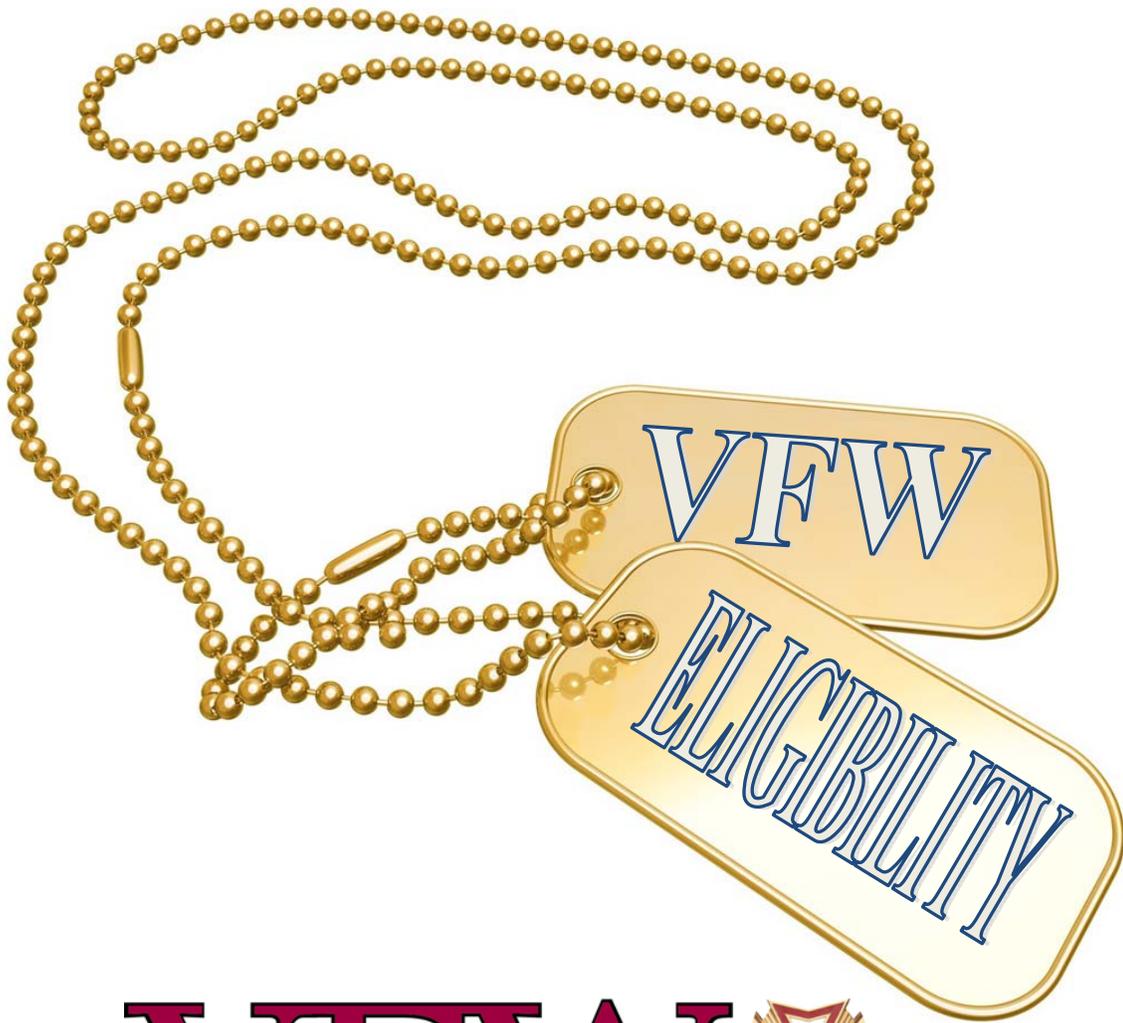


# TEXAS VFW

## A Guide to Determining



**By Dan West**  
**VFW Certified National Recruiter**

Not everyone who served in the Armed Forces of the United States is eligible for membership in the VFW. The VFW Congressional Charter, issued by the Congress of the United States, as amended, dictates under Section 230103 who is eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Section 101 of the By-Laws and Manual of Procedure go into further detail on eligibility for VFW membership.

## CONGRESSIONAL CHARTER

### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

#### Section 230103—Membership.

*An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the individual served honorably as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States-*

- 1. In a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition in service that-
  - A. Has been recognized as campaign-medal service; and*
  - B. Is governed by the authorization of the award of a campaign badge by the United States Government;**
- 2. on the Korean peninsula or in territorial waters for at least 30 consecutive days, or a total of 60 days, after June 30, 1949; or*
- 3. in an area which entitled the individual to receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger under section 310 of title 37.*



### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

#### BY-LAWS

##### Sec. 101—Eligibility.

Any citizen of the United States and any United States National may be a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States who is serving or has served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States:

- (1) in a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service has been recognized as campaign medal service and is governed by the authorization of the award of a campaign badge by the Government of the United States; or
- (2) on the Korean peninsula or in territorial waters for not less than 30 consecutive days, or a total of 60 days, after June 30, 1949; or
- (3) while a member of the armed forces serving in an area which entitled the individual to receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger.

Refer to Section 101 of the Manual of procedure.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES  
MANUAL OF PROCEDURE  
ARTICLE I—MEMBERS

**Sec. 101—Eligibility.**

The following is to be used as a guide in determining eligibility for membership and is furnished as a matter of information concerning the periods during which campaign and/or service medals were authorized:

**Hostilities** - Persons 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 qualifying such persons for membership.

**Subsequent service** - An applicant for membership who has had honorable campaign service, terminated by a discharge under honorable conditions, but who later reenlisted or returned to active duty and had subsequent service terminated by a discharge other than honorable shall not be considered eligible for membership. A member of the organization who receives a discharge other than honorable for service subsequent to becoming a member shall, upon issuance of a special order, cease to be a member by reason on ineligibility; provided, however, that such member may request in writing that the Commander-in-Chief determine his eligibility and appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of Section 108. In the event that such discharge is subsequently changed by appropriate governmental authorities, such former member may apply for membership in accordance with the provisions of this article. Veterans who were originally given a discharge other than honorable for refusal of repatriation shall forever be denied the privilege of membership in this organization, notwithstanding any later change in their status. Any person whose membership has been terminated under the provisions of Article IX of these By-Laws shall not be eligible for membership.



**ELIGIBILITY GUIDE**

The following is to be used as a guide in determining eligibility for membership and is furnished as a matter of information concerning the periods during which campaign and/or service medals were authorized.

Eligibility for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States is based on honorable service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard performed by officers or enlisted personnel who have served in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service is recognized by the award of a campaign or service medal of the United States, or who served in Korea as outlined in the following guide, or who earned Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay. Persons still serving in the active armed forces may be accepted for membership provided they meet eligibility requirements.

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. The Department Headquarters and the National Headquarters are accountable for the eligibility of their respective Members-at-Large.

The following campaign medals have been recognized as meeting campaign medal requirements of membership:

*Refer to current edition of the National By-Laws for a complete and up to date list.*

**It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide “Proof of service to establish eligibility for VFW membership”.**

**It is the responsibility of the Post to “assure the eligibility of every member accepted to membership.”**

Section 902 of the VFW National By-Laws makes it an offense to "...acquiescing in or permitting ineligible persons to become members or officers." What this means is that a person has to be eligible for membership in the VFW before they can become a member and that any member that allows an applicant to become a member without proof of eligibility can have disciplinary action initiated against them for doing so. This is why an Eligibility Review Committee is vital to any Post so that the applicant is properly vetted for membership.

## SAMPLE DD-214

Every service member is issued a Military Discharge, the most common form that you will see is known as a DD-214 form. First issued in 1950 they replaced the War Department Adjutant General Office (WD AGO) form and the Naval Personnel (NAVPERS) discharges and the "Notice of Separation from ...." forms.

The DD-214 form and earlier discharge documents will have all the basic information of the individual. Name, rank, birthdate, dates of service, military occupational specialty, military education, decorations and medals and character of service; everything you need to verify eligibility except for U.S. Citizenship or U.S. National. There are several versions of the DD-214. However, they will all have the same information.

## SAMPLE WD AGO FORM

98%+ of all membership verifications are done through the examination of an applicant's DD-214. As a result there are members of the VFW who demand a DD-214 to prove eligibility. These Comrades, while they mean well, are wrong as the National VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure ask for "Proof of service to determine eligibility..."

The DD-214 Form is only ONE way of determining eligibility for membership in the VFW.

