

TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR
WORLD WAR II
 CAMPAIGN MEDAL

European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign
 Dec. 7, 1941 - Nov. 8, 1945



Any member of the U.S. armed forces who has received the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal or the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal is eligible for VFW membership.

But the American Defense Service Medal and the American Campaign Medal can cause confusion. One reason may be their names, which can conjure up images of being stationed stateside. However, in order to be VFW-eligible, a veteran who received either of these two medals must have served outside the continental U.S., which included Alaska and Hawaii at that time.

To verify overseas duty for the American Defense Service Medal, recruiters must look for certain clasps attached to it.

The Army awarded a Foreign Service clasp. The Navy and Marine Corps awarded Fleet and Base clasps. Coast Guardsmen received a Sea clasp.

Members of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard who served on the 179 vessels or with three naval air groups that operated in actual or potential belligerent contact with Axis forces in the Atlantic during the specified time frame also are eligible to wear a bronze "A" on the ribbon.

For veterans to be VFW-eligible based on receipt of the American Campaign Medal, they must have served 30 consecutive or 60 non-consecutive days outside the continental limits of the United States, but within the American Theater of Operations. Naval personnel received one star for each operation—such as escort, anti-submarine or armed guard duty—they participated in. Recruiters can verify this information on discharge papers.

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign
 Dec. 7, 1941 - March 2, 1946



American Campaign
 Dec. 7, 1941 - March 2, 1946



American Defense Service Medal
 Sept. 8, 1939 - Dec. 7, 1941



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