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Combat Infantry and Combat Medical Badges (Army)

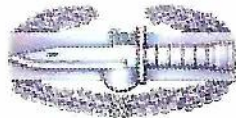
War/Campaign	Inclusive Dates
Iraq	2003 - Dec. 31, 2011
Afghanistan	2001 - Open
Somalia	June 5, 1993 - March 31, 1994
Persian Gulf War	Jan. 17 - April 11, 1991
Grenada	Oct. 22 - Nov. 21, 1983
El Salvador	Jan. 1, 1981 - Feb. 1, 1992
Korea DMZ	Jan. 4, 1969 - Open
Dominican Republic	April 28, 1965 - Sept. 1, 1966
Laos	April 19, 1961 - Oct. 6, 1962
Vietnam	March 1, 1961 - March 29, 1973
Korean War	June 27, 1950 - July 27, 1953
World War II	Dec. 7, 1941 - Sept. 3, 1945

Imminent Danger and Hostile Fire Pay

Receipt of these special pays has qualified veterans for membership since Congress amended VFW's charter on Oct. 16, 2002 (P.L. 107-242).

Though sometimes confused or used interchangeably, Hostile Fire Pay (HFP) and Imminent Danger Pay (IDP) are distinct. HFP is an "event-based pay," meaning a service member must actually face hostile fire or explosion of an enemy mine. IDP is a "threat-based pay" and goes to service members assigned to areas deemed dangerous by the Pentagon. The imminent danger can be caused by civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism or wartime conditions.

HFP or IDP is verified through a service member's Leave and Earnings Statement (DFAS Form 702), issued by the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. The Marine Corps issues the DFAS-KC Form 7220/39.



Combat Action Badge (Army)

Sept. 18, 2001 - Open

Created May 2, 2005, this newest Army award is given to soldiers of any military occupational specialty who engage in qualifying combat actions.



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Combat Frame

June 18, 2003 - Open

Awarded to Air Force active-duty, Reserve and Guard personnel who complete a deployment for 45 consecutive or 90 non-consecutive days overseas in a combat zone, fly combat or combat-support sorties in a combat zone or employ a weapon from outside the combat zone.



SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia (Navy)

Jan. 21, 1961 - Open

Authorized Jan. 21, 1961, this insignia is awarded to submariners based on alert status and operational circumstances during patrols.

Air Force Combat Action Medal (AFCAM)

Sept. 11, 2001 - Open

Created June 12, 2007, for Air Force personnel who have directly participated in active combat, in air or on the ground, as part of their official duty.



Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) (Marine Corps, Navy, Coast Guard)



Coast Guard Combat Action Ribbon

War/Campaign	Years
Iraq	2003 - Dec. 31, 2011
Afghanistan	2001 - Open
Kosovo	1999
Liberia	1998
Albania	1997
Liberia	1996
Haiti	1994
Somalia	1992 - 95
Persian Gulf War	1991
Liberia	1990 - 91
Panama	1989 - 90
Persian Gulf (select ships and operations)	1987 - 88
Grenada (no ships)	1983
Lebanon (no ships)	1982 - 84
El Salvador	1981 - 92
Cambodia—(Mayaguez rescue)	1975
USS Pueblo	1968
USS Liberty	1967
Dominican Republic (no ships)	1965 - 66
Vietnam War	1961 - 73
Korean War	1950 - 53
World War II	1941 - 45

Award of the CAR is based on specific unit or ship participation in actual hostilities and recommended by a commanding officer. In each action, precise dates are designated.

The CAR was authorized retroactively for Korea and WWII under the 2000 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 106-65).



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