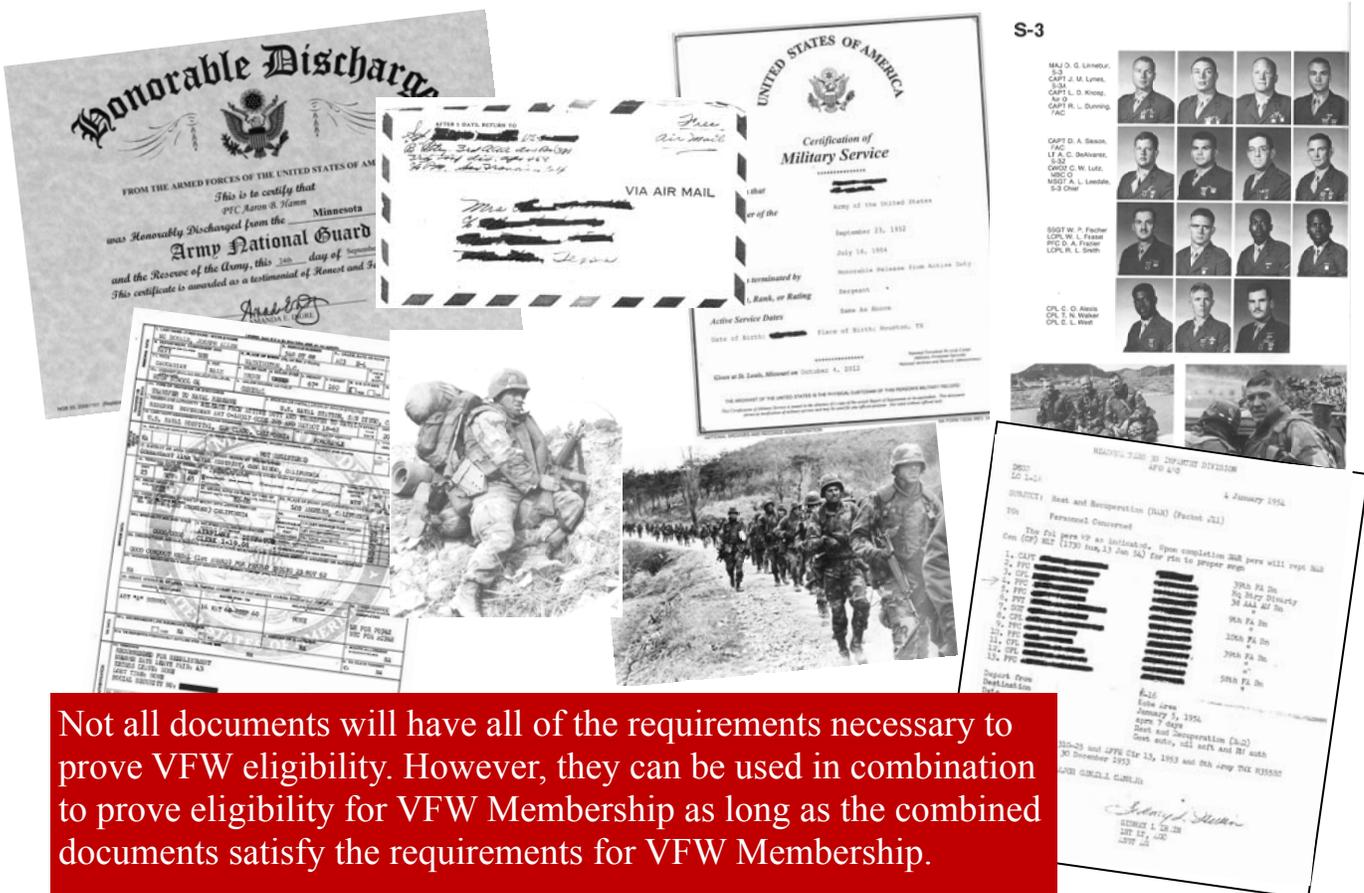
For applicants and members who have lost, misplaced or had their discharge papers or DD-214 form destroyed they can request one from the National Archives by going online to <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>. They can also request a copy of their Service Record Book, pay records, medical records, deployment history, etc. They will need to be very specific in their request.



The Post Review Committee will review the applicant's membership application and supporting documents. (The applicant should provide copies, and any originals provided should be copied and originals returned to applicant.)

The review committee must agree that the applicant has provided sufficient documentation that proves 1) Service in the Armed Forces of the United States; 2) their service was honorable; 3) that they served in an area per Section 101 of the VFW National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure; and 4) they have signed their VFW Membership Application attesting to being a citizen of the United States or U.S. National and eligible for VFW membership.

**What can be used for proof of eligibility?** Of course the individuals DD-214 as previously mentioned can be used. You can also use other military records such as Leave and Earning statements, Rest & Recuperation orders, Deployment History page of the individuals Service Record Book, Medal Citations, Evaluations of Performance and Conduct, Deployment/Cruise Books, photographs, written statements from a VFW member certifying that the applicant served with them as a member of the American military in a theatre of operations that qualifies for a campaign medal, letters/envelopes sent home with FREE where the postage stamp would be as long as the return address shows the applicants name and military return address, military orders, official military correspondence, flight/ship manifests, NA Form 13038 Certificate of Military Service, etc.



Not all documents will have all of the requirements necessary to prove VFW eligibility. However, they can be used in combination to prove eligibility for VFW Membership as long as the combined documents satisfy the requirements for VFW Membership.

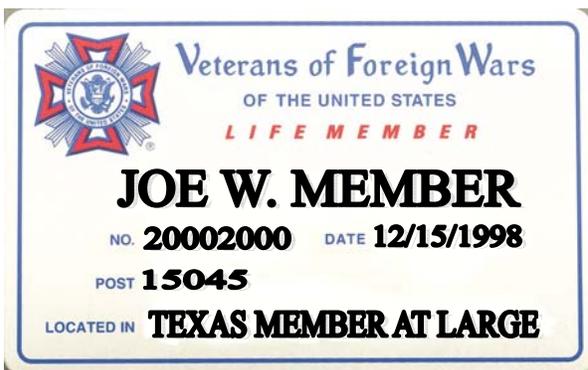
**What about members of the military still on Active Duty?**

Section 102 of the VFW National Manual of Procedure covers these and in essence states that a member of the VFW who is, submitting the application shall certify the applicants qualifications based on personal knowledge and will print their name, sign and date the application along with their member number in the recruiter section of the form as certification. The applicant, however, is still required to provide proof of eligibility within a reasonable time. The same proof of eligibility is used as described above. You can also ask that the member provide a written document on unit letterhead signed by the Commanding officer or personnel officer certifying that the applicant has earned a campaign medal, personal decoration denoting combat service, or received Imminent Danger or Hostile Fire pay.



**What about a member that transfers from one Post to another, do we still need to verify eligibility if they are already a VFW member in good standing in another VFW Post?**

**YES.** There is no guarantee that the Post the member is transferring from verified eligibility of the member. All persons joining your Post, whether as a new member or a transfer from another Post, must submit a completed application and proof of eligibility and must be accepted by the Post. If the member verified their eligibility once they can do it again.



**What about Merchant Marines?**

Merchant Marines are not eligible for membership in the VFW. While it is true they serve in harm's way and can receive V.A. benefits, Merchant Marines are not considered part of the Armed Forces. This can be a contentious issue with some members and until the Congress of the United States changes the VFW charter, Merchant Marines are not eligible for VFW membership.

## What documents cannot be used to determine eligibility?

While there are many documents that can be used to support membership in the VFW there are some that should never be used.

- ▶ Civilian medical records, even those from the V.A.;
- ▶ Published newspaper/video/news stories where the information is provided by the applicant and not independently verified and cites official sources by the author about the applicant;
- ▶ Sworn statements by persons not a member in good standing of the VFW or the applicant themselves.

## The [redacted] story

By [redacted]  
 Publisher  
 Retired Marine [redacted] recently told of his experiences in Vietnam. His mission was secret.

He was a sniper. No one knew where he was. His older brother had joined the Marines before [redacted] was born, and by the time [redacted] joined up, his brother was a staff sergeant. [redacted] recalled how his brother helped him.

"The only people that knew I was over there was my brother and my mother. He was a Sergeant Major. God doesn't tell a Sergeant Major what to do.

"He would get me on a cargo flight to Okinawa (nine hours) so I could call my mother collect. If I called from the Philippines, that would not have worked. I made my call and returned.

"The paper we had was the 'Stars & Stripes' published by the Army. I got off a helicopter in De Nang (Vietnam).

"This reporter from Stars & Stripes ran up to me and took my picture. I said, 'Dude, are you crazy?' I threw his camera on the ground, pulled out my pistol and shot it. I told him 'If you ever take my picture again, I'll kill you.'"

[redacted] was on the last flight out when it all ended.

He recalled the events with much emotion: "We just gave it to 'em. I was on the last helicopter out of Saigon April 30, 1975.

"They couldn't land the helicopters on the ground.

"They landed them on an apartment building by the embassy, loading evacuees and troops.

"Standing on the roof of

that apartment, you could look down the street and whole divisions of North Vietnamese Army were just standing there. Tanks. Everything ... just waiting for us to go.

"We were flying helicopters out of Saigon just as fast as they'd go, loaded with refugees. There were two or three aircraft carriers. As soon as we would land the helicopters, we would unload 10-20 marines, we would push that helicopter overboard, to make room for the next one."

Friday, Nov. 11 is not only Veterans Day, but also [redacted] birthday and his wedding day to his fiancé, [redacted]. The wedding will be held at VFW Post [redacted]

Thank you for your service and for telling your story,



**What about falsified documents?** With today's technology it is rather easy for a person with dishonest intent to create a fake or altered DD-214. The VFW Post Review Committee is not charged with determining if the documents provided are legitimate or not. They are charged with verifying eligibility of the applicant. If they suspect

the documents are tainted they can ask for more documentation from the applicant.

This falsified DD-214 at first looks genuine, its only after you start looking at it that some discrepancies are discovered.

1. Individual got out in 1987 however this is a DD-214 first used in Nov 1988.
2. The Navy Cross does not have clusters.
3. The Silver Star for Navy personnel does not have clusters.
4. There is no Campaign Medal listed to correspond with awards for valaor.
5. Section 11 for the job the individual had is blank.
6. The "Sea Service Deployment Award" is actually a ribbon.
7. Section 25 Seperation Authority says NAVCORSEPMAN which does not exist.
8. Seperation code of FGQ1 cannot be found.
9. Renetry code of N/A is also questionable.
10. Rank is wrong for the Navy as a Captian in the Navy is an O-6.
11. Listing of "Balance-File Classified" in the awards section is the biggest Red Flag.

There is enough questionable information on this DD-214 to warrant further information from the applicant and question its validity.

