

War period allowable	Start	End
Cold War	September 2, 1945	December 26, 1991
Persian Gulf Conflict	August 2, 1990	Present
Vietnam War	February 28, 1961	May 7, 1975
Korean War	June 17, 1950	January 31, 1955
World War II	December 7, 1941	December 31, 1946
World War I	April 6, 1917	November 11, 1918
Mexican Border Period	May 9, 1916	April 5, 1917
Spanish/American War	April 21, 1898	July 4, 1902

Non-Combat Exemption – 15% (NOT ON THE KNOLLS – or HIGHLAND GREENS in Melville)

**Combat Exemption – 25%**

**Persian Gulf Vets** – Need Southwest Asia Service Medal  
Liberation Kuwait Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

**Lebanon**

**Grenada** Expeditionary Medal

**Panama**

**Vietnam** – Vietnam Service Ribbon

**Korea** – Korea Service Ribbon  
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**WW – II** – Asiatic-Pacific Campaign  
Ribbon or European African  
Middle Eastern Ribbon  
Europ-Afo-Mid East Ribbon

Most Merchant Marines are considered combat (If any ships listed on DD214, they are combat or any medals)

Coast Guard – O.K.

National Guard – Not eligible unless **activated during wartime**

Disability – Must have letter in file to qualify

Battle “E” efficiency – not an expeditionary medal