

TABLE 5

Area	Dates	Explanation
Congo	July 14, 1960 to September 1, 1962.	Only for participants deployed in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia.
Somalia—Operations RESTORE HOPE and UNITED SHIELD.	December 5, 1992 to March 31, 1995.	
Former Republic of Yugoslavia—Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR and JOINT GUARD.	June 1, 1992 to June 20, 1998	
Former Republic of Yugoslavia—Operation JOINT FORGE.	June 21, 1998 to a date to be determined.	

(e) Designated U.S. operations of assistance for a friendly foreign nation are provided in Table 6 below:

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Vietnam	July 1, 1958 to July 3, 1965.	Only those in direct support of Cambodia operations.
Laos	April 19, 1961 to October 7, 1962.	
Cambodia	March 29, 1973 to August 15, 1973.	
Thailand	March, 29 1973 to August 15, 1973	
El Salvador	January 1, 1981 to February 1, 1992.	The area of operations is the area from 20 degrees north latitude northward to 30 degrees, 30 minutes, north latitude and from 46 degrees, 36 minutes, east longitude eastward to 63 degrees east longitude. These geographical limits include the Persian Gulf, Bahrain, Kuwait, the Gulf of Oman and most of Saudi Arabia.
Lebanon	June 1, 1983 to December 1, 1987.	
Persian Gulf—Operation EARNEST WILL	July 24, 1987 (the date of the Bridgeton incident) to August 1, 1990.	
Southwest Asia: —Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. —Maritime Intercept Operation ...	December 1, 1995 to a date to be determined. December 1, 1995 to a date to be determined.	
—Vigilant Sentinel	December 1, 1995 to February 15, 1997.	
—Operation NORTHERN WATCH.	January 1, 1997 to a date to be determined.	
—Operation DESERT THUNDER	November 11, 1998 to December 22, 1998.	
—Operation DESERT FOX	December 16, 1998 to December 22, 1998.	
—Operation DESERT SPRING ..	December 31, 1998 to a date to be determined.	

(f) One bronze service star is worn to denote subsequent award of the AFEM. To be eligible for additional awards, service must be rendered in more than one of the designated areas and dates specified in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) of this section. No two awards will be made for service in the same designated area.

(g) *Arrowhead device.* The arrowhead device is a bronze replica of an Indian arrowhead 1/4-inch high. It denotes participation in a combat parachute jump, helicopter assault landing, combat

glider landing, or amphibious assault landing, while assigned or attached as a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission. A soldier must actually exit the aircraft or watercraft, as appropriate, to receive assault landing credit. Individual assault credit is tied directly to the combat assault credit decision for the unit to which the soldier is attached or assigned at the time of the assault. It is worn on the service and suspension ribbons of the AFEM when

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the unit is credited with assault landing credit. Only one arrowhead device will be worn on the ribbon.

(h) *Description.* The medal is bronze, 1¼ inches in diameter, an eagle, with wings addorsed and inverted, standing on a sword loosened in its scabbard, and super-imposed on a radiant compass rose of eight points, all within the circumscription "ARMED FORCES" above and "EXPEDITIONARY SERVICE" below with a sprig of laurel on each side. On the reverse is the shield from the United States Coat of Arms above two laurel branches separated by a bullet, all within the circumscription "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The ribbon is 1 ⅜ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: ⅜ inch Green 67129; ⅜ inch Golden Yellow 67104; ⅜ inch Spicebrown 67196; ⅜ inch Black 67138; ⅜ inch Bluebird 67117; ⅜ inch Ultramarine Blue 67118; ⅜ inch White 67101; ⅜ inch Scarlet; ⅜ inch Bluebird; ⅜ inch Black; ⅜ inch Spicebrown; ⅜ inch Golden Yellow; and ⅜ inch Green.

§ 578.26 Vietnam Service Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The Vietnam Service Medal (VSM) was established by Executive Order 11231, July 8, 1965. It is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces of the United States serving in Vietnam and contiguous waters or airspace thereover, after July 3, 1965 through March 28, 1973. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States in Thailand, Laos, or Cambodia, or the airspace thereover, during the same period and serving in direct support of operations in Vietnam are also eligible for this award.

(b) *Qualifications:* To qualify for award of the VSM an individual must meet one of the following qualifications:

(1) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days with an organization participating in or directly supporting military operations.

(2) Be attached to or regularly serve for 1 or more days abroad a Naval vessel directly supporting military operations.

(3) Actually participate as a crew-member in one or more aerial flights into airspace above Vietnam and con-

tiguous waters directly supporting military operations.

(4) Serve on temporary duty for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days in Vietnam or contiguous areas, except that time limit may be waived for personnel participating in actual combat operations.

(c) No person will be entitled to more than one award of the VSM.

(d) Individuals qualified for the AFEM for reason of service in Vietnam between July 1, 1958 and July 3, 1965 (inclusive) shall remain qualified for that medal. Upon request (unit personnel officer) any such individual may be awarded the VSM instead of the AFEM. In such instances, the AFEM will be deleted from the list of authorized medals in personnel records. No person will be entitled to both awards for Vietnam service.

(e) Service members who earned the AFEM for Operation FREQUENT WIND between April 29-30, 1975, may elect to receive the Vietnam Service Medal instead of the AFEM. No service member may be issued both medals for service in Vietnam.

(f) Vietnam and contiguous waters, as used herein, is defined as an area which includes Vietnam and the water adjacent thereto within the following specified limits: From a point on the East Coast of Vietnam at the juncture of Vietnam with China southeastward to 21 degrees N. latitude, 108 degrees; 15'E. longitude; thence, southward to 18 degrees; N. latitude, 108 degrees; 15' E. longitude; thence southeastward to 17 degrees 30' N. latitude, 111 degrees E. longitude; thence southward to 11 degrees N. latitude; 111 degrees E. longitude; thence southwestward to 7 degrees N. latitude, 105 degrees E. longitude; thence westward to 7 degrees N. latitude, 103 degrees; E. longitude; thence northward to 9 degrees 30' N. latitude, 103 degrees E. longitude; thence northeastward to 10 degrees 15' N. latitude, 104 degrees 27' E. longitude; thence northward to a point on the West Coast of Vietnam at the juncture of Vietnam with Cambodia.

(g) The VSM may be awarded posthumously.