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### CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) [redacted]		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH USN-11		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. [redacted]	
4. GRADE, RATE OR RANK CAPT		4.D. PAY GRADE O-4		5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD) [redacted]	
6. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM. DATE Year 87 Month 07 Day 26		7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and State, or complete address if known) [redacted]			
8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND VF-84 MAC-15 ZHAW NAS MIRAMAR, CA			8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED VF-84 CVR-69 ZHAW NAS MIRAMAR, CA		
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED N/A					
10. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years of months in speciality. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) [redacted]			12. RECORD OF SERVICE		
			10. SELF COVERAGE Amount: \$ 100,000		
			a. Date Entered AD This Period 87 07 31		
			b. Separation Date This Period 87 07 31		
			c. Net Active Service This Period 00 00 00		
			d. Total Prior Active Service 00 00 00		
			e. Total Prior Inactive Service 00 00 00		
			f. Foreign Service 11 02 13		
			g. Sea Service 00 02 01		
			h. Effective Date of Pay Termination 87 07 31		
13. AWARDS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND DECORATIONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) Purple Heart Viet. Cross of Gallantry Bronze Star Viet. Medal of Honor Silver Star w/Clusters Balance-File Classified					
14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks and months) United States Naval Academy SERE SCOL Basic CRS Naval AVN QA Admin. Flight Training Naval War College AVT-30000 Command Management					
15. MEMBER CONTINUED TO POST-VETERAN BENEFITS PROGRAM 15.A. YES [X] NO [ ] 15.B. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT YES [X] NO [ ] 16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID 15.C. MEMBER PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION YES [X] NO [ ] 16.1. 7.0 16.2. 0.0					
17. REMARKS While a member of the Naval Reserve, you will keep the Director USNR (Toll Free) 1-800-255-5082, or within the State of Kansas call commercial (913) 236-3108; if AUTOVON is available, call 465-3110 informed of any change of address, marital status, number of dependents, civilian employment, or physical standards.					
19.a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (include Zip Code) [redacted]			19.b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code) [redacted]		
20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 BE SENT TO [redacted] OR OF VETERANS [redacted] YES [ ] NO [ ]					
21. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature) J. N. MURRAY WO USNR ADMINISTRATIVE OFF.					
23. TYPE OF SEPARATION Discharge					
24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (include upgrades) Honorable					
25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY NAVCORSEPMAN par 5002		26. SEPARATION CODE FGQ1		27. REENTRY CODE N/A	
28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION Interdepartmental Transfer-File Classified					
29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING [redacted]					
30. FORM 218 NAVY RR 578 0102-LF 006-5500 Previous editions are obsolete. MEMBER - 4					

**What about a discharge that says “..Under Honorable Conditions”?** As long as the discharge denotes “Honorable” or “Under Honorable Conditions” they are eligible for VFW Membership.

**Form 1 (Top):**  
 23. TYPE OF SEPARATION: Discharge  
 24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Includes upgrades): HONORABLE  
 25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY: MarCorSepMan par 1005  
 26. SEPARATION CODE: MBK1  
 27. REENLISTMENT CODE: RE 3

**Form 2 (Middle):**  
 23. TYPE OF SEPARATION: RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY  
 24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Includes upgrades): UNDER HONORABLE CONDITIONS (GENERAL)  
 25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY: AR 635-200, CHAP 8  
 26. SEPARATION CODE: MDF  
 27. REENLISTMENT CODE: RE 3  
 28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION: PREGNANCY  
 29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD: NONE

**Form 3 (Bottom):**  
 23. TYPE OF SEPARATION: DISCHARGED  
 24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Includes upgrades): UNDER OTHER THAN HONORABLE CONDITIONS  
 25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY: CNMPC MSG 161743Z APR 87  
 26. SEPARATION CODE: HKA  
 27. REENLISTMENT CODE: RE-4  
 28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION: MISCONDUCT-DRUG ABUSE (USE)  
 29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD: 88DEC14-89JAN08  
 30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4: [initials]

**Other Form (Left):**  
 23. TYPE OF SEPARATION: DISCHARGED  
 24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Includes upgrades): BAD CONDUCT  
 25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY: MILPERMAN 3640420  
 26. SEPARATION CODE: [unclear]  
 27. REENLISTMENT CODE: [unclear]  
 28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION: CONVICTION BY SPECIAL COURT MARTIAL  
 29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD: 88DEC14-89JAN08

**Not Eligible**

**What about subsequent service?** Section 101 of the VFW National Manual of Procedure covers subsequent service.

*“Subsequent Service - An applicant for membership who had honorable campaign service, terminated by a discharge under honorable conditions, but who later reenlisted or returned to active duty and had subsequent service terminated by a discharge other than honorable shall not be considered eligible for membership. A member of the organization who receives a discharge other than honorable for service subsequent to becoming a member shall, upon issuance of a special order, cease to be a member by reason of ineligibility; provided, however, that such member may request in writing that the Commander-in-Chief determine his eligibility and appeal therefrom in accordance with the provisions of Section 108. In the event that such discharge is subsequently changed by appropriate governmental authorities, such former member may apply for membership in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Veterans who were originally given a discharge other than honorable for refusal of repatriation shall forever be denied the privilege of membership in this organization, notwithstanding any later change in their status. Any person whose membership has been terminated under the provisions of Article IX of these By-Laws shall not be eligible for membership.”*



# EXAMPLES

Army of the  United States  
HONORABLE DISCHARGE

This is to Certify, THAT, [REDACTED], 16 109 201 Staff Sergeant, 98th Depot Supply Squadron 66th A Depot Group  
ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military service of the United States of America. This certificate is voided in a terminal of Honor and Faithful Service in this country.  
Given at Separation Center, Fort San Houston, Texas On 12 September, 1945  
L. L. STEWART, MAJOR, AGD

This document (Military Discharge prior to 1950) is issued by the Army of the United States and verifies the individual served in the "Army" and had "Honorable" service. This individual also participated in eight air campaigns and was awarded the Bronze Star medal and European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with 8 bronze stars for each campaign that they participated in. This document meets all requirements for VFW eligibility.

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. LAST REGIMENTAL ASSIGNMENT (MOS) 16 109 201 2. GRADE 8/Sgt 3. PAY GRADE AAF 4. USE OF SERVICE AUS

54 Dep Sup Sq 66th A Dep Gp 12 Sep 45 5. PLACE OF SEPARATION Separation Center, Fort San Houston, Texas

6. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State) 7. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) 8. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20060421

9. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY 10. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known)

11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.)  
Administrative Specialist 502 Rifle Marksmen 23 Jul 42  
Air Offensive Europe; Egypt-Libya; Tunisia; Naples-Foggia; Sicily; Normandy; Northern France; Rhineland, GO 33 WD 45  
EAME Campaign Medal with 8 Bronze Stars; Bronze Star Medal GO 35 1st Tac ASF 17 May 45

12. RECORD OF SERVICE

YEAR(S)	MONTH(S)	DAY(S)
1945	6	24
1945	6	24
1944	12	24
1945	6	16
1945	10	7
1945	11	12
1945	7	31

13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)  
BRONZE STAR MEDAL//ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (5TH AWARD)//ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL//GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL//GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL//KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//ARMY SERVICE RIBBON//OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON//CONT IN BLOCK 18

14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed)  
BRADLEY CREW EVALUATOR COURSE, MAY 2003//PRIMARY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE, FEB 2003//UNIT PREV LDR (UPL), NOV 2003//NOTHING FOLLOWS

15a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM YES X NO  
b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT YES X NO

16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID 0 17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION YES NO X

18. REMARKS  
IMMEDIATE REENLISTMENTS THIS PERIOD -- 19980708-20021002//SUBJECT TO ACTIVE DUTY RECALL, MUSTER DUTY AND/OR ANNUAL SCREENING//BLOCK 6, PERIOD OF DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM: 19980422-19980707//SERVICE IN IRAQ 20040316-20050318//SERVICE IN KOSOVO 20000301-20000731//SERVICE IN KOSOVO 20020901-20030131//MEMBER HAS COMPLETED FIRST FULL TERM OF SERVICE//CONT FROM BLOCK 13://NATO MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//COMBAT INFANTRYMAN BADGE//EXPERT INFANTRYMAN BADGE//NOTHING FOLLOWS

19a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include ZIP Code) 19b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include ZIP Code)

20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO DIRECTOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS YES X NO  
21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED 22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature)

SOLDIER NOT AVAILABLE TO SIGN GSO9, SUPV, TRANS CENTER

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This document (DD-214, Member 1) verifies the individual served in the "Army" and has multiple service eligible for a campaign medal. There is nothing on this form that indicates they had "Honorable" service.

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CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) 2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH ARMY/RA 3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

4a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK 4b. PAY GRADE 5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD) 6. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD) 20060421

7a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY 7b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known)

DALLAS, TEXAS

8a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND 8b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED  
01000BARBN CO B TANK FC PORT HOOD, TX 76544-5056

9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED 10. SGLI COVERAGE [NONE] AMOUNT: \$ 400,000.00  
USAR CON GP (REINF) 1 RESERVE WAY, ST LOUIS, MO 63132

11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.)  
11B30 INFANTRYMAN - 7 YRS 2 MOS//NOTHING FOLLOWS

12. RECORD OF SERVICE

YEAR(S)	MONTH(S)	DAY(S)
1998	07	08
2005	10	02
0007	02	25
0000	00	00
0000	00	00
0004	01	17
0000	00	00
2004	10	01

13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service)  
BRONZE STAR MEDAL//ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (5TH AWARD)//ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL//GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL//GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL//KOSOVO CAMPAIGN MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//ARMY SERVICE RIBBON//OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON//CONT IN BLOCK 18

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15a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM ERA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM YES X NO  
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NA Not Applicable

REPORT OF SEPARATION FROM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES

1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME: HONORABLE  
 2. GRADE: Cpl (125 Oct 53)  
 3. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH OF SERVICE: ARMY  
 4. EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPARATION: 28 Apr 52  
 5. TYPE OF SEPARATION: Rel fr act mil svc

6. REASON AND AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION: Rel to Army Res  
 7. PLACE OF SEPARATION: Fort Bliss Texas

