of United States military units in a United States military operation in which, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, personnel of any military department participate in significant numbers.
- (2) Encounter, incident to such participation, foreign armed opposition, or are otherwise placed, or have been placed, in such position that, in the opinion of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, hostile action by foreign armed forces was imminent even though it did not materialize.

b. Categories of Operations. The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal may be authorized for three categories of operations:

- (1) United States military operations;
- (2) United States operations in direct support of the United Nations; or
- (3) United States operations of assistance for friendly foreign nations.

c. Definitions

- (1) The “Area of Operations” is defined as:
- (2) The foreign territory upon which United States Armed Forces have actually landed or are present and specifically deployed for the direct support of the designated military operation.
- (3) Adjacent water areas in which United States ships are operating, patrolling, or providing direct support of operations.
- (4) The air space above and adjacent to the area in which operations are being conducted.
- (5) “Direct Support” is defined as the supply by ground units, ships and aircraft, of services and/or supplies and equipment to combat forces in the area of operations, provided such support involves actually entering the designated area, and furnishing fire, patrol, guard, reconnaissance, or other military support.

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- d. Degree of Participation. Personnel must be bona fide members of a unit engaged in the operation, or meet one or more of the following criteria:
- (1) Serve not less than 30 consecutive days in the area of operations;
  - (2) Engage in direct support of the operation for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days, provided such support involves entering the area of operations;
  - (3) Serve for the full period when an operation is of less than 30 days duration;
  - (4) Engage in actual combat or duty which is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during an operation against armed opposition, regardless of time in the area;
  - (5) Participate as a regularly assigned crew member of an aircraft flying into, out of, within, or over the area in support of the military operation; or
  - (6) Be recommended, or attached to a unit recommended, by the Chief of Naval Operations or the commander of a unified or specified command for award of the medal, although the criteria above may not have been fulfilled. (A recommendation may be made to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, via the Chief of Naval Operations, and the Commandant of the Coast Guard, for duty of such value to the operations as to warrant particular recognition.)
- e. Limitation of Medal. The medal must be awarded only for operations for which no other U.S. campaign medal is approved, and must not be issued for service in Vietnam after 3 July 1965. For operations in which personnel of only one military department participate, the medal will be awarded only if there is no other suitable award available to that department.
- f. Election of Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or Vietnam Service Medal. Personnel who earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for service in Vietnam during the period 1 July 1958 to 3 July 1965, inclusive, may elect to receive the Vietnam Service Medal in lieu of the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. No individual may be issued both medals, however, for service in Vietnam.
- g. Election of Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM). Service members who earned the SWASM and subsequently become eligible for the AFEM may elect to receive the AFEM in lieu of the SWASM. Only one award, either the AFEM or SWASM, may be issued for the period 2 August 1990 to 18 March 2003.
- h. Manner of Wear. The ribbon bar is worn with the blue center stripe to the wearer's right.

- i. Subsequent Awards. A 3/16-inch bronze star is authorized for subsequent awards of the AFEM. A 3/16-inch silver star denotes the sixth award.

5. Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM).



- a. General. The Kosovo Air Campaign began on 24 March 1999, and ended on 10 June 1999. The area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia, Croatia, Hungary, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, Italy, and Slovenia; and the waters and air space of the Adriatic and Ionian Sea north of 39 degrees north latitude. The Kosovo Defense Campaign began on 11 June 1999, and ended on 31 December 2013. The area of eligibility is the total land area and air space of Serbia (including Kosovo), Montenegro, Albania, Macedonia, and the waters and air space of the Adriatic Sea within 12 nautical miles of the Montenegro, Albania, and Croatia coastlines south of 42 degrees and 52 minutes North latitude.
- b. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel under the criteria below:
- (1) Must have participated in or served in direct support of one or more of the following Kosovo operations: ALLIED FORCE, JOINT GUARDIAN, ALLIED HARBOR, SUSTAIN HOPE/SHINING HOPE, NOBLE ANVIL, or Kosovo Task Force Hawk, Task Force Saber, or Task Force Hunter within the Kosovo Air Campaign or Kosovo Defense Campaign area of eligibility.
  - (2) Must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or directly supporting the operation for 30 consecutive days in the of area of eligibility (AOE) or for 60 non-consecutive days, provided this support involves entering the operations AOE or meet one or more of the following specific criteria:
    - (a) Be engaged in actual combat, or duty that is equally as hazardous as combat duty, during the operation with armed opposition, regardless of time in the area of eligibility.
    - (b) While participating in the operation, regardless of time, is wounded or injured and requires medical evacuation from the area of eligibility.
    - (c) While participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of the military operation.
    - (d) The award is approved for the following Navy vessels as an exception to the 30 consecutive days within the Kosovo Air Campaign AOE criteria of Paragraph 5.A.9.b above: USS NORFOLK; USS MIAMI; USS BOISE; USS ALBUQUERQUE; USS NICHOLSON; USS PHILIPPINE SEA; and USS GONZALEZ.

c. Manner of Wear. One 3/16-inch bronze star must be worn on the suspension and service ribbon of the KCM for qualifying participation in each campaign period. A service member who qualified as a participant in one campaign would wear the KCM with one bronze star device. Meeting the criteria in each of the two campaigns would warrant the KCM and two bronze star devices. However, if an individual's 30 or 60 days began in one campaign and carried over into the second campaign, they would only qualify for the KCM with one bronze star device.

