

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM) – AUTHORIZED OPERATIONS

The table below lists designated U.S. military operations that have been approved for award of the AFEM. The Military Departments are responsible for determining individual eligibility for approved AFEM operations and approved designated areas of eligibility. Please refer individual eligibility questions to your respective Military Department.

Location	Operation(s)	Inclusive Dates
Lebanon		1 Jul 1958 - 1 Nov 1958
Vietnam (General Service)		1 Jul 1958 - 3 Jul 1965
Taiwan Straits		23 Aug 1958 - 1 Jan 1959
Quemoy and Matsu Islands		23 Aug 1958 - 1 Jun 1963
Congo		14 Jul 1960 - 1 Sep 1962
Laos		19 Apr 1961 - 7 Oct 1962
Berlin		14 Aug 1961 - 1 Jun 1963
Cuba		24 Oct 1962 - 1 Jun 1963
Congo		23 Nov 1964 - 27 Nov 1964
Dominican Republic		28 Apr 1965 - 21 Sep 1966
Korea ¹		1 Oct 1966 - 30 Jun 1974
Thailand	Cambodia Support Operations	29 Mar 1973 - 15 Aug 1973
Cambodia	Vietnam Support Operations	29 Mar 1973 - 15 Aug 1973
Cambodia	EAGLE PULL – Evacuation	11 Apr 1975 - 13 Apr 1975
Vietnam	FREQUENT WIND – Evacuation ²	29 Apr 1975 - 30 Apr 1975
Mayaguez		15-May-1975
El Salvador		1 Jan 1981 - 1 Feb 1992
Lebanon		1 Jun 1983 - 1 Dec 1987
Grenada Operation	URGENT FURY	23 Oct 1983 - 21 Nov 1983
Libya	EL DORADO CANYON	12 Apr 1986 - 17 Apr 1986
Persian Gulf	EARNEST WILL	24 Jul 1987 - 1 Aug 1990
Panama	JUST CAUSE	20 Dec 1989 - 31 Jan 1990
Somalia	RESTORE HOPE ³ , and UNITED SHIELD	5 Dec 1992 - 31 Mar 1995
Haiti	UPHOLD DEMOCRACY	16 Sep 1994 - 31 Mar 1995
Bosnia-Herzegovina & Croatia ⁴	JOINT ENDEAVOR	20 Nov 1995 - 19 Dec 1996
Southwest Asia	VIGILANT SENTINEL	1 Dec 1995 - 15 Feb 1997
Southwest Asia	Maritime Intercept Operation	1 Dec 1995 - 18 Mar 2003
Southwest Asia	SOUTHERN WATCH	1 Dec 1995 - 18 Mar 2003
Bosnia – Herzegovina & Croatia ⁴	JOINT GUARD	20 Dec 1996 - 20 Jun 1998

Location	Operation(s)	Inclusive Dates
Southwest Asia	NORTHERN WATCH	1 Jan 1997 - 18 Mar 2003
Bosnia-Herzegovina & Croatia	JOINT FORGE	21 Jun 1998 – 2 Dec 2004
Southwest Asia	DESERT FOX	11 Nov 1998 - 22 Dec 1998
Southwest Asia	DESERT THUNDER	16 Dec 1998 - 22 Dec 1998
Southwest Asia	DESERT SPRING	31 Dec 1998 - 18 Mar 2003
Haiti	SECURE TOMORROW	29 Feb 2004 - 15 Jun 2004
Former Republic of Yugoslavia ⁵	JOINT GUARDIAN, and NATO Headquarters in Sarajevo	1 Jan 2014 - TBD

1. Also eligible for the Korean Defense Service Medal as an exception to DoD policy.
2. May exchanged the AFEM for the Vietnam Service Medal pursuant to Section 542, Public Law 107-314.
3. U.S. Armed Forces serving in direct support of the United Nations Operations in Somalia (UNOSOM) are eligible under the same geographic eligibility criteria established for Operation RESTORE HOPE.
4. Members awarded the Armed Forces Service Medal (AFSM) for qualifying service in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia are authorized both the AFSM and AFEM pursuant to Section 572, Public Law 105-85 in accordance with Secretary of Defense guidance approved on February 24,1999.
5. The Kosovo Campaign Medal transitioned to the AFEM effective 1 Jan 2014; hence, start date for award of the AFEM does not coincide with the start date of Operation JOINT GUARDIAN.