8. DATE OF BIRTH: 15 Jun 31  
 9. PLACE OF BIRTH: Coliad Texas  
 10. SEX: Male  
 11. RACE: Cau  
 12. COLOR: Black  
 13. HAIR: Brown  
 14. HEIGHT: 67"  
 15. WEIGHT: 150

16. RECEIVED: Selective Service Local Board Number: LB #34 Cuero (De Witt) Texas  
 17. DATE: 10 Jul 52

18. MEANS OF ENTRY OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION: NA  
 19. DATE AND PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE: 10 Jul 52 San Antonio Texas  
 20. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE: [Redacted] Texas

21. NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES EXCLUDING THIS PERIOD: 1 9 19  
 22. NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES THIS PERIOD: 0 0 0  
 23. OTHER SERVICE (Last of 16 June 1947) as amended COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES: 1 9 19  
 24. TOTAL NET SERVICE COMPLETED FOR PAY PURPOSES: 2 9 19

25. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED:  
 Korean Svc Medal w/2 Bz Svc Stars United Nations Svc Medal  
 National Defense Svc Medal Good Conduct Medal GO #109 Hq 4070th SU Pers Cen FBT

26. MOST SIGNIFICANT DUTY ASSIGNMENT: 91st Ord Co APO 234  
 27. WOUNDS RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF ACTION WITH ENEMY FORCES: None

28. SERVICE SCHOOLS OF COLLEGE, COLLEGE TRAINING COURSES AND/OR POSTS/SEAS, COURSES SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED:  
 Wheel Veh Mech Ord Sch Jan 53 - Feb 53 Wheel Veh Mech None

29. GOVERNMENT INSURANCE INFORMATION:  
 30. KIND & AMT. OF INSURANCE & MILEY PREMIUM: None-Indemnity  
 31. MONTHLY ALLOWANCE DISCONTINUED: NA  
 32. MONTHLY NEXT PREMIUM DUE: NA

33. TOTAL PAYMENT UPON SEPARATION: \$416.35  
 34. REMARKS: Blood Group: AB AA-I Score: 81  
 No days lost under Sec 6(a) Appendix 2b MCM 1951  
 Item #3: Pvt-2 (F) 10 Nov 52  
 Item #8: Rel fr act mil svc & trf to Army Res for compl  
 8 yrs svc under UMT & Svc Act

35. BENEFITS PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR: None  
 36. DATES OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT: 1950 to 1952  
 37. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION: Mechanic  
 38. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST CIVILIAN EMPLOYER: [Redacted] Coliad Texas

39. UNITED STATES CITIZEN:  YES  
 40. MARITAL STATUS: Married  
 41. NON-SERVICE EDUCATION: 8 1 0  
 42. MAJOR COURSE OF FIELD: Academic

43. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER SEPARATION: See Item #20  
 44. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED: [Redacted]

DD FORM 214, 1 JUL 52 EDITION OF 1 JAN 52 IS OBSOLETE. INDIVIDUAL'S COPY (TO BE DELIVERED TO THE INDIVIDUAL BEING SEPARATED)

This document (DD-214, July 1952) verifies the individual served in the "Army" and earned the Korean Service Medal for service on the Korean Peninsula and that their service was Honorable. This document meets all requirements for eligibility.

This document (DD-214, Aug 2009) verifies the individual served in the "Army National Guard" and earned the Iraq Campaign Medal and received Imminent Danger Pay and that their service was Honorable. This document meets all requirements for eligibility.

CAUTION: NOT TO BE USED FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RECORD. ANY ALTERATIONS IN SHADED AREAS SAFEGUARDED. RENDER FORM VOID.

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

This Report Contains Information Subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, As Amended.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle): [Redacted]  
 2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH: ARMY/ANGKUS  
 3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [Redacted]

4. GRADE, RATE OR RANK: E05  
 5. PAY GRADE: [Redacted]  
 6. DATE OF BIRTH (YYYYMMDD): 2010 06 29  
 7. RESERVE OBLIGATION TERMINATION DATE (YYYYMMDD): 00000000

7A. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY: [Redacted]  
 7B. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and State, or complete address if known): [Redacted]

8A. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND: CO B 538TH BSB, FC  
 8B. STATION WHERE SEPARATED: FORT BLISS, TX 79316-6016

9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED: CO B 372ND SPT BN, 3101 W S YOUNG DR, KILLEEN TX, 76542  
 10. SGLI COVERAGE: NONE  
 AMOUNT: \$ 400,000.00

11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialties numbers and times including periods of use or name years):  
 63B20 WHEELED VEHICLE MECH - 0 YRS 11 MOS// NOTHING FOLLOWS

12. RECORD OF SERVICE:  
 a. DATE ENTERED AD THIS PERIOD: 2009 10 01  
 b. SEPARATION DATE THIS PERIOD: 2010 06 29  
 c. NET ACTIVE SERVICE THIS PERIOD: 0000 10 29  
 d. TOTAL PRIOR ACTIVE SERVICE: 0004 00 00  
 e. TOTAL PRIOR INACTIVE SERVICE: 0000 06 03  
 f. FOREIGN SERVICE: 0000 07 17  
 g. SEA SERVICE: 0000 00 00  
 h. INITIAL ENTRY TRAINING: 0000 00 00  
 i. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PAY GRADE: 2009 02 11

13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (List periods of service):  
 ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL//ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL//ARMY RESERVE COMPONENTS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL (2ND AWARD)//NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL WITH BRONZE STAR//GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL//IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL W/ CAMPAIGN STAR//CONC IN BLACK 1B

14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed):  
 NONE//NOTHING FOLLOWS

15. COMMISSIONED THROUGH SERVICE ACADEMY: YES X NO  
 16. DATES ACCRUED LEAVE: YES X NO  
 17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION: YES X NO

18. REMARKS:  
 SERVED IN A DESIGNATED IMMINENT DANGER PAY AREA//SERVICE IN KUALA LUMPUR 20091205-20100122//INDIVIDUAL COMPLETED PERIOD FOR WHICH ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR PURPOSES OF POST SERVICE BENEFITS AND ENTITLEMENTS//ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM JAN 10 USC 12302//MEMBER HAS COMPLETED PRIOR FULL TERM OF SERVICE//COMBUSTION OFFICER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON (2ND AWARD)//ARMY SERVICE RIBBON//ARMED FORCES RESERVE MEDAL W/ M SERVICE//DRIVER AND MECHANIC BADGE W/DRIVER-WHEELED VEHICLE (S) CLASS//DRIVER AND/SEE ATTACHED CONTINUATION SHEET

19. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (include ZIP Code): [Redacted]  
 20. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include ZIP Code): [Redacted]

21. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO (Specify state/branch): [Redacted] OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS X YES NO  
 22. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 3 BE SENT TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (WASHINGTON, DC): YES X NO

23. MEMBER SIGNATURE: [Redacted] 20100728  
 24. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title, signature): [Redacted] 20100728  
 25. DATE (YYYYMMDD): 20100728

26. TYPE OF SEPARATION: RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY  
 27. CHARACTER OF SERVICE: HONORABLE  
 28. SEPARATION AUTHORITY: AR 635-200, CHAP 4  
 29. SEPARATION CODE: [Redacted]  
 30. REENTRY CODE: NA

31. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION: COMPLETION OF REQUIRED ACTIVE SERVICE  
 32. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD (YYYYMMDD): NONE  
 33. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4 (include L&D): YES X NO

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# EXAMPLES

INFORMATION RELEASABLE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT	
NAME: ████████████████████	
BRANCH OF SERVICE AND SERIAL/SERVICE NUMBER(S): UNITED STATES ARMY	
DATES OF SERVICE: DECEMBER 2, 1986 - DECEMBER 6, 1986 ACTIVE DUTY: DECEMBER 2, 1986 - JANUARY 11, 1987	
DUTY STATUS: DISCHARGE:	
RANK/GRADE: PAT-R(N)	
SALARY: N/A	
SOURCE OF COMMISSION: N/A	
PROMOTION SEQUENCE NUMBER: N/A	
ASSIGNMENTS AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS: SEE ATTACHED	
MILITARY EDUCATION: FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST, 9 WEEKS JUNE 1987	
DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: ARMY SERVICE RIBBON; OVERSEAS SERVICE RIBBON; SHARPSHOOTER BADGE W/ M16 RIFLE BAR; EXPERT BADGE W/ HAND GRENADE BAR; SHARPSHOOTER BADGE W/ .38 CALIBER PISTOL BAR	
TRANSCRIPT OF COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL: NOT IN FILE	
PHOTOGRAPH: NOT IN FILE	
PLACE OF ENTRY: HOUSTON, TEXAS	
PLACE OF SEPARATION: ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	
FOR DECEASED VETERAN ONLY	
PLACE OF BIRTH	
DATE OF DEATH	
LOCATION OF DEATH	
PLACE OF BURIAL	
NOTE: N/A denotes information is not available in the veteran's records	

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

NA FORM 13164 (Rev. 02-02)

This document (NA FORM 13164, issued by the National Archives) verifies the individual served in the “Army”. There is nothing on this document that would verify VFW eligible service or “Honorable” service.

This document (A copy of the applicants Assignments page from their Service Record Book as provided by the National Archives) verifies the individual served in the Army and went to basic training Fort McClellan, Alabama and then after military Occupational Specialty training was deployed overseas to Germany from 6/87—1/89. There is nothing on this document that shows “Honorable” service or VFW eligible serve.