(1) Kosovo Air Campaign – 24 March 1999 to 10 June 1999

(2) Kosovo Defense Campaign – 11 June 1999 to 31 December 2013

6. Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM). The ACM was established by Public Law 108-234, dated 28 May 2004, and Executive Order 13363 dated 29 November 2004.



a. General. Eligibility for this award began on 24 October 2001 and continues to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Afghanistan and all air spaces above the land.

b. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel under the criteria below:

(1) Must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units participating in direct support of the following operations:

(a) ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) – 11 September 2001 to 31 December 2014

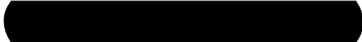
(b) FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS) – 1 January 2015 to a date to be determined.

(2) Must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or directly supporting the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility (AOE) or for 60 non-consecutive days provided this support involves entering the operation's AOE or meets one or more of the following specific criteria:

(a) Be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the AOE.

(b) While participating in the operation or on official duties, is wounded or injured AND required medical evacuation from the AOE.

(c) While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the AOE in direct support of the military operations. Each day counts as one day of eligibility.



- (3) Coast Guard members who earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) for service between 24 October 2001 and 30 April 2005 in an operation and area for which the ACM was subsequently authorized will remain qualified for the GWOTEM. A Coast Guard member meeting these conditions may request to be awarded the ACM in lieu of the GWOTEM.

Requests will be prepared in memorandum format to the member's commanding officer (in the grade of O-6 or above) for verification of entitlement. The memorandum will be placed in the member's service record for documentation of the election. Requests to rescind the conversion will not be approved.

- (4) Under no condition will personnel or units receive the ACM, GWOTEM, Iraq Campaign Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the same act, achievement or period of service.

c. Campaign Stars. The campaign star is a bronze or silver five-pointed star, 3/16-inch in diameter. The silver star device is worn in lieu of five bronze campaign stars. One campaign star will be worn on the campaign ribbon or suspension ribbon of the ACM for one or more days of participation in each designated campaign phase. Designated ACM campaign phases and inclusive dates are:

- (1) Liberation of Afghanistan, 11 September 2001 – 30 November 2001;
- (2) Consolidation I, 1 December 2001 – 30 September 2006;
- (3) Consolidation II, 1 October 2006 – 30 November 2008;
- (4) Consolidation III, 1 December 2008 – 30 June 2011;
- (5) Transition I, 1 July 2011 – 31 December 2014; and
- (6) Transition II, 1 January 2015 to a date to be determined.

d. Manner of Wear. The ACM is worn immediately after the KCM. Only one award is authorized for any individual; subsequent awards are not authorized. The ACM will be worn with at least one campaign star.

7. Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM). The ICM was established by Public Law 108-234, dated 28 May 2004, and Executive Order 13363 dated 29 November 2004.



a. General. Eligibility for this award began on 19 March 2003 to 31 December 2011. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the country of Iraq, and the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land area of Iraq and above the contiguous water area out to 12 nautical miles.

b. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel under the criteria below:



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- (1) Must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units participating in direct support of OIF.
  - (2) Must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or directly supporting the operation for 30 consecutive days in the area of eligibility (AOE) or for 60 non-consecutive days provided this support involves entering the operation's AOE or meets one or more of the following specific criteria:
    - (a) Be engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the AOE.
    - (b) While participating in the operation or on official duties, is wounded or injured AND required medical evacuation from the AOE.
    - (c) While participating as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the AOE in direct support of the military operations. Each day counts as one day of eligibility.
  - (3) Coast Guard members who earned the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) for service between 19 March 2003 and 30 April 2005 in an operation and area for which the ICM was subsequently authorized will remain qualified for the GWOTEM. A Coast Guard member meeting these conditions may request to be awarded the ICM in lieu of the GWOTEM. Requests will be prepared in memorandum format to the member's commanding officer (in the grade of O-6 or above) for verification of entitlement. The memorandum will be placed in the member's service record for documentation of the election. Requests to rescind the conversion will not be approved.
  - (4) Under no condition will personnel or units receive the ICM, GWOTEM, Afghanistan Campaign Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the same act, achievement or period of service.
- c. Campaign Stars. The campaign star is a bronze or silver five-pointed star, 3/16-inch in diameter. The silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze campaign stars. One campaign star will be worn on the campaign ribbon or suspension ribbon of the ICM for one or more days of participation in each designated campaign phase. Designated ICM campaign phases and inclusive dates are:
- (1) Liberation of Iraq, 1 March 2003 – 1 May 2003;
  - (2) Transition of Iraq, 2 May 2003 – 28 June 2004;
  - (3) Iraqi Governance, 29 June 2004 – 15 December 2005;
  - (4) National Resolution, 16 December 2005 – 9 January 2007;



- (5) Iraqi Surge, 10 January 2007 – 31 December 2008
  - (6) Iraqi Sovereignty, 1 January 2009 – 31 August 2010; and
  - (7) New Dawn, 1 September 2010 – 31 December 2011
- d. Manner of Wear. The ICM is worn immediately after the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. The ICM will be worn with at least one campaign star. Only one award is authorized for any individual; subsequent awards are not authorized.
8. Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (IRCM). The IRCM was established by Executive Order 13723 dated 30 March 2016.



- a. General. Eligibility for this award began 15 June 2015 and continues to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. The area of eligibility (AOE) encompasses the land area of the countries of Iraq and Syria, the contiguous waters of each extending out to 12 nautical miles, and the air space above the land area and contiguous waters.
- b. Award Criteria and Eligibility
- (1) The IRCM must be awarded to each Service member who, during the POA, was permanently assigned, attached, or detailed for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days to a unit operating in the AOE, or who meets one of the following criteria regardless of time spent in the AOE:
    - (a) Was engaged in combat during an armed engagement.
    - (b) While participating in an operation or on official duties was killed or wounded/injured and medically evacuated from the AOE.
    - (c) Aircrew members accrue one day of eligibility for each day they fly into, out of, within, or over the AOE.
  - (2) Foreign Military Personnel. The IRCM is not authorized for foreign military personnel.
- c. Procedures.
- (1) Service members awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) for IRCM qualifying service between June 15, 2014 and March 30, 2016, in an area for which the IRCM was authorized subsequently remain qualified for that medal. Such members, upon application, may be awarded the IRCM in lieu of that GWOTEM. No member must be entitled to both medals for

the same act, achievement, or period of service (i.e., deployment or tour in the designated operation area).

