

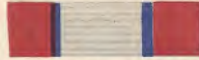
TRACE A FIGHTER'S RECORD

BY HIS SERVICE RIBBONS ★ ★

OUR ARMY ALONE WEARS THESE



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS**  
Second most important army medal. Awarded U.S. soldiers for extraordinary heroism in military operation against enemy.



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**  
Awarded any member of U.S. Army who distinguishes himself or herself by meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility.



**DISTINGUISHED UNIT BADGE**  
Awarded army unit twice cited for outstanding performance in action. Authorized by presidential executive order.



**GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL**  
Awarded soldier who after Aug. 17, 1940 completed 3 yrs., or who after Dec. 7, 1941 complete 1 yr. of active Honorable Service.



**SOLDIERS MEDAL**  
Awarded to any persons serving in any capacity for heroism not involving actual conflict with enemy.



**THE OAKLEAF CLUSTER**  
Takes the place of the actual award of another medal for the same decoration previously presented.

**THE GOLD STAR**  
Worn on the ribbon or service ribbon of any medal previously awarded. Indicates that the wearer has more than once been cited for the same decoration.



OUR ARMY AND NAVY BOTH HAVE THESE



**SILVER STAR**  
Awarded to any person who has distinguished himself by gallantry and intrepidity in action.



**PURPLE HEART**  
Awarded to persons wounded in action. Our oldest decoration, originally issued by Washington in 1782.



**CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR**  
Mark of an exceptional hero. Awarded for gallantry at risk of life beyond call of duty. Presented by the President for Congress.



**AIR MEDAL**  
All Services  
Awarded any person serving with Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard, who distinguishes himself by achievement in flight.



**DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS**  
Highest aviation honor given to American and foreign air men serving U.S. for extraordinary achievement in flight.



**VICTORY MEDAL**  
Authorized to all Members of our armed forces who saw active service in First World War.



**AMERICAN DEFENSE MEDAL**  
Worn by men in active service during national emergency preceding our entry into the war. Referred to as "Before Pearl Harbor Ribbon."



**AMERICAN THEATER**  
Worn by those in active service in this hemisphere outside continental U.S. in this war. Note black and white stripes for Germany. Red and white for Japan.



**ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL**  
Issued for award to members of the Army and Navy for active service in the theaters indicated. Note the red and white jap colors at either end.



**EUROPEAN-AFRICAN-MIDDLE EASTERN**  
Issued to men who have been on active duty in these theaters of war. Center green represents Europe and brown represents Africa.

THESE ARE WORN BY OUR NAVY PERSONNEL



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**  
Awarded to any member of the Navy of U.S. who distinguishes himself or herself by exceptional meritorious service.



**NAVY CROSS**  
Awarded for heroism or meritorious conduct in Naval Service during time of peace as well as for valor in action.



**EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL**  
Officers and men who have participated in a campaign are eligible. A bronze star issued for each added expedition.



**GOOD CONDUCT**  
Awarded enlisted Navy men for perfect service record and has shown marked proficiency in performing his duties.



**MERCHANT MARINE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**  
Awarded by our Maritime Commission to men of the Merchant Marine who committed Heroic Deeds under attack.

FOR THE NAVY - MARINES AND COAST GUARD



**NAVY & MARINE CORPS MEDAL**  
Awarded to any member who has distinguished himself by heroism not involving conflict.



**PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION**  
Awarded to Navy & Marine corps units for service in combat action above expected high standard.



**BREVET MEDAL**  
Awarded to Marines for distinguished conduct in presence of enemy.



**GOOD CONDUCT AWARD**  
Awarded to a Marine who has completed his 1st enlistment with a high marking in efficiency, neatness, and intelligence.



**COAST GUARD GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL**  
Awarded enlisted man for perfect service record and has shown marked proficiency in performing his duties.



**LEGION OF MERIT**  
Awarded to combatants and non-combatants for extraordinary fidelity and service. May be presented to foreigners.

SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS



**LIFE SAVING MEDAL**  
(Red Ribbon-Gold Award; Blue Ribbon-Silver Award)  
Presented for Heroic Life saving at sea, to civilians as well as service men.