

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR
**INHERENT
RESOLVE**
CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Veterans of America's fight against ISIS/ISIL in Iraq and Syria should be proud of their service. To recognize that service, President Barack Obama signed Presidential Executive Order 13723 on March 30, 2016, establishing the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal (IRCM). Created to recognize those members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Iraq, Syria, and contiguous waters and airspace, retroactive to June 15, 2014. Veterans who previously received the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM) for service in these areas for service that is now covered by the IRCM may make an application to be awarded the IRCM in place of the GWOTEM.



To qualify for the medal, personnel must have been based in Iraq or Syria, flown missions over those countries, and/or served in contiguous waters for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. Service members who were killed or medically evacuated from theater due to wounds or injuries automatically qualify for the award, as do all service members who engaged in direct combat.

Veterans who have earned the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal can be rightfully proud of the award because it recognizes arduous duty. Those veterans display the highest ideals of the VFW and the organization is proud to have them as members.



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