- (2) Under no condition must personnel or units receive the IRCM, GWOTEM, or Afghanistan Campaign Medal for the same action, time period, or service (i.e., deployment or tour in the designated operation area).

d. Subsequent Awards

- (1) Members will be presented one IRCM upon initial award.
- (2) A separate bronze campaign star is worn on the IRCM suspension and campaign ribbon to recognize each designated campaign phase in which the member participated for one or more days. The IRCM campaign phases and inclusive dates are:
  - (a) Abeyance: 15 June 2015 – 24 November 2015;
  - (b) Intensification: 25 November 2015 – to a date to be determined.

e. Posthumous. The IRCM may be awarded posthumously.

f. Order of Precedence. The IRCM is worn after the ICM and before the GWOTEM.

9. Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM). The GWOTEM was established by Executive Order 13289 dated 12 March 2003.



- a. General. Eligibility for this award began on 11 September 2001 and continues to a future date to be determined by the Secretary of Defense. The area of eligibility (AOE) is limited to those personnel deployed abroad in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF), NEW DAWN (OND), NOMAD SHADOW (ONS), FREEDOM'S SENTINEL (OFS), and INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) in the following specific geographic AOE: Afghanistan (eligibility ended on 30 April 2005 with authorization for the ACM), Algeria, Bahrain, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria (Bourgas), Chad, Colombia, Crete, Cuba (Guantanamo Bay), Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Hungary, Iran, Iraq (eligibility ended on 30 April 2005 with authorization for ICM), Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo (only specified GWOT operations not associated with operations qualifying for the Kosovo Campaign Medal), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania (Constanta), Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yemen, the Mediterranean Sea for Maritime Intercept Operations (boarding and searching), and that portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees North latitude and west of 68 degrees East longitude, BabEl Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, that

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portion of the Mediterranean Sea east of 28 degrees East longitude, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz, and Suez Canal.

- b. Eligibility Requirements. Awarded to military personnel under the criteria below:
- (1) Must be bona fide members of a unit participating in or directly supporting the operation for 30 consecutive days in the AOE or for 60 non-consecutive days provided this support involves entering the operation's AOE or meet one or more of the following specific criteria:
    - (a) Be engaged in actual combat against the enemy or under circumstances involving grave danger of death or serious bodily injury from enemy action, regardless of time in the AOE.
    - (b) Be killed, wounded or injured requiring medical evacuation from the AOE while participating in designated operations.
    - (c) Be participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the AOE in direct support of Operations Enduring Freedom and/or Iraqi Freedom. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with the criteria must count as one day toward the 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive day requirement.
  - (2) Coast Guard members will not be entitled to more than one of the GWOTEM, Iraq Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal or Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for the same act, achievement, or period of service. Only one campaign or expeditionary medal will be earned for a single deployment or tour.
  - (3) Coast Guard members may be awarded both the GWOTEM and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal if they meet the criteria for both awards; however, the qualifying period of service used to establish eligibility for one award cannot be used to justify eligibility for the other award.
- c. Manner of Wear. The GWOTEM is worn immediately after the Iraq Campaign Medal.
- d. On 9 February 2015, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness authorized the wear of Service Stars on the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM)
- e. Members are authorized to wear a service star on the GWOTEM suspension and/or service ribbon to denote each subsequent award. For example, a service member initially awarded the GWOTEM for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM deployment and subsequently deploys in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE is

authorized to wear a 3/16-inch bronze star on the suspension ribbon of the medal or service ribbon to denote a subsequent award. Only one award is authorized for each approved operation. The following operations with inclusive dates are approved:

- (1) ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF) – 11 September 2001 to be determined
- (2) IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF) – 19 March 2003 to 31 August 2010
- (3) NOMAD SHADOW (ONS) – 5 November 2007 to be determined
- (4) NEW DAWN (OND) – 1 September 2010 to 31 December 2011
- (5) INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) – 15 June 2014 to be determined
- (6) FREEDOM's SENTINEL (OFS) – 1 January 2015 to be determined

f. Medal Election Guidelines

- (1) Eligibility for the GWOTEM for service in Afghanistan and Iraq terminated on 30 April 2005; beginning 1 May 2005, personnel are eligible only for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM) or Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM), respectively. Personnel who earned the GWOTEM for qualifying service in Afghanistan or Iraq prior to 1 May 2005 will remain qualified for the GWOTEM; however, they may elect to receive the ACM or ICM in lieu of the GWOTEM for such service. Personnel who met the eligibility criteria for the GWOTEM and ACM, or the GWOTEM and ICM, during a single tour or deployment must elect one of these medals. No individual may be issued both medals for the same period of service. A period of service is defined as a single tour or deployment. The election of the ACM or ICM must be requested in memorandum format to the member's commanding officer (in the grade of O-6 or above) for verification of entitlement. The memorandum will be placed in the member's service record for documentation of the election. Requests to rescind the conversion will not be approved.
- (2) Personnel who elect to retain the GWOTEM for qualifying service in Afghanistan or Iraq prior to 1 May 2005 are eligible to earn the ACM or ICM, respectively, for subsequent deployments within the ACM or ICM area of eligibility. Under no circumstances will an individual be eligible for both medals for the same action, time period, or service.

10. **Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM).** The KDSM was established by Public Law 107-314 dated 2 December 2002.



