

VFW AUXILIARY BENEFIT HUB

Insurance Plans

- Auto and Home Insurance
- Term Life Insurance
- Guaranteed Issue Term Life Insurance
- Long Term Care Insurance
- Medicare Supplemental Insurance
- Dental and Vision Insurance
- Cancer/Critical Illness Insurance

Additional Benefits

- Cancer Grants
- Dental and Vision discounts
- Hearing Plans - Hear in America
- Prescription Savings – Rx Savings Card
- Life Line Screening
- ID Theft Protection
- Pet Insurance
- Hartford Travel Accident Insurance
- Hartford All Accident Insurance

Travel Benefits

- Comfort Tours
- Cruise Holidays
- Veterans Holidays

VFW Auxiliary Benefit Hub

- Discounts on various products and services, benefits, insurance and professional advice
- i.e. Office Max, Office Depot, JC Penney's, Walmart, Sears, Macy's

VFW AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP/MEMBER TRANSFER APPLICATION PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Recruited/Recommended by: _____ Recruiter Member ID _____

Auxiliary No. _____ City _____ State _____ Member ID (If already a member) _____

Annual Membership Life Rejoined Previous Member No. _____, Previous Auxiliary _____

Member-at-Large Life Member-at-Large in Department of _____ or in National

These fields required. Name _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____
 Address _____ Male _____ or Female _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Phone (____) _____ - _____ E-mail _____

POST AFFILIATED: (*Must be a member to the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Membership ID _____

NON AFFILIATED: (*Veteran is not a member of the VFW Post affiliated with the Auxiliary to which you are applying.)

Relationship _____ to Eligible Veteran* _____ VFW Post _____ (If applicable)

LIFE MEMBER TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____

Accepting Treasurer's Signature _____ Date _____

ANNUAL TRANSFER, Previous Auxiliary _____ Paying _____ or Nonpaying _____? (check one)

ANNUAL TRANSFER CONVERTING TO LIFE, Previous Auxiliary _____ (Fill out Life Membership information below.)

Name of campaign ribbons or medals: _____

Dates of Service: ____/____/____ to ____/____/____ Location: _____

I attest that I am a citizen of the United States or a U.S. National, and am at least 16 years of age. I further state that I believe in God. I pledge to comply with the National Bylaws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary. I attest I am not eligible for membership in the VFW. I further attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, including my stated relationship to the Veteran.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Investigating Committee: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____

Per Section 102 of the National Bylaws. Rejected Election Date ____/____/____ Obligated Date ____/____/____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP Check here if this is a gift.
 Card will be mailed to the Auxiliary Treasurer.
 Payment: Cash Check Visa
 Mastercard Discover AMEX
 Life Membership Fee \$ _____
 Name on credit card _____
 Billing address for card _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
 Credit Card No. _____
 CVV Code _____ Exp. ____/____/____
 Signature _____ Date _____

LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACH (Bank withdrawl)
 Name of Bank _____
 Bank Routing No. _____
 Account No. _____

Attach voided check HERE. (Required)



LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES
Effective 1/1/2017

Attained age at 12/31 of year applying for Life Membership.

Through 20	\$253
21-25	\$242
26-30	\$230
31-35	\$219
36-40	\$213
41-45	\$201
46-50	\$196
51-55	\$184
56-60	\$173
61-65	\$161
66-70	\$150
71-75	\$132
76-80	\$109
81-85	\$86
86-90	\$69
91 and over	\$58

OBLIGATION

In the presence of Almighty God and the members of this organization here assembled, I do of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise that I will never wrong or defraud this organization nor a member thereof nor permit either to be wronged if in my power to prevent it. I will never propose for membership any person not eligible, according to our Bylaws. I further state that I believe in God. I will be faithful to the United States of America, obedient to the laws and loyal to the Flag. Should my membership with this organization cease in any way, I will consider this obligation as binding outside of the organization as though I had remained a member. I do so promise. Signature _____ (Must be signed by all members.)

ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY

- Separation document/DD-214
- Travel Orders
- Medical Orders
- Morning Reports
- Assignment Listings
- Buddy Affidavits
- Photo of eligible veteran in the identifiable area
- Memorial where the veteran's name appears
- Letters from eligible veterans that would establish foreign service
- Any proof that is acceptable to the VFW

VETERANS RECORDS:

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans> - request Military Service records

<https://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records>

The various categories of military service records are described in the chart below. For each category there is a code number which indicates the address at the bottom of the page to which this request should be sent. Please refer to the Instruction and Information Sheet accompanying this form as needed.

BRANCH	CURRENT STATUS OF SERVICE MEMBER	Personnel Record		Medical or Service Treatment Record	
		Personnel Record	Medical or Service Treatment Record	Personnel Record	Medical or Service Treatment Record
AIR FORCE	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 5/1/1994	14	14		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 9/30/2004	14	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2004 – 12/31/2013	1	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	1	13		
	Active (including National Guard on active duty in the Air Force), TDRL, or general officers retired with pay	1			
	Reserve, IRR, Retired Reserve in non-pay status, current National Guard officers not on active duty in the Air Force, or National Guard released from active duty in the Air Force	2			
	Current National Guard enlisted not on active duty in the Air Force	2	13		
COAST GUARD	Discharge, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1898	6			
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1898 – 3/31/1998	14	14		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 4/1/1998 – 9/30/2006	14	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/1/2006 – 9/30/2013	3	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 10/1/2013	3	14		
	Active, Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve or TDRL	3			
MARINE CORPS	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1895	6			
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1905 – 4/30/1994	14	14		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 5/1/1994 – 12/31/1998	14	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1999 – 12/31/2013	4	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	4	8		
	Individual Ready Reserve	5			
	Active, Selected Marine Corps Reserve, TDRL	4			
ARMY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 11/1/1912 (enlisted) or before 7/1/1917 (officer)	6			
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 11/1/1912 – 10/15/1992 (enlisted) or 7/1/1917 – 10/15/1992 (officer)	14			
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 10/16/1992 – 9/30/2002	14	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) 10/1/2002 – 12/31/2013	7	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired (including TDRL) on or after 1/1/2014	7	9		
	Current Soldier (Active, Reserve (including Individual Ready Reserve) or National Guard)	7			
NAVY	Discharged, deceased, or retired before 1/1/1886 (enlisted) or before 1/1/1903 (officer)	6			
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1886 – 1/30/1994 (enlisted) or 1/1/1903 – 1/30/1994 (officer)	14	14		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/31/1994 – 12/31/1994	14	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired 1/1/1995 – 12/31/2013	10	11		
	Discharged, deceased, or retired on or after 1/1/2014	10	8		
	Active, Reserve, or TDRL	10			
PHS	Public Health Service - Commissioned Corps officers only	12			

ADDRESS LIST OF CUSTODIANS and SELF-SERVICE WEBSITES (BY CODE NUMBERS SHOWN ABOVE) – Where to write/send this form

1	Air Force Personnel Center HQ AFPC/DPSIRP 550 C Street West, Suite 19 Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4721	6	National Archives & Records Administration Research Services (RDTIR) 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, DC 20408-0001	11	Department of Veterans Affairs Records Management Center ATTN: Release of Information P.O. Box 5020 St. Louis, MO 63115-5020
2	Air Reserve Personnel Center Records Management Branch (DPTSC) 18420 E. Silver Creek Avenue Building 390 MS 68 Buckley AFB, CO 80011	7	US Army Human Resources Command's web page: https://www.hrc.army.mil/TAGD/Accessing%20or%20Requesting%20Your%20Official%20Military%20Personnel%20File%20Documents or 1-888-ARMYHRC (1-888-276-9472)	12	Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support ATTN: Records Officer 1101 Wootton Parkway, Plaza Level, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20852
3	Commander, Personnel Service Center (BOPS-C-MR) MS7200 US Coast Guard 2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE Washington, DC 20593-7200 MR_CustomerService@uscg.mil	8	Navy Medicine Records Activity (NMRA) BUMED Detachment St. Louis 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, Building 103 St. Louis, MO 63120	13	AF STR Processing Center ATTN: Release of Information 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217
4	Headquarters U.S. Marine Corps Manpower Management Records & Performance (MMRP-10) 2008 Elliot Road Quantico, VA 22134-5030	9	AMEDD Record Processing Center 3370 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 116 San Antonio, TX 78217	14	National Personnel Records Center (Military Personnel Records) 1 Archives Drive St. Louis, MO 63138-1002 eVetRecs: http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/
5	Marine Forces Reserve 2000 Opelousas Avenue New Orleans, LA 70146-5400	10	Navy Personnel Command (PERS-313) 5720 Integrity Drive Millington, TN 38055-3120		

REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

Requests from veterans or deceased veteran's next-of-kin may be submitted online by using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>
To ensure the best possible service, please thoroughly review the accompanying instructions before filling out this form. PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY OR TYPE BELOW.

SECTION I - INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much information as possible.)

1. NAME USED DURING SERVICE (last, first, full middle)		2. SOCIAL SECURITY #	3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. PLACE OF BIRTH		
5. SERVICE, PAST AND PRESENT (For an effective records search, it is important that ALL service be shown below.)						
	BRANCH OF SERVICE	DATE ENTERED	DATE RELEASED	OFFICER	ENLISTED	SERVICE NUMBER (If unknown, write "unknown")
a. ACTIVE	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. RESERVE	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. STATE NATIONAL GUARD	-			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

6. IS THIS PERSON DECEASED? NO YES - *MUST provide Date of Death if veteran is deceased:* _____

7. DID THIS PERSON RETIRE FROM MILITARY SERVICE? NO YES

SECTION II - INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED

1. CHECK THE ITEM(S) YOU ARE REQUESTING:

DD Form 214 or equivalent. Year(s) in which form(s) issued to veteran: _____
 This form contains information normally needed to verify military service. A copy may be sent to the veteran, the deceased veteran's next-of-kin, or other persons or organizations, if authorized in Section III, below. An **UNDELETED DD214 is ordinarily required to determine eligibility for benefits.** If you request a DELETED copy, the following items will be blacked out: authority for separation, reason for separation, reenlistment eligibility code, separation (SPD/SPN) code, and, for separations after June 30, 1979, character of separation and dates of time lost.
 An **UNDELETED copy will be sent UNLESS YOU SPECIFY A DELETED COPY by checking this box:** I want a DELETED copy.

Medical Records Includes Service Treatment Records, Health (outpatient) and Dental Records. **IF HOSPITALIZED (inpatient) the FACILITY NAME and DATE (month and year) for EACH admission MUST be provided:** _____

Other (Specify): _____

2. **PURPOSE:** (Providing information about the purpose of the request is **strictly voluntary**; however, it may help to provide the best possible response and may result in a faster reply. Information provided will in no way be used to make a decision to deny the request.)

Benefits (explain) Employment VA Loan Programs Medical Genealogy Correction Personal Other (explain)

Explain here: _____

SECTION III - RETURN ADDRESS AND SIGNATURE

1. **REQUESTER NAME:** _____

2. I am the MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER OR VETERAN identified in Section I, above.

I am the DECEASED VETERAN'S NEXT-OF-KIN (**MUST submit Proof of Death. See item 2a on instruction sheet.**)

 (Relationship to deceased veteran)

I am the VETERAN'S LEGAL GUARDIAN (**MUST submit copy of Court Appointment**) or AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (**MUST submit copy of Authorization Letter or Power of Attorney**)

OTHER

 (Specify type of Other)

3. **SEND INFORMATION/DOCUMENTS TO:**
 (Please print or type. See item 4 on accompanying instructions.)

Name _____

Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

4. **AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE:** I declare (or certify, verify, or state) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information in this Section III is true and correct and that I authorize the release of the requested information. (See items 2a or 3a on accompanying instruction sheet. Without the Authorization Signature of the veteran, next-of-kin of deceased veteran, veteran's legal guardian, authorized government agent, or other authorized representative, only limited information can be released unless the request is archival. No signature is required if the request is for archival records.)

