

# 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	Japan		Sep. 3, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Spanish Campaign</u>	Army Navy	May 11, 1898 - Aug. 16, 1898 Apr. 20, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	<u>Navy Occupation Service Medal</u>		
			Italy		May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947
<u>Army of Cuba Occupation</u>	Army	Jul. 18, 1898 - May 20, 1902	Trieste		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 26, 1954
<u>Army of Puerto Rico Occupation</u>	Army	Aug. 14, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	Germany ( <i>except West Berlin</i> )		May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955
<u>Philippine Campaign</u>	Army Navy	Feb. 4, 1899 - Dec. 31, 1913 Feb. 4, 1899 - Sep. 15, 1906	Austria		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1955
<u>China Relief Expedition</u>	Army Navy	Jun. 20, 1900 - May 27, 1901 Apr. 5, 1900 - May 27, 1901	Asiatic Pacific		Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Cuban Pacification</u>	Army Navy	Oct. 6, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909 Sep. 12, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909	<u>Korean Service Medal</u>		Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954
<u>Mexican Service</u>	Army Navy	Apr. 12, 1911 - Jun. 16, 1919 Apr. 12, 1914 - Feb. 7, 1917	<u>Navy &amp; Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal</u>		
<u>First Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 29, 1912 - Nov. 14, 1912	Cuban Military Operation		Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
<u>Haitian Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 9, 1915 - Dec. 6, 1915 Apr. 1, 1919 - Jun. 15, 1920	Thailand Military Operation		May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
<u>Dominican Campaign</u>	Navy	May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916	Iranian, Yemen & Indian Ocean Operation		Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979 Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
<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	Lebanon		Aug. 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983
<u>Army Occup. of Germany</u>	Army	Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923	Libyan Expedition		Jan. 20, 1986 - Jun. 27, 1986
<u>Second Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933	Persian Gulf		Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
<u>Yangtze Service</u>	Navy	Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927 Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932	Panama (pre and post invasion)		Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989 Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
<u>China Service</u>	Navy	Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939 Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957	Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia		Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
<u>American Defense Service</u> (with foreign service clasp)	Army - Navy	Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941	Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda (11th Marine Exped. Unit USS Peleliu)		Apr. 7-18, 1994
<u>European-African- Middle Eastern Campaign</u>	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945	<u>Vietnam Service Medal</u>		Jul. 1, 1958 - Mar. 28, 1973 Apr. 29 - 30, 1975
<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	<u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u>		
<u>Asiatic-Pacific Campaign</u>	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Lebanon		Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958
<u>Army of Occupation</u> (30 consecutive days of duty)			Taiwan Straits		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959
Italy		May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947	Quemoy & Matsu Islands		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jun. 1, 1963
Germany ( <i>except West Berlin</i> )		May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955	Vietnam		Jul. 1, 1958 - Jul. 3, 1965
Austria		May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955	Congo		Jul. 14, 1960 - Sep. 1, 1962
Germany ( <i>West Berlin</i> )		May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990	Laos		Apr. 19, 1961 - Oct. 7, 1962
Korea		Sep. 3, 1945 - Jun. 29, 1949	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

Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates	Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
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
Thailand (only those in direct support of Cambodia)		Mar. 29, 1973 - Aug. 15, 1973	Former Republic of Yugoslavia		Jan. 1, 2014 - Open
Operation Eagle Pull - <i>Cambodia</i> (includes evacuation)		Apr. 11-13, 1975	<b>Southwest Asia Service Medal</b>		
Operation Frequent Wind - <i>Vietnam</i> (includes evacuation)		Apr. 29-30, 1975	Operation Desert Shield/ Operation Desert Storm (combat areas of operation only)		Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 30, 1995
Mayaguez Operation		May 15, 1975	Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan.		Jan. 17, 1991 - Apr. 11, 1991
El Salvador		Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992	<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal</b>		
Lebanon		Jun. 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987	Operation Allied Force - <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i>		Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
Operation Urgent Fury - <i>Grenada</i>		Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983	Kosovo Defense Campaign - <i>Ground Action</i>		Jun. 11, 1999 - Dec. 31, 2013
Eldorado Canyon - <i>Libya</i>		Apr. 12-17, 1986	<b>Combat Infantryman Badge &amp; Combat Medical Badge</b>	Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
Operation Earnest Will - <i>Persian Gulf</i> (only those participating in, or in direct support)		Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990	<b>Air Force Combat Action Medal</b>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
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	<b>Combat Action Ribbon</b>	Navy - Marine Coast Guard	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open Dec. 6, 1941 - April 30, 1975
United Shield - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<b>Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon</b>	Coast Guard	May 1, 1975 - Open
Operation Restore Hope - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<b>Combat Action Badge</b>	Army	Sep. 18, 2001 - Open
Operation Uphold Democracy - <i>Haiti</i>		Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995	<b>SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia</b>	Navy	Jan. 21, 1961 - Open
Operation Joint Endeavor - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996	<b>Korea Duty</b>		Jun. 30, 1949 - Open
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, &amp; Persian Gulf.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Feb. 15, 1997	Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial waters for (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)		
Operation Southern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Yemen, Egypt, &amp; Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003	<b>Korea Defense Service Medal</b>		Jul. 28, 1954 - Open
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, &amp; Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003	<b>Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal</b>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Operation Joint Guard - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998	<b>Afghanistan Campaign Medal</b>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
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	<b>Iraq Campaign Medal</b>		Mar. 19, 2003 - Dec. 31, 2011
Operation Joint Forge - <i>Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Jun. 20, 1998 - Mar. 23, 1999	<b>Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with GOLD BORDER</b>		Apr. 2004 - Open
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	<b>Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal</b>		June 15, 2014 - Open
			<b>Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay</b>		
<p>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.</p>					