- a. Eligibility Requirements. The medal is authorized for military personnel who served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea (ROK) during the period beginning on 28 July 1954 and ending on a date to be determined. The area of eligibility (AOE) encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas. To earn this award, the individual must have been assigned, attached, or mobilized to units operating within the AOE and have been physically deployed within the AOE for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:
- (1) Be engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the AOE;
  - (2) Is wounded or injured in the line of duty AND requires medical evacuation from the AOE;
  - (3) While participating as a regularly assigned aircrew member flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the AOE in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown in accordance with these criteria will count as one day toward the 30 or 60 day requirement; or
  - (4) Individuals who served in operations and exercises conducted within the AOE are considered eligible for the award provided that the basic criteria is met. Due to the extensive time period for the KDSM eligibility, the non-consecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period.
- b. Verification and Issuance. Unit commanding officers are authorized to award the KDSM to eligible personnel and ensure proper documentation is entered into the member's service record. Eligibility for the KDSM must be verified based on the individual's service record, copies of orders, or any other document that can corroborate the individual's service in Korea.
- c. Manner of Wear. Only one award of the KDSM is authorized. No service stars are authorized. In precedence, the KDSM is positioned immediately after the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and before the Armed Forces Service Medal.

## ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

Coast Guard Vessels, Units, and Special Flights listed below are eligible for this medal during period of operation listed.

### CUBAN OPERATION

Area: between 12°N and 28°N latitude and between 66°W and 84°W longitude

#### Vessels

(Period 24 Oct 62 – 31 Dec 62)  
CGC ANDROSCOGGIN (WPG 68)  
CGC ARIADNE (WPC 101)  
CGC AURORA (WPC 103)  
CGC CAPE CURRENT (WPB 95307)  
CGC CAPE DARBY (WPB 95323)  
CGC CAPE FAIRWEATHER (WPB 95314)  
CGC CAPE KNOX (WPB 95312)  
CGC CAPE MORGAN (WPB 95313)  
CGC CAPE SHOALWATER (WPB 95324)  
CGC CAPE TRINITY (WPB 95331)  
CGC COOK INLET (WAVP 384)  
CGC NEMESIS (WPC 111)  
CGC POINT KENNEDY (WPB 82320)  
CGC POINT SLOCUM (WPB 82313)  
CGC SAGEBRUSH (WAGL 399)

#### Special Flights

HC-130B 1346  
26 Oct 62 – 27 Oct 62

C-123B 64357  
10 Nov 62 – 12 Nov 62

#### Shore Units

(Period 24 Oct 62 – 31 Dec 62)  
\*CG AIRSTA, Miami, FL  
\*CG AIRSTA, San Juan, PR  
\*CG AIRSTA, St. Petersburg, FL  
Light Attendant Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
Staff, Naval Base, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba  
\*Only those members of aircrews that actually conducted flights into Cuban waters during periods indicated.

### DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OPERATION

Area: Within the following boundaries:  
From 17°N, 75°W Eastward to 17°N, 67°45'W; thence Northward to 20°25'N, 67°45'W; thence Westward to 20°25'N, 73°35'W; thence Southwestward to 18°40'N, 75°W; thence South to initial point at 17°N, 75°W.

#### Vessels

CGC AURORA (WPC 103)  
7 May 65 – 08 May 65  
13 May 75 – 15 May 75  
  
CGC SAGEBRUSH (WLB 399)  
10 Oct 65  
13 Feb 66 – 14 Feb 66

#### Shore Units

\*\*CG AIRSTA, San Juan, PR  
30 Apr 65 – 15 May 65  
  
\*\*Only those members of aircrews that actually conducted flights over Dominican Republic waters during period indicated.

### EAGLE PULL OPERATION

#### Shore Units

(12 Apr 75)  
CG LORSTA Sattahip  
CG LORSTA Lampang  
CG LORTSA Udorn  
CG Section Southeast Asia

**ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL**

**FREQUENT WIND OPERATION**

Shore Units

(Period 29 Apr 75 – 30 Apr 75)  
CG LORSTA Sattahip  
CG LORSTA Lampang  
CG LORSTA Udorn  
CG Section Southeast Asia

**GRENADA OPERATION**

Vessels

CGC CHASE (WHEC 718)  
23 Oct 83 – 21 Nov 84

Special Flights

HC-130B 1700  
HC-130B 1701

**JUST CAUSE OPERATION (Panama)**

Area: The total land area of Panama, including internal waters, territorial seas, and airspace thereover.

Vessels

USS VREELAND  
20 Dec 89 – 31 Jan 90

Participating Units:

CG LEDET Group Miami  
Caribbean Squadron

**KOREA**

Area: The entire land mass of the Republic of Korea and the water and air space enclosed by the following boundaries:

From a point located 32°N on the Coast of China East to 32°N by 129°20'E; thence Northeastward to 36°N by 134°E; thence North to the Coast of USSR; thence along the coastline of the USSR, Korea, and China to the initial point.

