



New Campaign Medals Recognize Iraq, Afghanistan Service

Two new campaign medals announced April 7 recognize service members for their contributions in Iraq and Afghanistan.

DoD announced the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Iraq Campaign Medal for military members who directly supported Operation Enduring Freedom between Oct. 24, 2001, and a date to be determined in the future, or Operation Iraqi Freedom between March 19, 2003, and some future date.



The area of eligibility for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal includes all the country's land and air spaces. The Iraq Campaign Medal applies for service in Iraq, its waters out to 12 nautical miles, and the airspace over Iraq and its 12-mile water area.

To qualify for the awards, service members must have served in the appropriate region for 30 consecutive days or 60 non-consecutive days, officials said.

Service members who have been engaged in combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time spent in the area of eligibility, or were wounded or injured and required medical evacuation from the area of eligibility while participating in an operation or on official duties also qualify.

Regularly assigned air crew members flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in direct support of military operations also qualify, with each day of operations counting as one day of eligibility.