Signature Required - Do not print _____ Date _____

Daytime phone _____ Fax Number _____

Email address _____

* This form is available at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html> on the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site. *

INSTRUCTION AND INFORMATION SHEET FOR SF 180, REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS

1. General Information. The Standard Form 180, Request Pertaining to Military Records (SF180) is used to request information from military records. Certain identifying information is necessary to determine the location of an individual's record of military service. Please try to answer each item on the SF 180. If you do not have and cannot obtain the information for an item, show "NA," meaning the information is "not available". Include as much of the requested information as you can. Incomplete information may delay response time. To determine where to mail this request see Page 2 of the SF180 for record locations and facility addresses.

Online requests may be submitted to the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) by a veteran or deceased veteran's next-of-kin using eVetRecs at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

2. Personnel Records/Military Human Resource Records/Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) and Medical Records/Service Treatment Records (STR). Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **LESS THAN 62 YEARS AGO** and medical records are in the legal custody of the military service department and are administered in accordance with rules issued by the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, Coast Guard). STRs of persons on active duty are generally kept at the local servicing clinic. After the last day of active duty, STRs should be requested from the appropriate address on page 2 of the SF 180. (See item 3, Archival Records, if the military member was discharged, retired or died in service more than 62 years ago.)

a. **Release of information:** Release of information is subject to restrictions imposed by the military services consistent with Department of Defense regulations, the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the Privacy Act of 1974. The service member (either past or present) or the member's legal guardian has access to almost any information contained in that member's own record. The authorization signature of the service member or the member's legal guardian is needed in Section III of the SF180. Others requesting information from military personnel records and/or STRs must have the release authorization in Section III of the SF 180 signed by the member or legal guardian. If the appropriate signature cannot be obtained, only limited types of information can be provided. If the former member is deceased, the surviving next-of-kin may, under certain circumstances, be entitled to greater access to a deceased veteran's records than a member of the general public. The next-of-kin may be any of the following: unremarried surviving spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Requesters **MUST provide proof of death, such as a copy of a death certificate, newspaper article (obituary) or death notice, coroner's report of death, funeral director's signed statement of death, or verdict of coroner's jury.**

b. **Fees for records:** There is no charge for most services provided to service members or next-of-kin of deceased veterans. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances, service fees cannot be determined in advance. If your request involves a service fee, you will receive an invoice with your records.

3. Archival Records. Personnel records of military members who were discharged, retired, or died in service **62 OR MORE YEARS AGO** have been transferred to the legal custody of NARA and are referred to as "archival records".

a. **Release of Information:** Archival records are open to the public. The Privacy Act of 1974 does not apply to archival records, therefore, written authorization from the veteran or next-of-kin is not required. In order to protect the privacy of the veteran, his/her family, and third parties named in the records, the personal privacy exemption of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552 (b) (6)) may still apply and may preclude the release of some information.

b. **Fees for Archival Records:** Access to archival records are granted by offering copies of the records for a fee (44 U.S.C. 2116 (c)). If a fee applies to the photocopies of documents in the requested record, you will receive an invoice. Photocopies will be sent after payment is made. For more information see <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/archival-programs/military-personnel-archival/ompf-archival-requests.html>.

4. Where reply may be sent. The reply may be sent to the service member or any other address designated by the service member or other authorized requester. If the designated address is NOT registered to the addressee by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS), provide BOTH the addressee's name AND "in care of" (c/o) the name of the person to whom the address is registered on the NAME line in Section III, item 3, on page 1 of the SF 180. The COMPLETE address must be provided, INCLUDING any apartment/suite/unit/lot/space/etc. number.

5. Definitions and abbreviations. DISCHARGED -- the individual has no current military status; SERVICE TREATMENT RECORD (STR) -- The chronology of medical, mental health, and dental care received by service members during the course of their military career (does not include records of treatment while hospitalized); TDRL -- Temporary Disability Retired List.