Participating Units

Technical Assistance Team, Korea  
15 Sep 68 – 01 Nov 68

**MAYAGUEZ OPERATION**

Special Flight

HC-130B 1339  
15 May 75

**THAILAND**

Shore Units

(Period 29 Mar 73 – 15 Aug 73)  
Southeast Asia Section Office, Bangkok, Thailand  
CG LORSTA Sattahip, Thailand  
CG LORSTA Lampang, Thailand  
CG LORSTA Udorn, Thailand

**UPHOLD DEMOCRACY OPERATION (HAITI)**

11 Sep 94 – 31 Mar 95

Vessels

CGC ACACIA (WLB 406)  
CGC ATTU (WPB 1317)  
CGC AQUIDNECK  
CGC BARANOF (WPB 1318)  
CGC BLOCK ISLAND  
CGC BEAR  
CGC BOUTWELL  
CGC CHANDELEUR (WPB 1319)  
CGC CHASE (WHEC 718)  
CGC CHINCOTEAGUE  
CGC CONFIDENCE  
CGC COURAGEOUS  
CGC CUSHING  
CGC DALLAS  
CGC DECISIVE (WMEC 629)  
CGC DILLIGENCE  
CGC DURABLE (WMEC 628)  
CGC DRUMMOND (WPB 1323)  
CGC FARALLON  
CGC FORWARD (WMEC 911)  
CGC GENTIAN (WLB 290)  
CGC JEFFERSON ISLAND (WPB 1340)  
CGC KEY BISCAYNE  
CGC KEY LARGO

**ARMED FORCES EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL**

**UPHOLD DEMOCRACY OPERATION  
(HAITI) (cont'd)**

CGC KNIGHT ISLAND  
CGC KODIAK ISLAND (WPB 1341)  
CGC MANITOU  
CGC MATAGORDA (WPB 1303)  
CGC MAUI  
CGC METOMPKIN (WPB 1325)  
CGC MIDGETT (WHEC 726)  
CGC MOHAWK  
CGC MONHEGAN  
CGC NANTUCKET  
CGC NORTHLAND  
CGCNUNIVAK (WPB 1306)  
CGC OCRACOCKE (WPB 1307)  
CGC PADRE (WPB 1328)  
CGC PAPA (WLB 308)  
CGC PEA ISLAND  
CGC SITKINAK  
CGC STATEN ISLAND  
CGC TAMPA  
CGC THIETIS  
CGC VALIANT  
CGC VIGILANT  
CGC VASHON (WPB 1308)  
CGC WRANGELL (WPB 1332)

Participating Units

CG AIRSTA Clearwater  
CG AIRSTA Miami  
Coast Guard Forces (CTG 185.5)  
Joint Rescue Coordination Center  
(CTG 185.6)  
Harbor Defense Command (CTG 185.7 and  
CTG 195.6)  
Liaison Officers (CTG 185.5, CTG 185.7,  
and MNF)  
CG PSUs 301 and 302

**SECURE TOMORROW OPERATION  
(HAITI)**

29 Feb 04 – 15 Jun 04

Participants

**SECURE TOMORROW OPERATION  
(HAITI) (cont'd)**

CG Maritime Component Command  
CGC DALLAS (WHEC 716)  
CGC DILIGENCE (WMEC 616)  
CGC ESCANABA (WMEC 907)  
CGC GALLATIN (WHEC 721)  
CGC HARRIET LANE (WMEC 903)  
CGC RESOLUTE (WMEC 620)  
CG MSST 91104  
CGC CHANDELEUR  
CGC CYPRESS  
CGC DRUMMOND  
CGC FARALLON  
CGC KEY BISCAYNE  
CGC KODIAK ISLAND  
CGC MOHAWK  
CGC NANTUCKET  
CGC SITKINAK  
CGC SPENCER  
CGC STATEN ISLAND  
CGC THETIS  
CGC VALIANT  
CGC VIGILANT

**SOUTHERN WATCH OPERATION**

01 Dec 95 – 18 Mar 03

Participating Units

CG TACLET GULF DETACHMENT  
EIGHT-E  
CG PACAREA TACLET DETACHMENT  
TWO-A  
CG PACAREA TACLET DETACHMENT  
THREE-B  
CG TACLET SOUTH DETACHMENT  
SEVEN-A  
CG TACLET DETACHMENT THREE

Vessels

CGC CHASE (WHEC 718)  
01 Apr 98 – 30 Jun 98  
CGC MIDGETT (WHEC 726)  
26 Aug 99 – 30 Sep 99

## VIETNAM SERVICE AWARDS

The **Vietnam Service Medal** was awarded to members of the armed forces, who served in Vietnam, its contiguous waters, or airspace, between 15 March 1962 and 28 March 1973. Personnel serving in Thailand, Laos or Cambodia, in direct support of operations in Vietnam, during this period, are also eligible for the medal. To qualify for award of the Vietnam Service Medal an individual must have met one of the following qualifications:

- Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting or aboard a naval vessel directly supporting military operations.
- Actually participate as a crewmember in one or more aerial flights into airspace above Vietnam and contiguous waters directly supporting military operations.
- Serve on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days, except that the time limit may be waived for personnel participating in actual combat operations.

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** Medal and 1 bronze star with first award. Additional bronze stars awarded for each subsequent period of service. A silver star is used in place of five (5) bronze stars.

### **Vietnam Service Medal – Eligible Campaigns.**

- o I - 15 March 1962 to 07 March 1965 - Vietnam Advisory Campaign
- o II - 08 March 1965 to 24 December 1965 - Vietnam Defense Campaign
- o III - 25 December 1965 to 30 June 1966 - Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phase
- o IV - 01 July 1966 to 31 May 1967 - Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phase II
- o V - 01 June 1967 to 29 January 1968 - Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phase III
- o VI - 30 January 1968 to 01 April 1968 - TET Counteroffensive
- o VII - 02 April 1968 to 30 June 1968 - Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phase IV
- o VIII - 01 July 1968 to 01 November 1968 - Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phase V
- o IX - 02 Nov 1968 to 22 February 1969 - Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phase VI
- o X - 23 February 1969 to 8 June 1969 - TET 69/Counteroffensive
- o XI - 09 June 1969 to 31 October 1969 - Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969
- o XII - 01 November 1969 to 30 April 1970 - Vietnam Winter-Spring 1970
- o XIII - 01 May 1970 to 30 June 1970 - Sanctuary Counteroffensive
- o XIV - 01 July 1970 to 30 June 1971 - Vietnamese Counteroffensive Phase VII
- o XV - 01 July 1971 to 30 November 1971 - Consolidation I
- o XVI - 01 December 1971 to 29 March 1972 - Consolidation II
- o XVII - 30 March 1972 to 28 January 1973 - Vietnam Cease Fire Campaign

