

American Campaign Medal

BACKGROUND

The American Campaign Medal was authorized Nov. 6, 1942 by Executive Order No. 9265 that was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was issued to commemorate the service performed by personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who served during the periods and in the areas designated below.

CRITERIA

This medal is awarded for service within the American Theater between Dec. 7, 1941 and March 2, 1946, under any of the following conditions:

- Permanent assignment outside the continental United States (CONUS)
- Permanent assignment as aircrew members of airplanes making frequent flights over ocean waters for a period of 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days
- Outside the CONUS in a passenger status or TDY for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days
- In active combat against the enemy, if personnel were awarded a combat decoration or furnished a certificate by the unit's commander stating that they actually participated in combat; or
- Served within the CONUS for an aggregate period of one year

MEDAL DESCRIPTION

The medal is 1.25 inches in diameter, bearing in front an offshore scene depicting a cruiser, an airplane, and a sinking submarine underneath the inscription "American Campaign".

RIBBON DESCRIPTION

The ribbon is predominantly medium blue, striped white, black, red, and white from right to left, and left to right within each edge. In the center are three stripes of red, white, and blue. The blue stripe is worn to the wearer's right.

AUTHORIZED DEVICES

Service Star - Personnel who were assigned or attached to and present for duty with a unit that was accorded battle credit for the Antisubmarine Campaign are entitled to wear a bronze service star.

WEIGHTED AIRMAN PROMOTED SYSTEM POINT VALUE: 0