

# AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Shown in order of precedence.

 Medal of Honor (AF)	 Air Force Cross	 Defense Distinguished Service Medal	 Distinguished Service Medal (AF)	 Silver Star
 Defense Superior Service Medal	 Legion of Merit	 Distinguished Flying Cross	 Airman's Medal	 Bronze Star Medal
 Purple Heart	 Defense Meritorious Service Medal	 Meritorious Service Medal (AF)	 Air Medal	 Aerial Achievement Medal
 Joint Service Commendation Medal	 Air Force Commendation Medal	 Joint Service Achievement Medal	 Air Force Achievement Medal	 Air Force Combat Action Medal
 Presidential Unit Citation (AF)	 Joint Meritorious Unit Award	 Gallant Unit Citation	 Meritorious Unit Award	 Air and Space Outstanding Unit Award
 Air and Space Organizational Excellence Award	 Prisoner of War Medal	 Combat Readiness Medal	 Air Force Good Conduct Medal	 Army Good Conduct Medal
 Space Force Good Conduct Medal	 Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal	 Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon	 Air and Space Recognition Ribbon	 American Defense Service Medal
 American Campaign Medal	 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal	 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal	 World War II Victory Medal	 Army of Occupation Medal
 Medal for Humane Action	 National Defense Service Medal	 Korean Service Medal	 Antarctica Service Medal	 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 Vietnam Service Medal	 Southwest Asia Service Medal	 Kosovo Campaign Medal	 Afghanistan Campaign Medal	 Iraq Campaign Medal
 Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal	 Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal	 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal	 Korean Defense Service Medal	 Armed Forces Service Medal
 Humanitarian Service Medal	 Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal	 Remote Combat Effects Ribbon	 Air and Space Campaign Medal	 Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal
 Air and Space Overseas Ribbon-Long	 Air and Space Overseas Ribbon-Short	 Air and Space Expeditionary Service Ribbon	 Air and Space Longevity Service Award Ribbon	 Developmental Special Duty Ribbon
 Air Force Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon	 Air Force Recruiter Ribbon	 Armed Forces Reserve Medal	 USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon	 Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon

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 Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon	 Philippine Defense Ribbon
 Air and Space Training Ribbon	 Philippine Independence Ribbon
 Philippine Liberation Ribbon	 ROK Presidential Unit Citation
 Philippine Presidential Unit Citation	 United Nations Service Medal
 RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm	 NATO Meritorious Service Medal
 United Nations Medal	 NATO Medal for Kosovo
 NATO Medal for Yugoslavia	 Article 5 NATO Medal-Active Endeavor
 Article 5 NATO Medal-Eagle Assist	 Non-Article 5 NATO Medal-ISAF*
 Non-Article 5 NATO Medal-Balkans	 Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
 Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal	 Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal
 Kuwait Liberation Medal, Government of Kuwait	

\*International Security Assistance Force

## Devices



### Bronze Star

For number of campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications, or an additional award of an authorized ribbon.



### Silver and Bronze Stars

When worn together on a single ribbon, silver stars are worn to wearer's right of a bronze star.



### Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

For sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze OLCs.



### Valor Device

Denotes heroism above what is normally expected while engaged in direct combat with an enemy of the U.S., or an opposing foreign or armed force, with exposure to enemy hostilities and personal risk; not an additional award; only one per ribbon; worn to the wearer's right of OLCs on the same ribbon.



### Combat Device

Denotes meritorious service or achievement performed under combat conditions.



### Hourglass Device

Issued for the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20, and gold for 30.



### Mobility Device

Worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote Active Duty status for at least one day during a contingency; here with number of mobilizations.



Worn on Antarctica Service Medal to denote staying on the Antarctic continent over the winter—bronze for one; gold, two; silver, three.



### Silver Star

One silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars.



### Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

For second and subsequent awards.



### Silver and Bronze OLCs

Silver OLCs are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze OLCs on the same ribbon.



### Arrowhead Device

Shows participation in assigned tactical combat parachute, glider, or amphibious assault landing; worn on campaign medals, Korean Service Medal, and Armed Forces and GWOT Expeditionary medals.



### Remote Device

Denotes hands-on employment of a weapons system, performed remotely without personal physical combat risk that had a direct and immediate effects on the outcome of an engagement or specific effects on a target.



### Arctic Device

Worn on Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short for service north of Arctic Circle; one per ribbon; worn to the wearer's right of OLCs.



### Nuclear Device

Worn on the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal to indicate direct support.



### Plane Device

Worn on Army of Occupation Medal for 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift, June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949.

## USAF Specialty Berets

Airmen in seven USAF specialties are authorized to wear a colored beret along with the insignia of that particular field.



Combat Controller/  
Special Tactics Officer



Pararescue/Combat  
Rescue Officer



Security Forces



Survival, Evasion,  
Resistance, and Escape



Tactical Air Command  
and Control  
(Tactical Air Control Party crest)



Air Liaison Officer  
(TACP flash and rank)



Weather Parachutist