

## DISABLED VETERAN

- A veteran of the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or
- A person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability

## OTHER PROTECTED VETERAN

- A veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval, or air service during a war or in a campaign or expedition for which a campaign badge has been authorized.
  - This category **does not** include medals awarded for non-combat operations. Medals **specifically excluded** are (see Armed Forces Service Medal Veteran below):
  - Global War on Terrorism Medal for service from September 11, 2001, to date to be determined.
  - The Medal of Merit for meritorious service in World War II.
  - The Medal of Freedom for meritorious achievements or meritorious service to the United States on or after December 7, 1941, in the war against an enemy outside the continental limits of the United States.
  - The Antarctica Service Medal for participating in a scientific, direct support, or exploratory operation on the Antarctic Continent.
  - The National Defense Service Medal for honorable service between June 27, 1950 and July 27, 1954 or January 1, 1961 and August 14, 1974; or for the period between August 2, 1990, and November 30, 1995.

## ARMED FORCES SERVICE MEDAL VETERAN

- A veteran who, while service on active duty in the U.S. military, ground, naval or air service, participated in a United States military operation for which an Armed Forces service medal was awarded pursuant to Executive Order 12985 (61 Fed. Reg. 1209)
- This category **does not** include:
  - The Armed Forces Service Medal for participation in a United States military operation deemed to be a significant activity for which there was no threat of encounter of foreign armed opposition or imminent threat of hostile action.
  - The Armed Forces Reserve Medal for 10 years of honorable service in a Reserve component; or active duty service in a

Reserve component on or after August 1, 1990; or volunteer service for active duty on or after August 1, 1990.

- Below is a list of those that **do qualify**:

### QUALIFYING CAMPAIGNS AND EXPEDITIONS

CAMPAIGN OR EXPEDITION	INCLUSIVE DATES
<p><b>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM)</b> A veteran's DD Form 214 showing the award of any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is acceptable proof.</p>	<p>The DD Form 214 does not have to show the name of the theater or country of service for which the medal is awarded.</p>
<p><b>Afghanistan</b> (Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF))</p>	<p>OEF September 11, 2001, to present; OIF March 19, 2003, to present</p>
<p><b>Berlin</b></p>	<p>August 15, 1961 to June 1, 1963</p>
<p><b>Bosnia</b> (Operations Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, and Joint Forge))</p>	<p>November 20, 1995 to December 20, 1996; December 20, 1996 to June 20, 1998; June 21, 1998 to present</p>
<p><b>Cambodia</b></p>	<p>March 29, 1973 to August 15, 1973</p>
<p><b>Cambodia Evacuation</b> (Operation Eagle Pull)</p>	<p>April 11-13, 1975</p>
<p><b>Congo</b></p>	<p>July 14, 1960 to September 1, 1962 and November 23 to 27, 1964</p>
<p><b>Cuba</b></p>	<p>October 24, 1962 to June 1, 1963</p>
<p><b>Dominican Republic</b></p>	<p>April 28, 1965 to September 21, 1966</p>
<p><b>El Salvador</b></p>	<p>January 1, 1981 to February 1, 1962</p>
<p><b>Global War on Terrorism</b></p>	<p>September 11, 2001 to present</p>
<p><b>Grenada</b> (Operation Urgent Fury)</p>	<p>October 23, 1983 to November 21, 1983</p>
<p><b>Haiti</b> Operation Uphold Democracy)</p>	<p>September 16, 1994 to March 31, 1995</p>
<p><b>Iraq</b> (Operations Northern Watch, Desert Spring, Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Iraqi Freedom (OIF))</p>	<p>January 1, 1997 to present; December 31, 1998 to December 31, 2002 (projected); OEF September 11, 2001 to present; OIF March 19, 2003 to present</p>
<p><b>Korea</b></p>	<p>October 1, 1996 to June 30, 1974</p>

