

Wars, Campaigns, and Expeditions of the Armed Forces Since 1937

a. Wars ¹		Organizations Participating (indicated by "X" below)				
War	Inclusive Dates	Army	Navy	Air Force ²	Marine Corps	Coast Guard
World War I	Apr. 6, 1917 to July 2, 1921 ³	X	X	-	X	X
World War II	Dec. 7, 1941 to Apr. 28, 1952 ⁴	X	X	X	X	X
b. Nonwar Campaigns and Expeditions Since 1937 for Which a Campaign or Expeditionary Medal Has Been Awarded.						
		Organizations Participating (indicated by "X" below)				
Campaign or Expedition	Inclusive Dates	Army	Navy	Air Force ²	Marine Corps	Coast Guard
China Service	July 7, 1937 to Sept. 7, 1939	-	X	-	X	-
American Defense Service	Sept. 8, 1939 to Dec. 7, 1941	X	X	-	X	X
Navy Occupation of Trieste	May 8, 1945 to Oct. 25, 1954	-	X	-	-	X
Army Occupation of Germany (exclusive of Berlin)	May 9, 1945 to May 5, 1955	X	X	X	-	X
Army Occupation of Berlin	May 9, 1945 to Oct. 2, 1990	X	X	X	X	X
Army Occupation of Austria	May 9, 1945 to July 27, 1955	X	-	X	-	-
Navy Occupation of Austria	May 9, 1945 to Oct. 25, 1955	-	X	-	X	-
Units of the Sixth Fleet (Navy)	May 9, 1945 to Oct. 25, 1955	-	X	-	-	-
China Service Medal (Extended)	Sept. 2, 1945 to Apr. 1, 1957	-	X	-	X	X
Army Occupation of Japan	Sept. 3, 1945 to Apr. 27, 1952	X	X	X	X	X
Korean Service	June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954	X	X	X	X	X
Vietnam Service Medal (VSM)	July 4, 1965 to Mar. 28, 1973	X	X	X	X	X
Southwest Asia Service Medal (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm)	Aug. 2, 1990 to Nov. 30, 1995	X	X	X	X	X
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) for these operations:						
Lebanon	July 1, 1958 to Nov. 1, 1958 and June 1, 1983 to Dec. 1, 1987	X	X	X	X	X
Vietnam (including Thailand)	July 1, 1958 to July 3, 1965	X	X	X	X	X
Quemoy and Matsu Islands	Aug. 23, 1958 to June 1, 1963	X	X	X	X	X
Taiwan Straits	Aug. 23, 1958 to Jan. 1, 1959	X	X	X	X	X
Cuba	Oct. 24, 1962 to June 1, 1963	X	X	X	X	X
Congo	July 14, 1960 to Sept. 1, 1962 and Nov. 23 to 27, 1964	X	X	X	X	X
Laos	Apr. 19, 1961 to Oct. 7, 1962	X	X	X	X	X
Berlin	Aug. 14, 1961 to June 1, 1963	X	X	X	X	X
Thailand	May 16, 1962 to Aug. 10, 1962	X	X	X	X	X
Dominican Republic	Apr. 28, 1965 to Sept. 21, 1966	X	X	X	X	X
Korea	Oct. 1, 1966 to June 30, 1974	X	X	X	X	X
Cambodia	Mar. 29, 1973 to Aug. 15, 1973	X	X	X	X	X
Cambodia Evacuation (Operation Eagle Pull)	Apr. 11, 1975 to Apr. 13, 1975	X	X	X	X	X
Vietnam Evacuation (Operation Frequent Wind)	Apr. 29, 1975 to Apr. 30, 1975	X	X	X	X	X
Mayaguez Operation	15-May-75	X	X	X	X	X
Indian Ocean/Iran	Nov. 21, 1979 to Oct. 20, 1981	X	X	X	X	X
El Salvador	Jan. 1, 1981 to Feb. 1, 1992	X	X	X	X	X

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		Army	Navy	Air Force ²	Marine Corps	Coast Guard
Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury)	Oct. 23, 1983 to Nov. 21, 1983	X	X	X	X	X
Operations in the Libyan Area (Operation Eldorado Canyon)	Apr. 12 thru Apr. 17, 1986	X	X	X	X	X
Persian Gulf Operation (Operation Earnest Watch)	July 24, 1987 to Aug. 1, 1990	X	X	X	X	X
(Operation Vigilant Sentinel)	Dec. 1, 1995 to Feb. 15, 1997	X	X	X	X	X
(Operation Southern Watch) ⁵	Dec. 1, 1995 to	X	X	X	X	X
Panama (Operation Just Cause)	Dec. 20, 1989 to Jan. 31, 1990	X	X	X	X	X
Somalia (Operation Restore Hope)	Dec. 5, 1992 to Mar. 31, 1995	X	X	X	X	X
Haiti (Operation Uphold Democracy)	Sept. 16, 1994 to Mar. 31, 1995	X	X	X	X	X
Bosnia (Operation Joint Endeavor)	Nov. 20, 1995 to Dec. 20, 1996	X	X	X	X	X
(Operation Joint Guard)	Dec. 20, 1996 to	X	X	X	X	X
Persian Gulf Intercept Operation ⁵	Dec. 1, 1995 to	X	X	X	X	X
Iraq (Operation Northern Watch) ⁵	Jan. 1, 1997 to	X	X	X	X	X
Kosovo ⁵	Mar. 24, 1999 to	X	X	X	X	X
Navy Expeditionary Medal and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for these operations:						
Cuba	Jan. 3, 1961 to Oct. 23, 1962	-	X	-	X	-
Iranian/Yemen/Indian Ocean	Dec. 8, 1978 to June 6, 1979	-	X	-	X	-
Indian Ocean/Iran	Nov. 21, 1979 to Oct. 20, 1981	-	X	-	X	-
Panama	Apr. 1, 1980 to Dec. 19, 1986 and Feb. 1, 1990 to June 13, 1990	-	X	-	X	-
Lebanon	Aug. 20, 1982 to May 31, 1983	-	X	-	X	-
Libyan Area	Jan. 20, 1986 to June 27, 1986	-	X	-	X	-
Persian Gulf	Feb. 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987	-	X	-	X	-
Liberia (Operation Sharp Edge)	Aug. 5, 1990 to Feb. 21, 1991	-	X	-	X	-
Rwanda (Operation Distant Runner)	Apr. 7, 1994 to Apr. 18, 1994	-	X	-	X	-

¹ "Wars" include only those armed conflicts for which a declaration of war was issued by Congress. The Title 38, U.S.C., definition of "war," which is used in determining benefits administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, includes all Wars, Campaigns, and Expeditions. The Title 38 definition is not applicable for purposes of granting special leave and gratuity benefits.

² The United States Air Force became a separate branch of the Armed Forces of the United States on September 18, 1947.

³ July 7, 1921 is the date of a Joint Resolution of the U.S. Congress that terminated the war with Germany and Austria-Hungary.

⁴ The effective date of the Treaty of Peace with Japan that officially terminated World War II.

⁵ Ongoing campaign or operation through August 2000.