

MANUAL OF PROCEDURE

ARTICLE I - MEMBERS

Sec. 101 - Eligibility.

The following is to be used as a guide in determining eligibility for membership and is furnished as a matter of information concerning the periods during which campaign and/or service medals were authorized:

Hostilities - Persons in the armed forces of the United States shall become eligible for membership immediately upon arrival on hostile soil, in hostile waters or the airspace above in the performance of service qualifying such persons for membership.

Subsequent Service - An applicant for membership who had honorable campaign service, terminated by a discharge under honorable conditions, but who later reenlisted or returned to active duty and had subsequent service terminated by a discharge other than honorable shall not be considered eligible for membership. A member of the organization who receives a discharge other than honorable for service subsequent to becoming a member shall, upon issuance of a special order, cease to be a member by reason of ineligibility; provided, however, that such member may request in writing that the Commander-in-Chief determine their eligibility and appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of Section 108. In the event that such discharge is subsequently changed by appropriate governmental authorities, such former member may apply for membership in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Veterans who were originally given a discharge other than honorable for refusal of repatriation shall forever be denied the privilege of membership in this organization, notwithstanding any later change in their status. Any person whose membership has been terminated under the provisions of Article IX of these By-Laws shall not be eligible for membership.

ELIGIBILITY GUIDE

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Eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is based on honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard performed by officers or enlisted personnel who have served in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service is recognized by the award of a campaign or service medal of the United States, or who served in Korea as outlined in the following guide, or who earned Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay. Persons still serving in the active armed forces may be accepted for membership provided they meet eligibility requirements.

Proof of service to establish eligibility for membership rests with the applicant. The Post is responsible for assuring the eligibility of every member accepted to membership. The Department Headquarters and the National Headquarters are accountable for the eligibility of their respective Members-at-Large.

The following campaign medals have been recognized as meeting campaign medal requirements of membership:

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Campaign Medal Military Service Qualifying Dates

Expeditionary Navy/Marine Corps Feb. 12, 1874 – Open

Spanish Campaign Army May 11, 1898 - Aug. 16, 1898
Navy Apr. 20, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898

Army of Cuba Occupation Army Jul. 18, 1898 - May 20, 1902

Army of Puerto Rico Occupation Army Aug. 14, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898

Philippine Campaign Army Feb. 4, 1899 - Dec. 31, 1913

Navy Feb. 4, 1899 - Sep. 15, 1906

China Relief Expedition Army Jun. 20, 1900 - May 27, 1901

Navy Apr. 5, 1900 - May 27, 1901

Cuban Pacification Army Oct. 6, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909

Navy Sep. 12, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909

Mexican Service Army Apr. 12, 1911 - Jun. 16, 1919

Navy Apr. 12, 1914 - Feb. 7, 1917

First Nicaraguan Campaign Navy Jul. 29, 1912 - Nov. 14, 1912

Haitian Campaign Navy Jul. 9, 1915 - Dec. 6, 1915

Apr. 1, 1919 - Jun. 15, 1920

Dominican Campaign Navy May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916

World War I Victory

(with battle or service clasp Army Apr. 6, 1917 - Apr. 1, 1920

including Siberia and European Russia) Navy Apr. 6, 1917 - Mar. 30, 1920

Army Occupation of Germany Army Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923

Second Nicaraguan Campaign Navy Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933

Yangtze Service Navy Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927

Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932

China Service Navy Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939

Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957

American Defense Service Army-Navy Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941
(with foreign service clasp)

European-African- Army-Navy Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945

Middle Eastern Campaign

American Campaign Army-Navy Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946

(30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive

days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.)