6. Service completed before World War I. National Archives Trust Fund (NATF) forms must be used to request these records. Obtain the forms by e-mail from inquire@nara.gov or write to the Code 6 address on page 2 of the SF 180.

PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

The following information is provided in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) and applies to this form. Authority for collection of the information is 44 U.S.C. 2907, 3101, and 3103, and Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996), as amended in title 31, section 7701. Disclosure of the information is voluntary. If the requested information is not provided, it may delay servicing your inquiry because the facility servicing the service member's record may not have all of the information needed to locate it. The purpose of the information on this form is to assist the facility servicing the records (see the address list) in locating the correct military service record(s) or information to answer your inquiry. This form is then retained as a record of disclosure. The form may also be disclosed to Department of Defense components, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS, U.S. Coast Guard), or the National Archives and Records Administration when the original custodian of the military health and personnel records transfers all or part of those records to that agency. If the service member was a member of the National Guard, the form may also be disclosed to the Adjutant General of the appropriate state, District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico, where he or she served.

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be five minutes per request, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to National Archives and Records Administration (ISSD), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. **DO NOT SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND COMPLETED FORMS TO THE APPROPRIATE ADDRESS LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THE SF 180.**

VFW Eligibility Information

The fundamental differences between our organization and other veterans organizations, and one in which we take great pride, are our eligibility qualifications. There are three primary requisites for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States: (1) U.S. Citizen or U.S. National (2) Honorable service in the Armed Forces of the United States (3) Service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual.

Sec. 103 -- ELECTION:

Applications. After the applicant has filled out the application card, it should be provided to the post adjutant or quartermaster, together with the dues (and admission fee, if applicable). A receipt shall be given to the applicant.

An applicant may be recommended after eligibility has been fully determined by the post reviewing committee. With respect to a department member-at-large, the department headquarters is responsible for the eligibility determination.

The original application of every member will be retained on file with the adjutant.

Balloting on Applications. Before voting on the application during a post meeting, the commander shall allow the members present an opportunity to state their objections, if any, to the admission of the applicant. Unless one member present shall request a written ballot, a vote shall be taken and a majority of the votes cast shall decide acceptance or rejection of the application.

Rejection of Applicant. Should an applicant be rejected by the post, the admission fee and dues shall be returned. After one year (12 months), he may again make application, but a person shall not be proposed for membership more than twice in one post. An applicant rejected in one post may apply to another post or become a department member-at-large.

Notification. The member shall be notified of his acceptance and that he is in good standing, subject to the by-laws governing the organization. The member shall receive a membership card and will be eligible to receive a lapel pin.

Obligation. New post members may receive the obligation according to the ritual.

CHECKING ELIGIBILITY: 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. A careful check of eligibility at the time a person joins will save a great deal of trouble and embarrassment later. A veteran who is not accepted for membership because of ineligibility at the time of application is only disappointed. A member who is removed for ineligibility after having paid dues for several years is justifiably angry.

Assuming that a person is a United States citizen or United States national and has an honorable discharge from the U.S. armed forces, it only remains to be proven that the person has earned a recognized campaign medal or badge; served in Korea between June 30, 1949, until present; or earned Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay eligibility. Those people 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.

Discharges issued during and immediately after World War II have a section on the back listing the medals and decorations that have been earned. Persons discharged later received a DD-214, "Report of Separation" form, which lists the medals and decorations on the front. Lost separation documents can be replaced by completing and submitting GSA Standard Form 180, "Request Pertaining to Military Records."

There is always a possibility of an omission on the separation documents. If an applicant claims entitlement to a medal, which is not shown on the individual's separation papers, that person may request verification and correction of records by submitting a GSA Standard Form 180.

The GSA Standard Form 180 is available from any office of the Veterans' Affairs or state veterans' departments. The form must be completed and signed by the veteran in order to receive the information requested or authorize the release of the information to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Request for records can also be obtained through the National Personnel Records Center at www.archives.gov/veterans.

For subsequent service, refer to Sec. 101 of the Manual of Procedure.

ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS: The following is to be used as a guide in determining eligibility for membership. The following campaign medals and the periods issued have been authorized by the United States of America, and the holder of any such medal or medals is recognized as possessing the campaign medal requisite of eligibility.

VFW ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates	Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
<u>Expeditionary</u>	Navy - Marine Corps	Feb. 12, 1874 - Open	Germany (<i>West Berlin</i>)		May 9, 1945 - Oct. 2, 1990
<u>Spanish Campaign</u>	Army Navy	May 11, 1898 - Aug. 16, 1898 Apr. 20, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	Korea		Sep. 3, 1945 - Jun. 29, 1949
<u>Army of Cuba Occupation</u>	Army	Jul. 18, 1898 - May 20, 1902	Japan		Sep. 3, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Army of Puerto Rico Occupation</u>	Army	Aug. 14, 1898 - Dec. 10, 1898	<u>Navy Occupation Service Medal</u>		
<u>Philippine Campaign</u>	Army Navy	Feb. 4, 1899 - Dec. 31, 1913 Feb. 4, 1899 - Sep. 15, 1906	Italy		May 8, 1945 - Dec. 15, 1947
<u>China Relief Expedition</u>	Army Navy	Jun. 20, 1900 - May 27, 1901 Apr. 5, 1900 - May 27, 1901	Trieste		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 26, 1954
<u>Cuban Pacification</u>	Army Navy	Oct. 6, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909 Sep. 12, 1906 - Apr. 1, 1909	Germany (<i>except West Berlin</i>)		May 8, 1945 - May 5, 1955
<u>Mexican Service</u>	Army Navy	Apr. 12, 1911 - Jun. 16, 1919 Apr. 12, 1914 - Feb. 7, 1917	Austria		May 8, 1945 - Oct. 25, 1955
<u>First Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 29, 1912 - Nov. 14, 1912	Asiatic Pacific		Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 27, 1952
<u>Haitian Campaign</u>	Navy	Jul. 9, 1915 - Dec. 6, 1915 Apr. 1, 1919 - Jun. 15, 1920	<u>Korean Service Medal</u>		Jun. 27, 1950 - Jul. 27, 1954
<u>Dominican Campaign</u>	Navy	May 4, 1916 - Dec. 5, 1916	<u>Navy & Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal</u>		
<u>World War I Victory</u> <i>(with battle or service clasp incl. Siberia and European Russia)</i>	Army Navy	Apr. 6, 1917 - Apr. 1, 1920 Apr. 6, 1917 - Mar. 30, 1920	Cuban Military Operation		Jan. 3, 1961 - Oct. 23, 1962
<u>Army Occup. of Germany</u>	Army	Nov. 12, 1918 - Jul. 11, 1923	Thailand Military Operation		May 16, 1962 - Aug. 10, 1962
<u>Second Nicaraguan Campaign</u>	Navy	Aug. 27, 1926 - Jan. 2, 1933	Iranian, Yemen & Indian Ocean Operation		Dec. 8, 1978 - Jun. 6, 1979 Nov. 21, 1979 - Oct. 20, 1981
<u>Yangtze Service</u>	Navy	Sep. 3, 1926 - Oct. 21, 1927 Mar. 1, 1930 - Dec. 31, 1932	Lebanon		Aug. 20, 1982 - May 31, 1983
<u>China Service</u>	Navy	Jul. 7, 1937 - Sep. 7, 1939 Sep. 2, 1945 - Apr. 1, 1957	Libyan Expedition		Jan. 20, 1986 - Jun. 27, 1986
<u>American Defense Service</u> <i>(with foreign service clasp)</i>	Army - Navy	Sep. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941	Persian Gulf		Feb. 1, 1987 - Jul. 23, 1987
<u>European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign</u>	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945	Panama <i>(pre and post invasion)</i>		Apr. 1, 1988 - Dec. 19, 1989 Feb. 1, 1990 - Jun. 13, 1990
<u>American Campaign</u> <i>(30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty outside continental limits of the U.S.)</i>	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Operation Sharp Edge - Liberia		Aug. 5, 1990 - Feb. 21, 1991
<u>Asiatic-Pacific Campaign</u>	Army - Navy	Dec. 7, 1941 - Mar. 2, 1946	Operation Distant Runner - Rwanda <i>(11th Marine Exped. Unit USS Peleliu)</i>		Apr. 7-18, 1994
<u>Army of Occupation</u> <i>(30 consecutive days of duty)</i>			<u>Vietnam Service Medal</u>		Jul. 4, 1965 - Mar. 8, 1973
Italy		May 9, 1945 - Sep. 15, 1947	<u>Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal</u>		
Germany (<i>except West Berlin</i>)		May 9, 1945 - May 5, 1955	Lebanon		Jul. 1, 1958 - Nov. 1, 1958
Austria		May 9, 1945 - Jul. 27, 1955	Taiwan Straits		Aug. 23, 1958 - Jan. 1, 1959
			Quemoy & 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

Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates	Campaign Medals	Military Service	Qualifying Dates
Dominican Republic		Apr. 23, 1965 - Sep. 21, 1966	Operation Desert Thunder - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea support.</i>		Nov. 11, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
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 Desert Fox - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, Jordan, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, USN Red Sea support.</i>		Dec. 16, 1998 - Dec. 22, 1998
Operation Eagle Pull - <i>Cambodia</i> (includes evacuation)		Apr. 11-13, 1975			
Operation Frequent Wind - <i>Vietnam</i> (includes evacuation)		Apr. 29-30, 1975	<u>Southwest Asia Service Medal</u>		
Mayaguez Operation		May 15, 1975	Operation Desert Shield/ Operation Desert Storm (combat areas of operation only)		Aug. 2, 1990 - Nov. 30, 1995
El Salvador		Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992	Personnel assigned to support units serving in Israel, Egypt, Turkey, Syria, Jordan.		Jan. 17, 1991 - Apr. 11, 1991
Lebanon		Jun. 1, 1983 - Dec. 1, 1987			
Operation Urgent Fury - <i>Grenada</i>		Oct. 23, 1983 - Nov. 21, 1983	<u>Kosovo Campaign Medal</u>		
Eldorado Canyon - <i>Libya</i>		Apr. 12-17, 1986	Operation Allied Force - <i>Kosovo Air Campaign</i>		Mar. 24, 1999 - Jun. 10, 1999
Operation Earnest Will - <i>Persian Gulf</i> (only those participating in, or in direct support)		Jul. 24, 1987 - Aug. 1, 1990	Kosovo Defense Campaign - <i>Ground Action</i>		Jun. 11, 1999 - Open
Operation Just Cause - <i>Panama</i> (USS <i>Vreeland</i> & other SVS-designated aircrew mbrs. outside the Conus in direct support)		Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990	<u>Combat Infantryman Badge & Combat Medical Badge</u>	Army	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open
United Shield - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<u>Air Force Combat Action Medal</u>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Operation Restore Hope - <i>Somalia</i>		Dec. 5, 1992 - Mar. 31, 1995	<u>Combat Action Ribbon</u>	Navy - Marine Coast Guard	Dec. 6, 1941 - Open Dec. 6, 1941 - April 30, 1975
Operation Uphold Democracy - <i>Haiti</i>		Sep. 16, 1994 - Mar. 31, 1995	<u>Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon</u>	Coast Guard	May 1, 1975 - Open
Operation Joint Endeavor - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, the Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Nov. 20, 1995 - Dec. 19, 1996	<u>Combat Action Badge</u>	Army	Sep. 18, 2001 - Open
Operation Vigilant Sentinel - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, & Persian Gulf.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Feb. 15, 1997	<u>SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia</u>	Navy	Jan. 21, 1961 - Open
Operation Southern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003	<u>Korea Duty</u>		Jun. 30, 1949 - Open
Operation Maritime Intercept - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman W of 62° E Long., Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Oman, Yemen, Egypt, & Jordan.</i>		Dec. 1, 1995 - Mar. 18, 2003	Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial waters for (30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days of duty)		
Operation Joint Guard - <i>Bosnia, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Dec. 20, 1996 - Jun. 20, 1998	<u>Korea Defense Service Medal</u>		Jul. 28, 1954 - Open
Operation Northern Watch - <i>Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Persian Gulf W of 56° E Long., and Incirlik AB, Turkey (only pers. TDY to ONW)</i>		Jan. 1, 1997 - Mar. 18, 2003	<u>Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal</u>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
Operation Joint Forge - <i>Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Adriatic Sea & airspace.</i>		Jun. 20, 1998 - Mar. 23, 1999	<u>Afghanistan Campaign Medal</u>		Sep. 11, 2001 - Open
			<u>Iraq Campaign Medal</u>		Mar. 19, 2003 - Dec. 31, 2011
			<u>Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with GOLD BORDER</u>		Apr. 2004 - Open
			<u>Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay</u>		Jan. 1, 1971 - Present
<p>This information is to be used for guideline purposes only. The separation document or DD 214 MUST reflect campaign medal service to establish eligibility. Service in Korea without the issuance of a campaign medal can be established with additional, support documentation. Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay can be established with pay records.</p>					