SECTION VII - CURRENT AND PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS						
RECORD OF ASSIGNMENTS						
EFFECTIVE DATE	DUTY MOIC	PRINCIPAL DUTY	ORGANIZATION AND STATION OR OVERSEA COUNTRY	REG	REG	CONT
				DATE	DATE	
IN	OUT	IN	OUT	TYPE	REPORT	
861207	██████████	ENL	USAREGSTA FT MCCL AL			
861208	██████████	SEPT	CO A 40TH BN 68TH FT MCCL AL			
870605	██████████	ADV INDIV TRG	██████████			
870605	██████████	FOOD SERVICE SPECIALIST	██████████			
890111	██████████	RELIEF FROM ACTIVE DUTY USAR CON GS	██████████			

# EXAMPLES

**REQUEST AND AUTHORIZATION FOR TDY TRAVEL OF DOD PERSONNEL**  
(Reference: Joint Travel Regulations)  
Travel Authorized as Indicated in Items 2 through 21.

1. DATE OF REQUEST: 8 JAN 88

2. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial): [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

3. POSITION TITLE AND GRADE OR RATING: MOVEMENT NCOIC, SPC

4. OFFICIAL STATION: 25th ID (L) SCHO BKS, HI 96857

5. ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT: CA

6. PHONE NO.: 655-0386

7. TYPE OF ORDERS: CONFIRMATORY TDY

8. SECURITY CLEARANCE: N/A

9. PURPOSE OF TDY: TEAM SPIRIT 88

10. APPROX NO. OF DAYS OF TDY (including travel time): 60-90 DAYS

11. PROCURED OIA (Date): 12 FEB 88

12. ITINERARY:  VARIATION AUTHORIZED

FROM SCHO BKS, HI TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND RETURN

13. MODE OF TRANSPORTATION: PRIVATELY OWNED CONVEYANCE (Check one)

14. ESTIMATED COST: PER DIEM 364.00, TRAVEL 70.00, OTHER 0.00, TOTAL 434.00

15. ADVANCE AUTHORIZED: 70.00

16. REMARKS: TDY VOUCHER TO BE FILED WITH FINANCE OFFICE... TRAVEL IS AUTH AS DETERMINED BY THE UNIT COMMANDER... EXPENSES AUTH PER JTF CDR (VOCD 12 FEB 88) USARPAC (APCS) MSG 261105Z FEB 88, SUBJ: TDY STATUS OF US ARMY SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF TEAMSPIRIT IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

17. AUTHORIZED BY: [REDACTED] FOR: [REDACTED]

18. AUTHORIZING OFFICER: [REDACTED] AUTHORIZATION: 2 03 08Z 2020 94619 NDD-92-0029

19. ACCOUNTING CITATION: 2122020 82-1225 200000 COU2750LL00121 894619 IJN01: 2113/3364.00

20. ORDER AUTHORITY: GREGORY P. NICHOLS, MAJ, USAF, SCHO BKS, HI 96857-6000

21. TRAVEL ORDER NUMBER: 9 JAN 88

This document (A copy of the applicants Temporary Duty Assignment orders from their Service Record Book as provided by the National Archives) verifies the individual served in the Army and went to the Korean Peninsula for 60-90 days. There is nothing on this document that shows "Honorable" service.

This document (A copy of the applicants Performance Report from their Service Record Book as provided by the National Archives) verifies the individual served in the Air Force and was stationed on the Korean Peninsula from 8/78-3/79. There is nothing on this document that shows "Honorable" service.

**AIRMAN PERFORMANCE REPORT**

1. IDENTIFICATION DATA: 1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL: [REDACTED] 2. GRADE: SPC

3. ORGANIZATION - LOCATION AND COMMAND: 8th Comement Repair Sq, Kunsan A.B South Korea (PACAF)

4. PERIOD OF REPORT & SUPERVISOR: FROM 18 Aug 78 TO 20 Mar 79

5. DUTIES: CAPSC 42754, CAPSC 42754, CURRENT DUTY: Sq, Metal Processing Specialist. Welds, cuts, brazes, forges, heat treats, and solders metals in fabrication, repair, and surface treatment of metal parts and components.

III. PERSONAL QUALITIES

1. PERFORMANCE OF DUTY: Consider the quantity, quality, and timeliness of his work in the duties described in Section II.	REPORTING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	INDORSING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2. WORKING RELATIONS: Consider how well he uses his ability to communicate (oral and written) and get along with others to improve his overall performance.	REPORTING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	INDORSING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
3. LEARNING ABILITY: Consider how well he grasps instructions and understands principles and concepts related to his job.	REPORTING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	INDORSING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
4. SELF IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS: Consider how well he progresses in on-the-job training and in other efforts to improve his technical knowledge and educational level.	REPORTING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	INDORSING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
5. ADAPTABILITY TO MILITARY LIFE: Consider how well he adapts and conforms to the demands of military service and in the performance of military duties not directly related to his job.	REPORTING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	INDORSING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4
6. HEARING AND BEHAVIOR: Consider the degree to which his hearing and behavior in and off duty improve the image of Air Force airmen.	REPORTING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	INDORSING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED]	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4

IV. OVERALL EVALUATION: How does he compare with others of his grade and Air Force specialty? Promotion and career potential? (Consider his qualifications in this rating.)

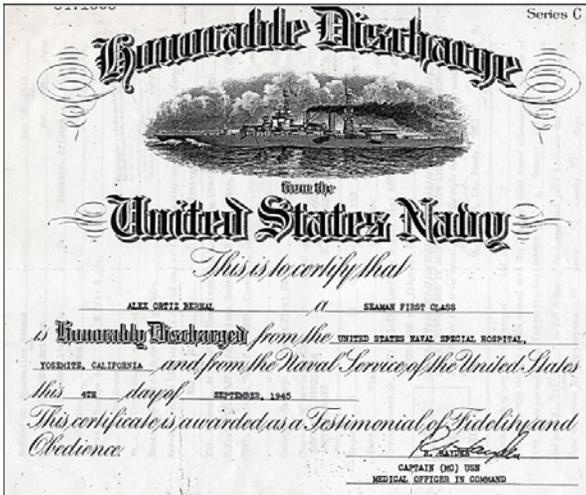
V. REPORTING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED] NAME: [REDACTED] DUTY TITLE: NCOIC Welding Shop

VI. INDORSING OFFICIAL: [REDACTED] NAME: [REDACTED] DUTY TITLE: Chief Accessory, Maintenance Branch

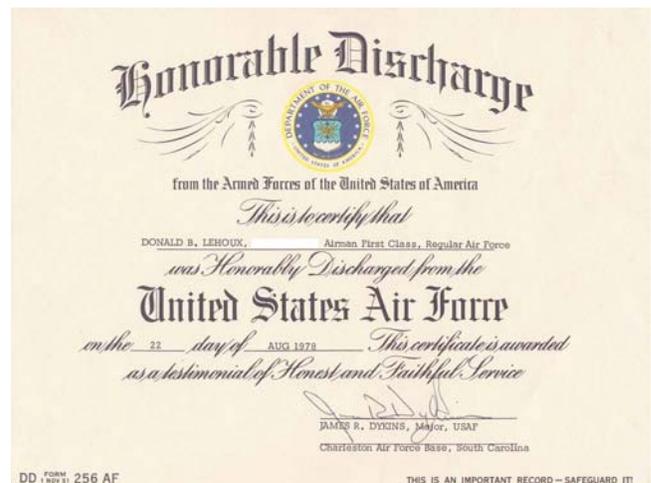
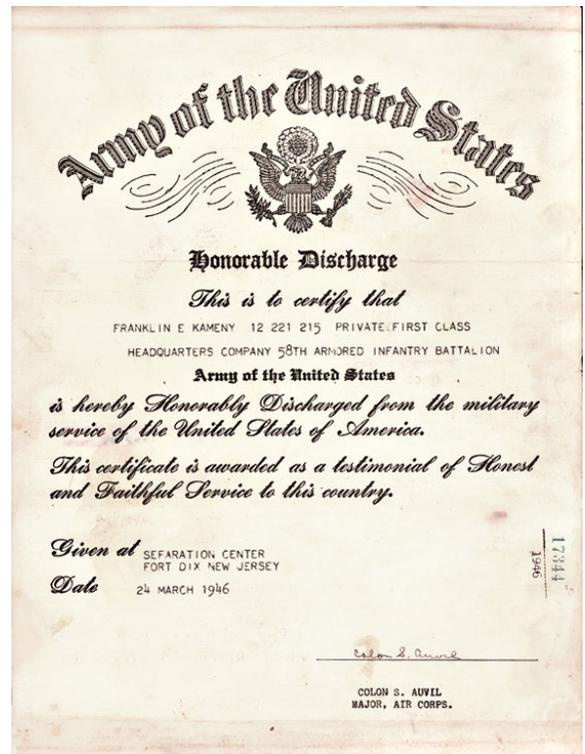
21 March 1979

AF FORM 909 APR 70 U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1975 O - 675-002

# EXAMPLES



These are examples of documents that indicate “Honorable” service. Each service branch will have its own and they change from time to time over the years. These documents can be used to verify “Honorable” service. However they do not document VFW eligible service.



# EXAMPLES

HEADQUARTERS 3D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 468

DBSS  
LO 1-16

4 January 1954

SUBJECT: Rest and Recuperation (R&R) (Packet #11)

TO: Personnel Concerned

The fol pers WP as indicated. Upon completion R&R pers will rept R&R Cen (CP) NLT (1730 hrs, 13 Jan 54) for rtn to proper orgn

1. CAPT [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	39th FA Bn
2. PFC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Hq Btry Divarty
3. CPL [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	3d AAA AF Bn
4. PFC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"
5. PFC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	9th FA Bn
6. PVT [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"
7. SGT [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	10th FA Bn
8. CPL [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"
9. PFC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	39th FA Bn
10. PFC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"
11. CPL [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"
12. CPL [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	58th FA Bn
13. PFC [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	"

Depart from F-16  
Destination Kobe Area  
Date January 5, 1954  
Period aprx 7 days  
Purpose Rest and Recuperation (R&R)  
Method of tvl Govt auto, mil acct and Hq auth

a. Auth: AR 310-25 and AFPE Cdr 13, 1953 and 8th Army TWX H35580  
KSS 30 December 1953

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL CANHAM:

*Sidney L. Irwin*  
SIDNEY L. IRWIN  
1ST LT, AGC  
ASST AG

This is a copy of "Rest and Recuperation" orders from the 3rd Infantry Division. The APO 468 was the unit designation location of the 3rd Infantry Division when stationed in Korea during the Korean War.