<b>Kosovo</b>	March 24, 1999 to present
<b>Laos</b>	April 19, 1961 to October 7, 1962
<b>Lebanon</b>	July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958 and June 1, 1983 to December 1, 1987
<b>Mayaguez Operation</b>	May 15, 1975 to May 15, 1975
<b>Operations in the Libyan Area</b> Operation Eldorado Canyon)	April 12, 1986 to April 17, 1986
<b>Panama</b> (Operation Just Cause)	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
<b>Persian Gulf Operation</b> Operation Earnest Will)	July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990
<b>Persian Gulf Operation</b> (Operation Southern Watch)	December 1, 1995 to present
<b>Persian Gulf Operation</b> (Operation Vigilant Sentinel)	December 1, 1995 to February 1, 1997
<b>Persian Gulf Operation</b> (Operation Desert Thunder)	November 11, 1998 to December 22, 1998
<b>Persian Gulf Operation</b> (Operation Desert Fox)	December 16, 1998 to December 22, 1998
<b>Persian Gulf Intercept Operation</b>	December 1, 1995 to present
<b>Quemoy and Matsu Islands</b>	August 23, 1958 to January 1, 1959
<b>Somalia</b> (Operations Restore Hope and United Shield)	December 5, 1992 to March 31, 1995
<b>Taiwan Straits</b>	August 23, 1958 to January 1, 1959
<b>Thailand</b>	May 16, 1962 to August 10, 1962
<b>Vietnam Evacuation</b> (Operation Frequent Wind)	April 29, 1975 to April 30, 1975
<b>Vietnam</b> (including Thailand)	July 1, 1958 to July 3, 1965

**QUALIFYING NAVY EXPEDITIONARY MEDALS AND MARINE CORPS MEDALS**

**CAMPAIGN OR EXPEDITION**

<b>Cuba</b>
<b>Indian Ocean/Iran</b>
<b>Iranian/Yemen/Indian Ocean</b>

**INCLUSIVE DATES**

January 3, 1961 to October 23, 1962
November 21, 1979 to October 20, 1981
December 8, 1978 to June 6, 1979

<b>Lebanon</b>	August 20, 1982 to May 31, 1983
<b>Liberia</b> (Operation Sharp Edge)	August 5, 1990 to February 21, 1991
<b>Libyan Area</b>	January 20, 1986 to June 27, 1986
<b>Panama</b>	April 1, 1980 to December 19, 1986 and February 1, 1990 to June 13, 1990
<b>Persian Gulf</b>	February 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987
<b>Rwanda</b> (Operation Distant Runner)	April 7 - 18, 1994
<b>Thailand</b>	May 16 - August 10, 1962
<b>Army Occupation of Austria</b>	May 9, 1945 to July 27, 1955
<b>Army Occupation of Berlin</b>	May 9, 1945 to October 2, 1990
<b>Army Occupation of Germany</b> (exclusive of Berlin)	May 9, 1945 to May 5, 1955
<b>Army Occupation of Japan</b>	September 3, 1945 to April 27, 1952
<b>Chinese Service Medal (Extended)</b>	September 2, 1945 to April 1, 1957
<b>Korea Defense Service Medal</b>	July 28, 1954 to (date to be determined)
<b>Korean Service</b>	June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Operation Allied Force	March 24, 1999 to June 10, 1999
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Operation Joint Guardian	June 11, 1999 to (date to be determined)
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Operation Allied Harbor	April 4, 1999 to September 1, 1999
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Operation Sustain Hope/Shining Hope	April 4, 1999 to July 20, 1999
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Operation Noble Anvil	March 24, 1999 to July 20, 1999
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Task Force Hawk	April 5, 1999 to June 24, 1999
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Task Force Saber	March 31, 1999 to July 8, 1999
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Task Force Falcon	June 11, 1999 to (date to be determined)
<b>Kosovo Campaign Medal (KCM)</b> Task Force Hunter	April 1, 1999 to November 1, 1999
<b>Navy Occupation of Austria</b>	May 8, 1945 to October 25, 1954

<b>Navy Occupation of Trieste</b>	May 8, 1945 to October 25, 1954
<b>Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM)</b> (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm)	August 2, 1990 to November 30, 1995
<b>Units of the Sixth Fleet (Navy)</b>	May 9, 1945 to October 25, 1955
<b>Vietnam Service Medal (VSM)</b>	July 4, 1965 to March 28, 1973
<b>Rwanda</b> (Operation Distant Runner)	April 7 - 18, 1994
<b>Thailand</b>	May 16 - August 10, 1962

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