## VIETNAM SERVICE AWARDS

**Eligible Units.** Coast Guard cutters, shore units, and special flights are listed below.

### Cutters

CGC POINT ARDEN (WPB 82309)  
20 Jul 65 - 14 Feb 70

CGC POINT JEFFERSON (WPB 82306)  
22 Feb 66 - 21 Feb 70

CGC POINT BANKS (WPB 82327)  
01 Aug 65 - 26 May 70

CGC POINT KENNEDY (WPB 82320)  
22 Feb 66 - 16 Mar 70

CGC POINT CAUTION (WPB 82301)  
20 Jul 65 - 29 Apr 70

CGC POINT LEAGUE (WPB 82304)  
22 Feb 66 - 16 May 69

CGC POINT CLEAR (WPB 82315)  
01 Aug 65 - 15 Sep 69

CGC POINT LOMAS (WPB 82321)  
20 Jul 65 - 26 May 70

CGC POINT COMFORT (WPB 82317)  
01 Aug 65 - 17 Nov 69

CGC POINT MARONE (WPB 82331)  
01 Aug 65 - 15 Aug 70

CGC POINT CYPRESS (WPB 82326)  
22 Feb 66 - 15 Aug 70

CGC POINT MAST (WPB 82316)  
01 Aug 65 - 16 Jun 70

CGC POINT DUME (WPB 82325)  
20 Jul 65 - 14 Feb 70

CGC POINT ORIENT (WPB 82319)  
20 Jul 65 - 14 Jul 70

CGC POINT ELLIS (WPB 82330)  
20 Jul 65 - 09 Dec 69

CGC POINT PARTRIDGE (WPB 82305)  
22 Feb 66 - 27 Mar 70

CGC POINT GAMMON (WPB 82328)  
20 Jul 65 - 11 Nov 69

CGC POINT SLOCUM (WPB 82313)  
22 Feb 66 - 11 Dec 69

CGC POINT GARNET (WPB 82310)  
01 Aug 65 - 16 May 69

CGC POINT WELCOME (WPB 82329)  
20 Jul 65 - 29 Apr 70

CGC POINT GLOVER (WPB 82307)  
01 Aug 65 - 14 Feb 69

CGC POINT WHITE (WPB 82308)  
22 Feb 66 - 12 Jan 70

CGC POINT GRACE (WPB 82323)  
22 Feb 66 - 16 Jun 70

CGC POINT YOUNG (WPB 82303)  
01 Aug 65 - 16 Jun 70

CGC POINT GREY (WPB 82324)  
01 Aug 65 - 14 Jul 70

CGC ANDROSCOGGIN (WHEC 68)  
17 Dec 67 - 16 Jul 68

CGC POINT HUDSON (WPB 82322)  
22 Feb 66 - 11 Dec 69

CGC BARATARIA (WHEC 381)  
15 May 67 - 13 Dec 67

## VIETNAM SERVICE AWARDS

CGC BASSWOOD (WLB 388)

14 Oct 67 - 27 Nov 67  
16 Oct 71 - 10 Dec 71  
15 Mar 62 - 05 May 72

CGC BERING STRAIT (WHEC 382)

15 May 67 - 04 Feb 68  
01 Jun 70 - 01 Jan 71

CGC BIBB (WHEC 31)

24 Jul 68 - 03 Feb 69

CGC BLACKHAW (WLB 390)

13 Mar 68 - 06 May 68  
24 Jun 68 - 18 Jul 68  
09 Sep 68 - 11 Oct 68  
16 Jan 69 - 04 Mar 69  
16 Apr 69 - 03 May 69  
16 Jun 69 - 03 Jul 69  
24 Oct 69 - 07 Dec 69  
17 Jan 70 - 06 Mar 70  
23 Apr 70 - 18 May 70  
22 Jun 70 - 07 Jul 70  
25 Aug 70 - 10 Sep 70  
24 Oct 70 - 10 Nov 70  
13 Jan 71 - 07 Mar 71

CGC CAMPBELL (WHEC 32)

31 Dec 67 - 09 Jul 68

CGC CASTLE ROCK (WHEC 383)

29 Jul 71 - 21 Dec 71

CGC CHASE (WHEC 718)

11 Nov 69 - 27 May 70

CGC COOK INLET (WHEC 384)

21 Jul 71 - 21 Dec 71

CGC DALLAS (WHEC 716)

30 Oct 69 - 27 May 70

CGC DUANE (WHEC 33)

18 Dec 67 - 05 Jul 68

CGC GRESHAM (WHEC 387)

15 May 77 - 17 Jan 68

CGC HALF MOON (WHEC 378)

05 Jan 67 - 18 Dec 67

CGC HAMILTON (WHEC 715)

01 Oct 69 - 12 May 70

CGC INGHAM (WHEC 35)

03 Aug 68 - 28 Feb 69

CGC IRONWOOD (WLB 297)

09 Jul 67 - 08 Aug 67

CGC KLAMATH (WHEC 66)

09 Jul 69 - 02 Apr 70

CGC MELLON (WHEC 717)

31 Jan 70 - 26 Jun 70

CGC MENDOTA (WHEC 69)

14 Mar 69 - 18 Oct 69

CGC MINNETONKA (WHEC 67)

26 Jan 68 - 07 Sep 68

CGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

13 Dec 70 - 17 Jul 71

CGC NETTLE (WAK 169)