This document proves service in the Army and VFW eligibility. However there is nothing that indicates "Honorable" service. A copy of an "Honorable" discharge along with this document would be deemed sufficient proof for VFW eligibility.

This is a copy of an envelope mailed from a combat zone as the stamp is missing and the word "Free" is written where the stamp would normally go. The return address is a military address.

This document proves service in the Army and VFW eligibility. However, there is nothing that indicates "Honorable" service. A copy of an "Honorable" discharge along with this document would be deemed sufficient proof for VFW eligibility.



# EXAMPLES

Photographs can also be used to help verify eligibility. Many times photographs can prove military service and even service in an area recognized for VFW eligibility. Pictures cannot prove "Honorable" service and should not be used exclusively to verify VFW eligibility.

S-3



The world was going down the tubes. They needed a sniper. They found the Mad Brothers!



I'm getting too old for this shit



Three members of C Company, 307th Engineers, stand among some of the 122 and 107mm rockets uncovered by the 3rd Bde, 82nd Abn paratroopers. The engineers are, from left, PFC Louis M. Patrick of Orlando, Fla.; Sp/5 Carlos Sustaita of Hitchcock, Tex.; and Private James Reed of Denver, Colo. Specialist Sustaita is a 20-year old paratrooper, who entered the Army in June of 1967. He was a member of the 82nd Abn Div. at Ft. Bragg, N.C., prior to the 3rd Bde's departure to Vietnam in February of this year. The son of Mr. and Mrs. David Sustaita, 7114 Street, Hitchcock, he attended Ball High School, prior to entering the service.



# REAL CASE EXAMPLES



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Austin, Texas 78761  
FAX (512) 834-9232

vfw@texasvfw.org

October 23, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: VFW Membership Eligibility for [REDACTED] U.S. Army XXX-XX-[REDACTED]

Upon examination of submitted documents to the Department Headquarters it has been determined that [REDACTED] has provided sufficient documentation to prove his eligibility as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His eligibility comes from serving as a member of "B" Battery, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Artillery AW Battalion (Self Propelled) with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division from 1953-1954 during the Korean War.

Attached to this letter Mr. [REDACTED] will have a copy of several documents:

1. A letter dated October 8, 2012 from the National Personnel Records Center that his military records "...would have been in the area that suffered the most damage in the fire...and may have been destroyed."
2. Certification of Military Service issued on October 4, 2012 by the National Personnel Records Center showing an Honorable Discharge.
3. A copy of Rest & Recuperation orders from Headquarters 3d Infantry Division, APO 468 dated 4 January 1954 that specifically lists PFC [REDACTED]
4. A copy of Special Order Number 73 from Headquarters 3d Infantry Division, APO 468 dated 20 June 1954 that specifically list Sgt. [REDACTED] and others as having "Eligibility for Departure Far East Command."
5. A copy of two envelopes, marked "Exhibit 1" addressed to a Mrs. [REDACTED] with a military unit return address for [REDACTED] and postage marked as "Free - Air Mail".
6. A copy of the official history of the U.S. Army 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division History during the Korean War (Exhibit 2) as retrieved from the official website listed on the attachment that shows the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division in Korea during the Korean War from September 1950 to October 1954.
7. A copy of the Folger's Coffee (Exhibit 3) publication dated August 1954 that shows a picture of Mr. [REDACTED] and announces his return to the production department "...after serving fourteen and one-half months in Korea."

Please extend every courtesy to Mr. [REDACTED] as a veteran eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and maintain a copy of this documentation as his proof of eligibility in his member file.

Should you have any questions please Department Headquarters.

Sincerely,

Dan West  
State Assistant Adjutant  
Certified National VFW Recruiter

Here are some examples of an actual situation where the applicants DD-214 had been irrevocably destroyed by fire.

After a complete examination of applicants documentation writing a letter for the applicant is helpful, especially if they transfer to another Post.

Make sure the letter lays out the documents used to create a preponderance of evidence that established the basis for eligibility of the applicant for others who might question eligibility.

Many records were destroyed in the fire of July 12, 1973. "The fire destroyed the major portion of records of Army military personnel for the period 1912 through 1959, and records of Air Force personnel with surnames Hubbard through Z for the period 1947 through 1963. Fortunately, there are alternative records sources that often contain information which can be used to reconstruct service record data lost in the fire; however, complete records cannot be reconstructed."

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER  
1 ARCHIVES DRIVE ST LOUIS, MO 63128-1002  
www.archives.gov



October 8, 2012

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

RE: Veteran's Name: [REDACTED]  
SSN/SN: \*\*\*\*\*[REDACTED]  
Request Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir or Madam:

The record needed to answer your inquiry is not in our files. If the record were here on July 12, 1973, it would have been in the area that suffered the most damage in the fire on that date and may have been destroyed. The fire destroyed the major portion of records of Army military personnel for the period 1912 through 1959, and records of Air Force personnel with surnames Hubbard through Z for the period 1947 through 1963. Fortunately, there are alternate records sources that often contain information which can be used to reconstruct service record data lost in the fire; however, complete records cannot be reconstructed.

We are pleased to enclose NA Form 13038, *Certification of Military Service*. This document verifies military service and may be used for any official purpose. A seal has been affixed to this document to attest to its authenticity. The information used to prepare the enclosed NA Form 13038 was obtained from an alternate record source.

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at <http://vetrecs.archives.gov>.

Sincerely,

JEFREY TAYLOR  
Archives Technician (4A)



Enclosure(s)



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February 15, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: VFW Membership Eligibility for [REDACTED] U.S. Navy XXX-XX-5705.

Upon examination of submitted documents to the Department Headquarters it has been determined that Mr. [REDACTED] has provided sufficient documentation to prove his eligibility as a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

His eligibility comes from serving as a member of Navy Fighter Squadron Twenty Four while assigned to the U.S.S. Constellation during a Western Pacific (Westpac) cruise where the ship, upon orders from the President of the United States, ordered the ship to the Gulf of Aden in the Indian Ocean during fighting in Yemen.

The ship, crew and all assigned units stationed on the U.S.S. Constellation were authorized a Navy & Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for the "Iranian, Yemen and Indian Ocean Operation".

Attached to this letter Mr. [REDACTED] will have a copy of several documents;

1. His DD-214 showing "Honorable" service in the United States Navy.
2. A copy of the inside cover page of the official U.S.S. Constellation Cruise Book for WESTPAC 78-79.
3. A copy of pictures of members of NFS 24 as pictured in the aforementioned cruise book showing a picture of Mr. [REDACTED] in official Navy uniform and listing his rank, initial of first name and full last name.
4. A copy from the aforementioned cruise book of a written synopsis of the cruise and the sudden deployment to the Gulf of Aden in the Indian Ocean as a show of force to the countries of Iran and Yemen.
5. A copy of OPNAVNOTE 1650 from the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department of the Navy, dated 9 March 2001. This official document is a 1071 page document that lists every award and campaign medal Navy and Marine Corps units received from 1942 through 2001. Only six pages of this document have been enclosed that are relevant to Mr. [REDACTED]. These documents show that the U.S.S. Constellation and subsequently Navy Fighter Squadron 24 and all members received a Navy and Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal for their service in the Indian Ocean during the Iranian/Yemen conflict.

Please extend every courtesy to Mr. [REDACTED] as a veteran eligible for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and maintain a copy of this documentation as his proof of eligibility in his member file.

Should you have any questions please contact Department Headquarters.

Sincerely,

Dan West  
 State Assistant Adjutant  
 Certified National VFW Recruiter

In this case the applicant was missing information from his DD-214. This is actually very common especially with veterans of the U.S. Navy.

Make sure the letter lays out the documents used to create a preponderance of evidence that established the basis for eligibility of the applicant for others who might question eligibility.

The applicants DD-214 shows "Honorable" service in the U.S. Navy.

There is nothing on this DD-214 that would indicate the applicant is eligible for the VFW.

Further documentation is required to verify VFW eligibility.

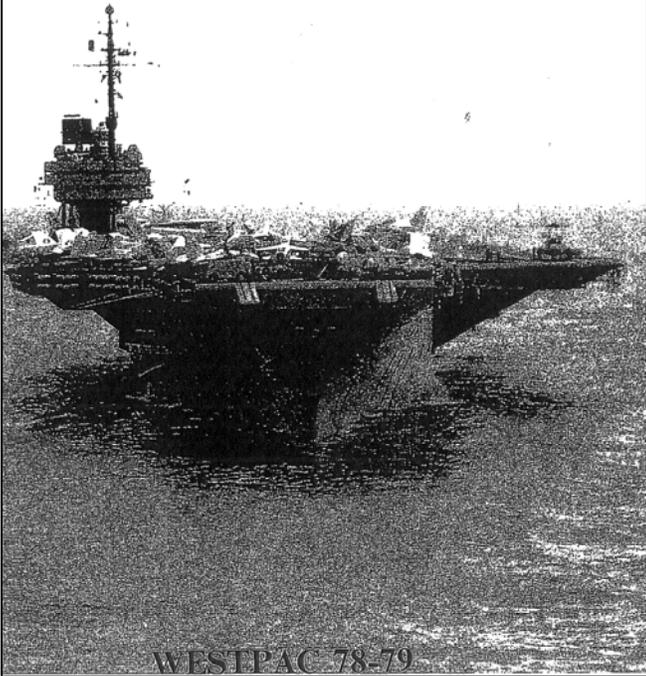
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NONE		31.0		<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 HOME		
27. DEGRADATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED		28. DISABILITY SEVERANCE PAY		29. PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION		
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30. DEGRADATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED		31. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED		32. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN		
FIRST GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL FOR SERVICES ENDING 79-11-06.		[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]		
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33. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER		34. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER		35. DATE COMPLETED		
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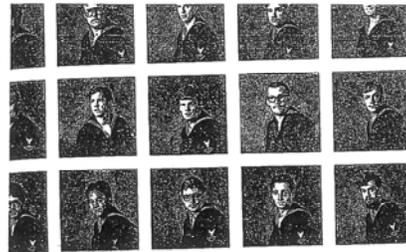
# REAL CASE EXAMPLES

## USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64)



In this case we used the applicant's copy of his cruise book to help verify eligibility.

