

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

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<b><u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u></b> (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)					
Lebanon		Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958	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 - Open
Taiwan Straits		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959	Operation Joint Guard - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998
Quemoy & Matsu Islands		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jun. 1, 1963	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 - Open
Vietnam		Jul. 1, 1958 - Jul. 3, 1965	Operation Joint Forge - <i>Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Jun. 21, 1998 - Open
Congo		Jul. 14, 1960 - Sep. 1, 1962	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
Laos		Apr. 19, 1961 - Oct. 7, 1962	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
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 - <i>Cambodia (includes evacuation)</i>		Apr. 11-13, 1975	<b><u>Southwest Asia Service Medal</u></b>		
Operation Frequent Wind - <i>Vietnam (includes evacuation)</i>		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			
Lebanon		Jun. 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987	<b><u>Kosovo Campaign Medal</u></b>		
Operation Urgent Fury - <i>Grenada</i>		Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983	Operation Allied Force - <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i>		Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
Eldorado Canyon - <i>Libya</i>		Apr. 12-17, 1986	Kosovo Defense Campaign - <i>Ground Action</i>		Jun. 11, 1999 - Open
Operation Earnest Will - <i>Persian Gulf (only those participating in, or in direct support)</i>		Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990	<b><u>Combat Infantry Badge &amp; Combat Medical Badge</u></b>	Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
Operation Just Cause - <i>Panama (USS Vreeland &amp; other SVS-designated aircrew mbrs. outside the Conus in direct support)</i>		Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990	<b><u>Combat Action Ribbon</u></b>	Navy, Marine, Coast Guard	Mar. 1, 1961 - Open
United Shield - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<b><u>Korea Defense Service Medal</u></b>		July 28, 1954 - Open
Operation Restore Hope - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<b><u>Korea Duty</u></b>		Jun. 30, 1949 - Open
Operation Uphold Democracy - <i>Haiti</i>		Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995	Service on the Korean Peninsula or in its territorial waters for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty.		
Operation Joint Endeavor - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea &amp; airspace.</i>		Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996	<b><u>Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal</u></b>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, &amp; Persian Gulf.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Sep. 1, 1997	<b><u>Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay</u></b>		
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 - Open			

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