15 May 66 - 16 May 66  
23 May 66 - 28 May 66  
25 May 67 - 27 May 67  
02 Jun 67 - 04 Jun 67

CGC OWASCO (WHEC 39)

10 Aug 68 - 10 Mar 69

CGC PLANETREE (WLB 307)

24 Apr 66 - 01 Jun 66  
28 Feb 67 - 01 Mar 67  
10 Mar 67 - 02 Apr 67

**VIETNAM SERVICE AWARDS**

CGC PONCHARTRAIN (WHEC 70)

31 Mar 70 - 09 Nov 70

CGC RUSH (WHEC 723)

04 Nov 70 - 02 Jul 71

CGC SEBAGO (WHEC 42)

18 Mar 69 - 04 Nov 69

CGC SHERMAN (WHEC 720)

07 May 70 - 18 Dec 70

CGC SPENCER (WHEC 26)

24 Feb 69 - 29 Sep 69

CGC TANEY (WHEC 37)

27 May 69 - 27 Jan 70

CGC WACHUSETT (WHEC 44)

26 Sep 68 - 16 May 69

CGC WINNEBAGO (WHEC 40)

10 Oct 68 - 25 Jun 69

CGC WINONA (WHEC 65)

15 Feb 68 - 30 Sep 68

CGC YAKUTAT (WHEC 380)

31 May 67 - 18 Dec 67

01 Jun 70 - 01 Jan 71

**Shore Units**

COAST GUARD SQUADRON ONE

04 July 65 - 15 Aug 70

CG LORSTA CON SON

02 Sep 66 - 22 Jan 73

CG LORSTA TAN MY

13 Jul 69 - 25 Jan 73

**Participating Units**

STAFF PERSONNEL, SQUADRON ONE,  
CG DIVISION ELEVEN

04 Jul 65 - 05 Jun 69

CG DIVISION TWELVE

10 Jul 65 - 16 Mar 70

CG DIVISION THIRTEEN

12 Dec 65 - 15 Aug 70

ATON DETAIL

01 Jan 68 - 11 Feb 73

PORT SECURITY AND WATERWAYS  
DETACHMENT

19 Aug 65 - 11 Feb 73

EXPLOSIVE LOADING DETACHMENT

29 May 66 - 31 Jan 73

MERCHANT MARINE DETACHMENT

01 Jul 68 - 01 May 73

CG ACTIVITY, VIETNAM (INCLUDING  
STAFF PERSONNEL)

01 Jul 68 - 15 Aug 70

SENIOR CG OFFICER, VIETNAM

15 Aug 70 - 11 Feb 73

**Special Flights**

C-123 54705

08 Jun 66 - 20 Jul 66

21 Jul 66 - 11 Aug 66

HC-130B 1340

19 Apr 70 - 22 Apr 70

22 Aug 71 - 26 Aug 71

02 Dec 72 - 03 Dec 72

## VIETNAM SERVICE AWARDS

### HC-130B 1341

29 Jan 72 - 13 Feb 72  
21 Apr 72 - 25 Apr 72

### HC-130B 1342

24 Mar 66 - 27 Mar 66

### HC-130B 1344

27 Mar 68  
28 Aug 70 - 31 Aug 70  
29 Nov 66 - 05 Jan 67  
04 Oct 69 - 05 Oct 69

### HC-130B 1348

25 Nov 65 - 26 Nov 65  
16 Sep 72 - 19 Sep 72

### HC-130B 1345

22 Jul 65 - 24 Jul 65

### HC-130B 1350

07 Nov 66 - 28 Nov 66  
21 Feb 72 - 25 Feb 73

### HC-130E 1414

08 Oct 69 - 14 Nov 69

## REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM UNIT CITATIONS

### REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Awarded by the Vietnamese government to all personnel in the Military Assistance Advisory Group during August and September 1954. The decoration was also awarded throughout the Vietnam War to certain units of the U.S. military deemed to have performed exceptional service to Vietnam.

### GALLANTRY CROSS MEDAL OR GALLANTRY CROSS MEDAL UNIT CITATION WITH PALM

The ribbon bar with palm is authorized for wear by personnel individually cited by the RVN. The medal was awarded by the Vietnam Government to military personnel who accomplished deeds of valor or displayed heroic conduct while fighting the enemy and has been cited individually at the regiment, brigade, division, corps, or armed forces level.

The ribbon bar with frame and palm are authorized for wear by personnel who served with certain cited units in Southeast Asia during the approved periods.

Authorization: Awarded by the Chief of the Joint General Staff, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces in two colors: Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm (8 Feb 62 to 28 Mar 73) and the Civil Actions Medal, First Class Color with Palm (1 Jan 65 to 28 Mar 73).

Coastal Division 11

01 January 1966 to 01 January 1967  
21 November 1968 to 21 November 1970

Coastal Division 12

01 October 1967 to 15 December 1968  
21 September 1969 to 21 November 1970

## VIETNAM SERVICE AWARDS

Coastal Division 13	21 November 1968 to 21 November 1970
Coastal Division 14	21 November 1968 to 21 November 1970
Coastal Division 15	21 November 1968 to 21 November 1970
Coastal Division 16	21 November 1968 to 21 November 1970
Coastal Flotilla One Staff	21 November 1968 to 21 November 1970
Service on the below listed PCFs	13 January 1966 to 20 September 1969
PCFs 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 39, 46, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 61, 65, 69, 70, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 99, 101 and 139	

The Vietnamese Government issued the Gallantry Cross Medal Unit Citation to Naval Forces Vietnam and all subordinate units from 08 February 1962 to 28 March 1973.

### **CIVIL ACTIONS MEDAL FIRST CLASS COLOR UNIT CITATION WITH PALM**

The Vietnamese Government issued the Civil Actions Medal First Class Color with Palm to Naval Forces Vietnam and all subordinate units from 01 January 1965 to 28 March 1973.