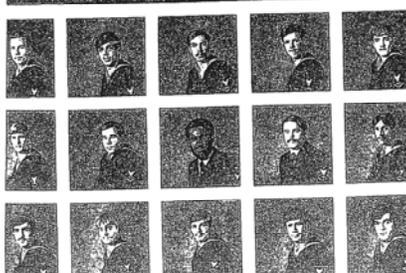
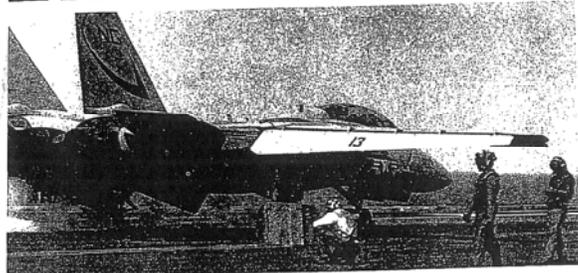
The applicant's cruise book proves military service and participation in an area recognized for VFW eligibility.



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AME3 T.  
AD3 R.

AO3 T.  
AMH3 J.  
AZ3 D.  
AD3 S.  
AT3 D.

AMH3 A.  
AMH3 J.  
AT3 M.  
AZ3 T.  
AZ3 G.



AQ3 YN3 M.  
AO3 G.  
AO3 P.  
AD3 J.

AQ3 G.  
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At the end of January, Connie was released from MODLOC I, east of Singapore, and returned to Subic Bay for some much needed rest, repair work, and relaxation, including some sports action in the Seventh Fleet competition.

After one more week of refresher operations in February, Connie again returned to Subic on 4 March for the customary "Goin' home" preparations, including one last shopping spree in the "Pearl of the Orient." However, at 1030 on 6 March - less than 24 hours before we were to leave for the States - Captain McCarthy informed the crew that the President, through the Joint Chiefs of Staff, had ordered us to the Gulf of Aden in the Indian Ocean, to demonstrate our nation's concern over the fighting between North and South Yemen and our pledge to assist nations threatened by Communist-backed countries.

Leaves were cancelled, transfers delayed, furniture and other souvenirs were off-loaded and replaced with necessary support materials. In less than 48 hours, the "First Team" of CV-64 and CVW-9 was underway for MODLOC II.

After clearing the Straits of Malacca, the bridge rang up "28 knots", the engineers down below answered the call as usual, and on 16 March, Connie and her escorts arrived on station, having traversed roughly 4000 nautical miles in less than eight days.

While in the Indian Ocean, the CONSTELLATION Task Group never lacked for company. Numerous Soviet vessels cruised by to pay their respects. On three occasions, Soviet long-ranged aircraft were greeted by our F-14 Tomcats and courteously escorted overhead as they came out to look us over.

Tensions between North and South Yemen eased soon after our arrival; the reassurance of United States support had made an impact. As the days of March faded into April, we received the word that the USS RANGER was headed for the Indian Ocean to relieve us. However, our joy was dampened a few days later when word reached us that the RANGER had collided with a Liberian freighter near Singapore. Fortunately, no one was injured, however, the damage suffered by the RANGER was so extensive that she was forced to return to Subic for repairs. Our extension had just been extended!

Within a few days we received good news. The USS MIDWAY had set sail from Japan to take the RANGER'S place as our relief. The CONSTELLATION Task Group set a southerly course towards Diego Garcia, MODLOC III, to obtain much needed supplies, and await the arrival of the MIDWAY.

The change of pace in our operating schedule brought a somewhat relaxed atmosphere. To enhance the relaxed conditions, a boxing smoker was held, a swap meet was staged and the Connie band held a sunset gig on the flight deck. As we crossed latitude 00° 0' the Skull & Crossbones once again flew from the mast, and for the second time this cruise the ship was purged of all pollutants.

Easter Sunday dawned bright and clear and the traditional sunrise service held on the flight deck gave us all new hope.

On 17 April, our prayers were answered. There on our port beam was the MIDWAY, a sight for sore eyes! Throughout the day, helos shuttled personnel and supplies between the two carriers. We really made out well in the trade; we brought the Seventh Fleet Band aboard and we were "headin' home."

As the MIDWAY and her "small boys" faded on the horizon, messages of congratulations for a job well done began pouring in from: JCS, CNO, CINCPAC, CINCPACFLT, COMNAVAIRPAC, and COMSEVENTHFLT. The torch had been passed, Connie was homeward bound!

# REAL CASE EXAMPLES

OPNAVNOTE 1650 can be very instrumental in helping to verify VFW eligibility. It lists awards for every unit in the Navy and Marine Corps from 1942-2001 in 1071 pages. A copy can be obtained online.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS  
200 NAVY PENTAGON  
WASHINGTON, DC 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO

Cane frp: Mar 2002  
OPNAVNOTE 1650  
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9 Mar 01

**OPNAV NOTICE 1650**

From: Chief of Naval Operations  
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: MASTER LIST OF UNIT AWARDS AND CAMPAIGN MEDALS

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1650.1F

Encl: (1) List of Awards and Abbreviations  
(2) Unit Awards/Campaign Medals Awarded to USNS Ships  
(3) Unit Awards/Campaign Medals Awarded to USS Ships  
(4) Unit Awards/Campaign Medals Awarded to Navy Units  
(5) Unit Awards/Campaign Medals Awarded to U.S. Marine Corps Units  
(6) Unit Awards/Campaign Medals Awarded to USAF Units  
(7) Unit Awards/Campaign Medals Awarded to USA Units  
(8) Unit Awards/Campaign Medals Awarded to USCG Units

1. **Purpose.** To provide master list of the ships and units that have been cited for special recognition.

2. **Eligibility.**

a. **Navy awards.** Use 2 digit award code listed in enclosure (1) to determine type of award issued. All personnel permanently attached to or serving with cited units listed in enclosures (2) through (8) during the period designated, or any part thereof, are entitled to the award. Eligibility may be established by documentary evidence in service records, such as orders to officer personnel or page four service record entry for enlisted members. Reference (a) sets forth the eligibility criteria for awards and should be used in conjunction with enclosures (2) through (8).

b. Enclosures (2) through (8) do not contain information of the Kuwait Liberation Medals (KLM) and (KLMK). Except for the ships listed below, if a ship or unit is listed for the Southwest Asia Service Medal for the period 1 August 1990 to 31 August 1991 or 17 January to 28 February 1991, they also qualify for the KLM(K) or the KLM, respectively.

USS VIRGINIA (CGN 38)  
USS PITTSBURGH (SSN 720)  
USS PHILADELPHIA (SSN 690)  
USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750)  
EOD MOBILE UNIT 6, DET 6  
USS MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL (SSN 708)

OPNAVNOTE 1650  
9 Mar 01

**Joint Meritorious Unit Award.** Only those members of the Armed Forces of the United States were present at the time and directly participated in the service or achievement for 30 days or more, the period cited if less than 30 days, are authorized to wear the JMU/A ribbon. Personnel must be cited and/or attached by official orders to the joint unit or task force receiving JMU/A, either as individuals or as members of an assigned or attached unit. Local commanders may cite on an individual basis, the 30-day minimum time requirement for individuals (Reserve personnel in active duty and Temporary Duty and/or Temporary Active Duty personnel), who, in the purview of the commander contributed directly to the achievement cited, and were assigned on official orders to the unit during the approved time frames.

Enclosures (1) through (8) are forwarded for information and use in determining eligibility for awards, campaign and service medals. Personnel Support Detachments and ships/unit personnel are to use these listings to determine eligibility for only those personnel whose records they maintain. Eligibility for retired, discharged or Fleet Reserve personnel must be determined by the Navy or Office, National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63231-5100 or by Personnel Command.

**Consolidated Listing.** This constitutes the Navy's consolidated listing of unit awards. The command of the Marine Corps maintains the consolidated listing for Marine units.

