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List of Veterans' Qualifying Medals

The following three tables identify those awards that are campaign and expeditionary medals. Any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, whether listed here or not, is qualifying for veteran's preference. Please note, that the Department Defense determines who is entitled to receive a medal, and under what circumstances.

Campaigns and Expeditions that Qualify for Veterans' Preference

Campaign or Expedition	Inclusive dates
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) A veteran's DD 214 showing the award of any Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is acceptable proof. The DD 214 does not have to show the name of the theater or country of service for which the medal was awarded.	
Berlin	August 14, 1961 to June 1, 1963
Bosnia (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
Camdodia Evacuation (Operation Eagle Pull)	April 11-13, 1975
Congo	July 14, 1960 to September 1, 1962 and November 23-27, 1964
Cuba	October 24, 1962 to June 1, 1963
Dominican Republic	April 28, 1965 to September 21, 1996
El Salvador	January 1, 1981 to February 1, 1992
Grenada (Operations Urgent Fury)	October 23, 1983 to November 21, 1983
Haiti (Operations Uphold Democracy)	September 16, 1994 to March 31, 1995
Iraq (Operation Northern Watch)	January 1, 1997 to present
Korea	October 1, 1966 to June 30, 1974
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 Operation Intercept Operation	December 1, 1995 to present
Quemoy and Matsu Islands	August 23, 1958 to June 1, 1963
Somalia (Operation Restore Hope)	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, 1975 to April 30, 1975
Vietnam (including Thailand)	July 1, 1958 to July 3, 1965

Navy expeditionary Medal and Marine Corps Medal for these Operations:

Campaign or Expedition	Inclusive dates
Cuba	January 3, 1961 to October 23, 1962
Indian Ocean/Iran	November 21, 1979 to October 20, 1981
Iranian/Yemen/Indian Ocean	December 8, 1978 to June 6, 1979
Lebanon	August 20, 1982 to May 31, 1983
Liberia (Operation Sharp Edge)	August 5, 1990 to February 21, 1991
Libyan Area	January 20, 1986 to June 27, 1986
Panama	April 1, 1980 to December 19, 1986 and February 1, 1990 to June 13, 1990
Persian Gulf	February 1, 1987 to July 23, 1987
Thailand	April 7-18, 1994
Iranian/Yemen/Indian Ocean	May 16-August 10, 1962

Other Campaign and Service Medals Qualifying for Preference

Campaign or Expedition	Inclusive dates
Army Occupation of Austria	May 9, 1945 to July 27, 1955
Army Occupation of Berlin	May 9, 1945 to October 2, 1990
Army Occupation of Germany (exclusive of Berlin)	May 9, 1945 to May 5, 1955
Army Occupation of Japan	September 3, 1945 to April 27, 1952
Chinese Service Medal (extended)	September 2, 1945 to April 1, 1957
Korean Service	June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954
Navy Occupation of Austria	May 8, 1945 to October 25, 1955
Navy Occupation of Trieste	May 8, 1945 to October 25, 1954
Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM) (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm)	August 2, 1990 to November 30, 1995
Units of the Sixth Fleet (Navy)	May 9, 1945 to October 25, 1955
Vietnam Service Medal (VSM)	July 4, 1965 to March 28, 1973