RECRUITMENT BOOTH POINTERS

The Booth

- Have a tablecloth to cover the table – even if it's a plain tablecloth from the Dollar Tree, Walmart or Target.
- Have a patriotic banner and/or display board of Auxiliary information.
- Don't put out all of your materials at once; Less = More Impact! It's suggested to have the following out:
 - 25-50 member applications
 - 25-50 facts leaflets
 - 25-50 member benefit sheets
 - ~~50-100 Join Us Online cards~~

You can always restock throughout the event if you need to!

- Give people a reason to visit your booth!
 - Candy
 - Giveaways (patriotic stickers, patriotic coloring sheets, flags, pinwheels, bookmarks, pens, paper fans, etc. are all great items. Check the VFW Store at www.vfwstore.org for more ideas.)
- Get their information! A few ideas:
 - Have an e-mail sign-up sheet so you can contact them about membership or volunteer opportunities.
 - Host a drawing or raffle.
 - Invite them to "Enter to Win" a \$25 or \$50 grocery store, Walmart or Target gift card.
 - If your Auxiliary can afford it, host a drawing for a tablet. There are quite a few under \$150.00.
 - Make sure you get their full contact information:
 - Name
 - Address
 - E-mail Address
 - Phone Number
 - Relationship to Veteran
- Follow-up with them if they give you their contact information AND
- Invite them to an upcoming Auxiliary/VFW event.

DO'S

- Wear an Auxiliary shirt and/or identifying name badge.
- Smile and say "hello" to people when they walk by your booth - even if they don't stop!
- Stand to the side of the booth, or in front of the booth, and interact with people as they walk by.
- Look people in the eye when you speak with them.
- Shake hands if appropriate.
- Acknowledge and speak with others who are with them (spouse, parents, children, etc.).
- Give them a packet of information to take with them and ask them to share the information with others.
- Have at least two people working the booth.
- **Ask them to join and hand them an application. Help them fill it out if needed.**

DON'TS

- Use profanity.
- Smoke while at the booth.
- Eat while at the booth.
- Talk or text on your cell phone while at the booth.
- Sit behind the booth with your arms folded in front of your chest.
- Be overbearing or overly aggressive.
- Have more than two people talk to a potential member at once; it can overwhelm them.

**REMEMBER...IF YOU DON'T ASK,
THEY WON'T JOIN!**

Where to find Prospective Members

- Local Guard/Reserve Units
- Homecoming/Yellow Ribbon events for ships and units. <https://www.jointservicesupport.org>
- Veteran Job Fairs
- USO at Airports
- Veteran Representatives at Colleges and University
- VFW Auxiliary brochures/magazines in Hair Salons and Barber Shops
- VFW Auxiliary material in VA Hospital waiting rooms
- Trace Shows
- Gun Sows
- Farmer's Markets
- Military license plates, shirts, caps
- Military recruiters
- Past Auxiliary membership roster

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