G. J. HODGES  
Director, Organization & Management  
Services Division

Notes:  
1. Parts 1 and 2  
2. CORPS PCN 7100000000 and 7100000010

LIST OF AWARDS AND ABBREVIATIONS

LONG FORM

al Surface Reserve Force Letter of Commendation  
Education and Training Letter of Commendation  
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Flying Cross (With Combat V)  
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Chief, U.S. Naval Forces, Europe Letter of Commendation  
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Service Medal  
JA Joint Service Achievement Medal  
JC Joint Service Commendation Medal  
JU Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
JV Joint Service Commendation Medal (With Combat V)  
LC Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Certificate of Commendation  
LM Legion of Merit

LV	Legion of Merit (With Combat V)
MC	Commander, Naval Medical Command Letter of Commendation
ME	Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal
MM	Medal of Honor
MS	Meritorious Service Medal
MR	Defense Meritorious Service Medal
MD	Meritorious Unit Commendation
MA	Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
NM	NASA Medal for Exceptional Bravery
NC	Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
ND	NASA Distinguished Service Medal
NE	Navy "E" Ribbon
NF	NASA Flight Medal
NH	Navy and Marine Corps Medal
NI	NASA Medal for Exceptional Service
NJ	Navy Unit Commendation
NK	Navy Achievement Medal (With Combat V)
NX	Navy Cross
OK	Order of Merit
OT	Other
OV	Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
OC	Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet Letter of Commendation
PH	Purple Heart
PO	Presidential Unit Citation
RC	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
RG	Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation - Gallantry
RT	Return End of Tour
SA	Southeast Asia Service Medal
SC	Secretary of the Navy Letter of Commendation
SD	Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
SL	Silver Life Saving Medal
SM	Soldiers Medal
SO	Coast Guard SOS Ribbon
SS	Silver Star Medal
TA	Secretary of Treasury Commendation for Achievement
TC	Commander, Naval Telecommunications Command Letter of Commendation
TV	Secretary of Transportation Commendation for Achievement (With Combat V)
UC	Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation
VE	Vietnam Service Medal
XX	Letter of Commendation
ZZ	No Award

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OP-58833 AS OF 29-JAN-01

UNIT AWARDS AND CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

SHIP/UNIT NAME	USN SHIPS	AWARD	START-DATE	END-DATE	REMARKS
CONSERVARS AFS 19	VB	14-MAY-1968	07-JUN-1968		
		10-JUN-1969	11-JUL-1969		
		03-AUG-1969	14-AUG-1969		
		20-AUG-1969	10-OCT-1969		
		23-AUG-1970	08-SEP-1970		
		14-SEP-1970	13-OCT-1970		
		26-OCT-1970	09-NOV-1970		
		18-NOV-1970	24-NOV-1970		
CONSERVARS AFS 9	WE	01-JAN-1993	31-DEC-1993		
CONSPANT MCG 427	AR	03-SEP-1958	18-SEP-1958	H	
		29-SEP-1958	11-OCT-1958	H	
		20-OCT-1958	27-OCT-1958	H	
		04-NOV-1958	15-NOV-1958	H	
		19-OCT-1960	30-OCT-1960	G	
		29-NOV-1960	09-DEC-1960	G	
		21-DEC-1960	22-DEC-1960	G	
		10-FEB-1965	23-FEB-1965	I	
		05-MAR-1965	04-APR-1965	I	
		01-JUL-1974	10-JUN-1975		
		01-JUL-1977	31-DEC-1978		
		01-JUL-1980	31-DEC-1981		
		25-NOV-1968	11-JAN-1969		
		24-MAY-1962	09-OCT-1962		
		08-JUL-1964	08-AUG-1964		
		13-SEP-1966	11-OCT-1966		
		21-OCT-1966	12-NOV-1966		
		12-DEC-1966	01-FEB-1967		
		25-NOV-1968	12-JAN-1969		
		09-FEB-1969	28-JAN-1971		
		29-DEC-1970	11-APR-1971		
		04-MAR-1971	03-MAY-1971		
		20-APR-1971	09-MAY-1971		
		24-JUL-1987	25-AUG-1987	F	
		01-AUG-1988	04-APR-1989	F	
		12-MAR-1979	18-APR-1979	F	
		26-APR-1980	04-AUG-1980	F	
		12-AUG-1980	19-AUG-1980	F	
		24-JUN-1987	23-JUL-1987	F	
		12-MAR-1979	19-APR-1979	F	
		01-JAN-1984	24-AUG-1985	F	
		08-OCT-1984	10-MAR-1986	F	
		01-JAN-1985	10-JUN-1986	F	
		01-JAN-1989*	31-DEC-1989	F	
		18-MAY-1967	28-NOV-1967	F	
		02-JUN-1968	DEC-1968	F	
		01-APR-1990	31-MAR-1993	F	

\* ONE AWARD FOR MULTIPLE DATES

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MARKER CODE	OPERATION	REMARKS CODES
AR	A. BERLIN (14 AUG 61 - 1 JUN 63)	
	B. CORNO (14 JUL 60 - 1 SEP 62 & 23 NOV 64 - 27 NOV 64)	
	C. CUBA (24 OCT 62 - 31 DEC 62)	
	D. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (18 APR 65 - 21 SEP 66)	
	E. LAOS (18 APR 61 - 7 OCT 62)	
	F. LEBANON (1 JUL 58 - 1 NOV 58)	
	G. GINNY-WATSON (23 JUL 58 - 1 JUN 63)	
	H. TAIWAN STRAITS (23 AUG 50 - 1 JUN 63)	
	I. VIETNAM (1 JUL 58 - 3 JUL 65)	
	II. J. KOREA (1 OCT 66 - 3 JUN 74)	
	K. CAMBODIA (29 MAR 73 - 15 AUG 73) - NO NAVY UNIT ELIGIBLE	
	L. THAILAND (29 MAR 73 - 15 AUG 73) - NO NAVY UNIT ELIGIBLE	
	M. OPERATION EAGLE PULL (11 APR 75 - 13 APR 75)	
	N. OPERATION FREQUENT WIND (29 APR 75 - 30 APR 75)	
	O. HAYDOCK OPERATION (15 MAY 75)	
	P. PERANSA (23 OCT 83 - 21 NOV 83)	
****	Q. LEBANON (1 JUN 83 - 1 AUG 84) FOR NAVY/MARINE CORPS UNITS (SEE NOTE 85)	
	R. PERSIAN GULF (24 JUL 87 - 1 AUG 80)	
	S. JONT CAHNE PAKAMA (20 DEC 89 - 31 JAN 90)	
	T. OPERATION RESTORE HOPE SOMALIA (15 DEC 92 - TBD)	
EM	A. CUBA (1 JAN 61 - 23 OCT 62)	
	B. THAILAND (16 MAY 62 - 10 AUG 62)	
	C. IRAN/INDIAN OCEAN (6 DEC 78 - 6 JUN 79)	
	D. IRAN/INDIAN OCEAN (23 NOV 79 - 20 OCT 81)	
	E. LEBANON (20 AUG 62 - 31 MAY 83)	
	F. LIBYA (10 JAN 86 - 27 JUN 86) (AFPM approved for the period 12-17 Apr 1986. An individual may only be authorized one Expeditionary Medal for service in Libya from 26 Jan 1986 through 27 Jun 1986. Personnel who were in the Libyan area during the period 12 through 17 April 1986 may elect which Expeditionary Medal they will receive and wear. Personnel who served in the area before 12 April or after 17 April 1986 must be authorized the Navy or Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal.)	
	G. PERSIAN GULF (23 JUL 87 - 1 AUG 80)	
	H. LIBYAN OPERATION SHARIF (15 AUG 86 - 21 FEB 91)	
MM	1. NEW LIFE/NEW ARRIVAL (1 APR 75 - 1 NOV 75)	
	2. BARY LIFE (4 APR 75 - 9 MAY 75)	
	3. EAGLE PULL (12 APR 75)	
	4. FREQUENT WIND (20-30 APR 75)	
	5. BETHLEHEM ISLAND (1977 - 1980)	
	6. GUNTERMAN BATHHOUSE (4 FEB 76 - 30 JUN 76)	
	7. SHOMOO, NEW YORK (30 JAN 77 - 8 FEB 77)	
	8. SHIP BLOWN AWAY (18 FEB 76 - 26 JAN 78)	
	9. BOAT PEOPLE (21 JUL 78 - 30 JUN 84)	

Once the Post Review Committee has verified eligibility they must sign the back of the member's application stating that they have performed their duties and recommends approval or rejection to the Post membership.

Admission Fee paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ LM Fee Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The Review Committee has performed its duties and recommends approval or rejection. (Signatures of Committee Below)

Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_ Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee Member \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date Obligated \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SEPARATE FORMS BEFORE SIGNING

**VFW PLEDGE**  
I do, of my own free will and accord, solemnly promise and declare that:  
I will bear true allegiance -- to the Constitution of the United States of America -- and I will always be loyal thereto.  
I do further solemnly promise and declare -- that I will comply with the Congressional Charter -- By-Laws and Ritual of this order -- and I will always be loyal thereto -- that I will never wrong or defraud this organization -- nor a member thereof -- nor permit any wrong to be done to either -- if in my power to prevent it.  
I will never propose for membership -- any person not eligible -- nor one whom I know to be unworthy.  
I will never make known to anyone -- not authorized to receive it -- any of the work of this order.  
Should my affiliation -- with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States -- cease in any way -- I will consider this pledge -- as binding outside of the order -- as though I had remained a member of same.  
All this I promise and pledge -- upon the honor of a true comrade -- and a citizen of our great republic.

**CERTIFICATION (See Sec. 104 By-Laws)**  
I attest that I am a citizen of the United States, that my Campaign Service was honorable, that I have never subsequently been discharged from military service under dishonorable conditions. I also certify that (1) I am entitled to a campaign ribbon or medal authorized by the U.S. Government based on my overseas service or; (2) I have served overseas in Korea or; I have received Imminent Danger/Hostile Fire pay. I further attest to the Veterans of Foreign Wars to verify honorable overseas service entitling me to membership.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
\$1.00 of your membership dues goes towards your VFW magazine subscriptions.

The applicant needs to sign and date the back of the application when they first apply for membership attesting to the fact that they are a U.S. Citizen or U.S. National and eligible for membership in the VFW.

Like any other committee the Post Review Committee must report to the Post Membership for the Post members to make the final decision on the committee's recommendations.

### Challenging Eligibility.

Section 108 of the National VFW By-Laws and Manual of Procedure specify that a member who has his VFW eligibility challenged has to be notified within 5 days of the challenge and then they have 15 days to provide that proof to the Post Adjutant. If proof of eligibility cannot be established then the members application and proof of service shall be submitted to the Department Commander for review and disposition.

If the Department Commander cannot establish proof of eligibility then the application and proof of service is "...submitted to the Commander-in-Chief, who shall determine the eligibility of the member."

**For Questions call;  
Texas VFW at (512) 834-8535.**