

Foreign Awards Authorized for Acceptance for Service Prior to 1960
Korean War Service Medal
Philippine Defense Ribbon*
Philippine Independence Ribbon*
Philippine Liberation Ribbon*
Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation
Republic of Korea War Service Medal
United Nations Service Medal (Korea)
* A full-size medal is available from the Philippine Government for this award.

Foreign Awards

(1) Korean War Service Medal (KWSM). All Military Departments. On August 20, 1999, the PDUSD(P&R) approved the acceptance and wear of the KWSM for veterans of the Korean War. The KWSM was conferred from June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953, at its conclusion, upon military personnel (including the UN), military employees, policemen, rail workers, etc., as a group, through assignments to units (and organizations), who participated in the war.

(2) Philippine Defense Ribbon. All Military Departments.

(a) Awarded for combat service in the defense of the Philippines from December 8, 1941, to June 15, 1942, if the Service member was:

a. A member of the Bataan or Manila Bay Forces or of a unit, ship, or airplane under enemy attack; or

b. Assigned or stationed in the Philippine territories or waters for at least 30 calendar days during the period of December 8, 1941, to June 15, 1942.

(b) A Service member who meets both conditions cited above is authorized to wear a bronze star on the service ribbon.

(3) Philippine Independence Ribbon. All Military Departments. Awarded to Service members who are recipients of both the Philippine Defense and Philippine Liberation ribbons.

(4) Philippine Liberation Ribbon. All Military Departments.

(a) Awarded for participation in the liberation of the Philippines from October 17, 1944, to September 3, 1945, if the Service member:

a. Participated in the initial landing operations on Leyte or adjoining islands

from October 17, 1944, to October 20, 1944. Service members are considered to have participated in such operations if they landed on Leyte or the adjoining islands, were on a ship in the waters of the Philippines, or a crew member of an airplane that flew over Philippine territories during the period indicated.

b. Participated in any engagement against enemy forces during the campaign on Leyte and the adjoining islands. Service members are considered to have participated in such operations if they were assigned to ground, naval, or air units actually under enemy attack.

c. Served in the Philippine Islands or aboard ships in the waters of the Philippines for at least 30 calendar days during the period of October 17, 1944, to September 3, 1945.

(b) Service members who meet two of the conditions outlined above are authorized to wear a bronze star on the service ribbon. Service members meeting all three conditions above are authorized to wear two bronze stars.

(5) Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation. All Military Departments. For service in defense and liberation of the Philippines during WWII.

(6) Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation. All Military Departments. For service in Korea from June 27, 1950, to July 27, 1953.

(7) United Nations Service Medal (Korea). All Military Departments. Awarded to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who participated in the UN action in Korea and who are also eligible for the Korean Service Medal.