### **REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH DEVICE**

Awarded to recognize service performed in Vietnam during the period 01 March 1961 to 28 March 1973, inclusive.

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

- Wounded or injured in hostile action.
- Captured by the opposing forces during actions or in the line of duty, but later rescued or released.
- Killed in action or in the line of duty.
- Served six (6) months in South Vietnam or served six (6) months outside the geographical limits of South Vietnam, but contributed direct combat support to the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces during such period. The six (6) months required need not be consecutive.
- Assigned in Vietnam on 28 January 1973, and either served a minimum of sixty (60) days in Vietnam as of that date, or completed a minimum of sixty (60) days service in Vietnam during the period from 29 January 1973 to 28 March 1973, inclusive.



The **American Campaign Medal** is a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942, by Executive Order 9265 issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.<sup>[1][2]</sup> The medal was intended to recognize those military members who had performed military service in the American Theater of Operations during World War II.<sup>[2]</sup> A similar medal, known as the American Defense Service Medal was awarded for active duty service before the United States entry into World War II.

The requirements for the American Campaign Medal were for service within the American Theater between 7 December 1941 and 2 March 1946 under any of the following conditions:<sup>[1]</sup>

1. On permanent assignment outside the continental limits of the United States.
2. Permanently assigned as a member of a crew of a vessel sailing ocean waters for a period of 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.
3. Outside the continental limits of the United States in a passenger status or on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days.
4. In active combat against the enemy and was awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the commanding general of a corps, higher unit, or independent force that the Soldier actually participated in combat.
5. Within the continental limits of the United States for an aggregate period of 1 year.

The boundaries of American Theater are as follows: The eastern boundary is located from the North Pole, south along the 75th meridian west longitude to the 77th parallel north latitude, thence southeast through Davis Strait to the intersection of the 40th parallel north latitude and the 35th meridian west longitude, thence south along the meridian to the 10th parallel north latitude, thence southeast to the intersection of the Equator and the 20th meridian west longitude, thence south along the 20th meridian west longitude to the South Pole.

The western boundary is located from the North Pole, south along the 141st meridian west longitude to the east boundary of Alaska, thence south and southeast along the Alaska boundary to the Pacific Ocean, thence south along the 130th meridian to its intersection with the 30th parallel north latitude, thence southeast to the intersection of the Equator and the 100th meridian west longitude, thence south to the South Pole.

3/16 inch service stars were authorized to service members who participated in combat with Axis forces within the American Theater. This primarily applied to those service members whose units participated in anti-U-Boat patrols (Anti-submarine warfare) in the Atlantic.<sup>[3]</sup>



The **European–African–Middle Eastern Campaign Medal** is a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by Executive Order 9265 <sup>[1][2]</sup> issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt<sup>[3]</sup> The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the European Theater (to include North Africa and the Middle East) during the years of the Second World War.<sup>[4]</sup>

Originally known as the "EAME Ribbon", the European–African–Middle Eastern Campaign Medal is awarded for any service performed between December 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946 inclusive,<sup>[2][4]</sup> provided such service was performed in the following geographical theater areas: West boundary. -- From the North Pole, south along the 75th meridian west longitude to the 77th parallel north latitude, thence southeast through Davis Strait to the intersection of the 40th parallel north latitude and the 35th meridian west longitude, thence south along that meridian to the 10th parallel north latitude, thence southeast to the intersection of the equator and the 20th meridian west longitude, thence along the 20th meridian west longitude to the South Pole. East boundary— From the North Pole, south along the 60th meridian east longitude to its intersection with the eastern border of Iran, thence south along that border to the Gulf of Oman and the intersection of the 60th meridian east longitude, thence south along the 60th meridian east longitude to the South Pole.<sup>[4]</sup>

Devices[edit]

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For those service members who participated in one or more designated military campaigns, campaign stars are authorized to be worn on the medal. The Arrowhead device is also authorized to be worn on the medal for those who participated in airborne or amphibious assault landings. The Fleet Marine Force Combat Operation Insignia is also authorized for wear on the medal for sailors attached to the Marine Corps.<sup>[2][3]</sup>



The **Asiatic–Pacific Campaign Medal**<sup>[1]</sup> is a United States military award of the Second World War, which was awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater from 1941 to 1945. The medal was created on November 6, 1942 by Executive Order 9265<sup>[2]</sup> issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was designed by Thomas Hudson Jones; the reverse side was designed by Adolph Alexander Weinman which is the same design as used on the reverse of the American Campaign Medal and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

There were 21 Army and 48 Navy-Marine Corps official campaigns of the Pacific Theater, denoted on the suspension and service ribbon of the medal by service stars which also were called "battle stars"; some Navy construction battalion units issued the medal with Arabic numerals. The Arrowhead device is authorized for those campaigns which involved participation in amphibious assault landings. The Fleet Marine Force Combat Operation Insignia is also authorized for wear on the medal for Navy service members who participated in combat while assigned to a Marine Corps unit. The flag colors of the United States and Japan are visible in the ribbon.

The Asiatic–Pacific Campaign Medal was first issued as a service ribbon in 1942. A full medal was authorized in 1947, the first of which was presented to General of the Army Douglas MacArthur. The European Theater equivalent of the medal was known as the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

Boundaries of Asiatic-Pacific Theater. (1) The eastern boundary is coincident with the western boundary of the American Theater. (2) The western boundary is from the North Pole south along the 60th meridian east longitude to its intersection with the east boundary of Iran, then south along the Iran boundary to the Gulf of Oman and the intersection of the 60th meridian east longitude, then south along the 60th meridian east longitude to the South Pole.<sup>[3]</sup>