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Army-Navy Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946

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Army of Occupation (30 consecutive days of duty)

Italy May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947

Germany (except West Berlin) May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955

Korea Sep. 3, 1945 - Jun. 29, 1949

Japan Sep. 3, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952

Austria May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955

Germany (West Berlin) May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990

Navy Occupation Service Medal

Italy May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947

Trieste May 8, 1945 - Oct. 26, 1954

Germany (except West Berlin) May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955

Austria May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1955

Asiatic Pacific Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952

Korean Service Medal Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954

Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

Cuban Military Operation Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962

Thailand Military Operation May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962

Iranian, Yemen and 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 - (pre and post invasion) Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989

Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990

Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991

Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda Apr. 7-18, 1994

(11th Marine Expeditionary Unit USS Peleliu)

Vietnam Service Medal Jul. 1, 1958 - Mar. 28, 1973

Apr. 29 - 30, 1975

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Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Lebanon Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958

Taiwan Straits Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959

Quemoy and Matsu Islands Aug. 23, 1958 - Jun. 1, 1963

Vietnam Jul. 1, 1958 - Jul. 3, 1965

Congo Jul. 14, 1960 - Sep. 1, 1962

Laos Apr. 19, 1961 - Oct. 7, 1962

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 - Cambodia (includes evacuation) Apr. 11-13, 1975

Operation Frequent Wind - Vietnam (includes evacuation) Apr. 29-30, 1975

Mayaguez Operation May 15, 1975

El Salvador Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992

Lebanon Jun. 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987

Operation Urgent Fury - Grenada Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983

Eldorado Canyon - Libya Apr. 12-17, 1986

Operation Earnest Will - Persian Gulf Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990

(only those participating in, or in direct support)

Operation Just Cause - Panama Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990

(USS Vreeland & other SVS-designated

aircrew members outside the Conus in direct support)

United Shield - Somalia Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995

Operation Restore Hope - Somalia Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995
 Operation Uphold Democracy - Haiti Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995
 Operation Joint Endeavor - Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996
 Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & airspace.

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Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Operation Vigilant Sentinel - Dec. 1, 1995 - Feb. 15, 1997
 Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, & Persian Gulf.
 Operation Southern Watch - Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003
 Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE,
 Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62o E Long., Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.
 Operation Maritime Intercept - Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003
 Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman
 W of 62o E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.
 Operation Joint Guard - Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998
 Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.
 Operation Northern Watch - Jan. 1, 1997 - Mar. 18, 2003
 Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf W of 56o E Long.,
 and Incirlik AB, Turkey (only pers. TDY to ONW)
 Operation Joint Forge - Jun. 20, 1998 - Mar. 23, 1999
 Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.
 Operation Desert Thunder - Nov. 11, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
 Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen,
 Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea support.
 Operation Desert Fox - Dec. 16, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
 Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen,
 Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea support.
 Former Republic of Yugoslavia Jan. 1, 2014 - Open

Southwest Asia Service Medal

Operation Desert Shield/Operation Desert Storm Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 30, 1995
 (combat areas of operation only)
 Personnel assigned to support units serving in Jan. 17, 1991 - Apr. 11, 1991
 Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan.

Kosovo Campaign Medal

Operation Allied Force - Kosovo Air Campaign Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
 Kosovo Defense Campaign - Ground Action Jun. 11, 1999 - Dec. 31, 2013
Combat Infantry Badge & Combat Medical Badge Army Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
Combat Action Ribbon Navy, Marine, Coast Guard Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
Air Force Combat Action Medal Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Combat Action Badge Army Sep. 18, 2001 - Open

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SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia Navy Jan. 21, 1961 - Open

Korea Duty Jun. 30, 1949 - Open

Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial
 waters for 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty

Korea Defense Service Medal Jul. 28, 1954 - Open

Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Sep. 11, 2001 - Open

Afghanistan Campaign Medal Sep. 11, 2001 - Open

Iraq Campaign Medal Mar. 19, 2003 - Dec. 31, 2011

Air Force Expeditionary Service with GOLD BORDER Apr. 2004 - Open

Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal Jun. 15, 2014 - Open

Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay