

### Campaigns and Expeditions of the Armed Forces Which Qualify for Veterans' Preference

Military personnel receive many awards and decorations. To help make decisions concerning entitlement to veterans' preference, the following list identifies those awards that are campaign and expeditionary medals. **Any** Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, whether listed here or not, is qualifying for veterans' preference. **The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal** is qualifying for veterans' preference, provided the individual is otherwise eligible. The Department of Defense, not the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, determines who is entitled to receive a medal, and under what circumstances. The list below is derived from DoD 1348.33-M, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards.

DD Form 214, Certificate of Discharge or Separation from Active Duty, or other official documents (to include military discharge papers, or equivalent certification from the VA listing military status, dates of service, and discharge type) issued by the branch of service are required as verification of eligibility for veterans' preference.

#### U.S. Combat Campaigns and Expeditions Which Qualify for Preference

<i>Campaign or Expedition</i>	<i>Inclusive Dates</i>
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM). A veteran's DD Form 214 showing the award of any AFEM is acceptable proof. <b>The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWTEM) is included for Veteran's Preference.</b> The DD Form 214 does not have to show the name of the theater or country of service for which that medal was awarded.	
Afghanistan (Operations Enduring Freedom [OEF] and Iraqi Freedom [OIF])	OEF September 11, 2001 to present; OIF March 19, 2003 to present
Berlin	August 14, 1961 to June 1, 1963
Bosnia and Herzegovina (Operations Joint Endeavor, Joint Guard, and Joint Forge)	November 20, 1995 to December 20, 1996; December 20, 1996 to present; June 21, 1998 to present.
Cambodia	March 29, 1973 to August 15, 1973
Cambodia Evacuation (Operation Eagle Pull)	April 11 – 13, 1975
Congo	July 14, 1960 to September 1, 1962; and November 23, 1964 to November 27, 1964
Cuba	October 24, 1962 to June 1, 1963
Dominican Republic	April 28, 1965 to September 21, 1966
El Salvador	January 1, 1981 to February 1, 1992
Global War on Terrorism	September 11, 2001 to present
Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury)	October 23, 1983 to November 21, 1983
Haiti (Operation Uphold Democracy)	September 16, 1994 to March 31, 1995
Iraq (Operations Northern Watch, Desert Spring, Enduring Freedom (OEF), and Iraqi Freedom (OIF))	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
Korea	October 1, 1966 to June 30, 1974

Kosovo	March 24, 1999 to present
Laos	April 19, 1961 to October 7, 1962
Lebanon	July 1, 1958 to November 1, 1958; and June 1, 1983 to December 1, 1987
Mayaguez Operation	May 15, 1975
Operations in the Libyan Area (Operation Eldorado Canyon)	April 12 – 17, 1986
Panama (Operation Just Cause)	December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990
Persian Gulf Operation (Operation Earnest Will)	July 24, 1987 to August 1, 1990
Persian Gulf Operation (Operation Southern Watch)	December 1, 1995 to present
Persian Gulf Operation (Operation Vigilant Sentinel)	December 1, 1995 to February 1, 1997
Persian Gulf Operation (Operation Desert Thunder)	November 11, 1998 to December 22, 1998
Persian Gulf Operation (Operation Desert Fox)	December 16, 1998 to December 22, 1998
Persian Gulf Intercept Operation	December 1, 1995 to present
Quemoy and Matsu Islands	August 23, 1958 to June 1, 1963
Somalia (Operations Restore Hope and United Shield)	December 5, 1992 to March 31, 1995
Taiwan Straits	August 23, 1958 to January 1, 1959
Thailand	May 16, 1962 to August 10, 1962
Vietnam Evacuation (Operation Frequent Wind)	April 29 – 30, 1975
Vietnam (including Thailand)	July 1, 1958 to July 3, 1965