

MEMBERSHIP 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 Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard 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:

Campaign Medal Military Service Qualifying Dates

Expeditionary	Navy/Marine Corps	Feb. 12, 1874 - Open
Spanish Campaign	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 Dec. 10, 1898	Army	Aug. 14, 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 Navy	Apr. 6, 1917 - Apr. 1, 1920 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		May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947
Germany (except West Berlin)		May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955
Korea		Sep. 3, 1945 - Jun. 29, 1949
Japan		Sep. 3, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
Austria		May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955
Germany (West Berlin)		May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990
Navy Occupation Service Medal		
Italy		May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947

Trieste	May 8, 1945 - Oct. 26, 1954
Germany (except West Berlin)	May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955
Austria	May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1955
Asiatic Pacific	Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952

Korean Service Medal Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954

Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

Cuban Military Operation	Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
Thailand Military Operation	May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean Operation	Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979
	Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
Lebanon	Aug. 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983
Libyan Expedition	Jan. 20, 1986 - Jun. 27, 1986
Persian Gulf	Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
Panama - (pre and post invasion)	Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989
	Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia	Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda (11th Marine Expeditionary Unit USS Peleliu)	Apr. 7-18, 1994

Vietnam Service Medal July 4, 1965 - Mar. 28, 1973

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Lebanon	Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958
Taiwan Straits	Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959
Quemoy and 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
Dominican Republic	Apr. 23, 1965 - Sep. 21, 1966
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 - 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 mbrs. 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 62o 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 62o E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.	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 56o E Long., and Incirlik AB, Turkey (only pers. TDY to ONW)	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, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea support.	Dec. 16, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm (combat areas of operation only)	Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 30, 1995
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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 - Open

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 Jun. 30, 1949 - Open

Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial waters for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty

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 with GOLD BORDER Apr. 2004 - Open

Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay Jan 1, 1971 - Present