The expeditionary medals categorized below are those referred to by Wyoming State Statutes to consider for tax exemption and free tuition eligibility for discharged members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

W.S. 19-14-106 (Tuition benefit)
"Overseas combat veteran means a person other than a Vietnam veteran who…was awarded the armed forces expeditionary medal or other authorized service or campaign medal indicating service to the United States in any armed conflict in a foreign country."

"Vietnam veteran means any person who was in active service with the military forces of the United States and received a Vietnam service medal between August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975…"
(Note: Other eligibility requirements exist. Refer to the statute for more details.)

W.S. 39-13-105 (Exemptions)
"The following persons who are bona fide Wyoming residents for at least three (3) years at the time of claiming the exemption are entitled to receive the tax exemption provided by W.S. 39-11-105(a)(xxiv):"

"An honorably discharged veteran who served in the military service of the United States, who was awarded the armed forces expeditionary medal or other authorized service or campaign medal indicating service for the United States in any armed conflict in a foreign country."
(Note: Other eligibility requirements exist. Refer to the statute for more details.)

An expeditionary medal means the Service Member performed extended duty in a hostile fire pay eligible area of the world, which means the same as the statutory language for “armed conflict in a foreign country.”

Eligibility dates for the expeditionary medals are not included with this letter as the majority of separation/discharge documents do not list the date of the expeditionary medal or any other military award or medal.

The expeditionary medals are not listed by branch of service as Service Members can serve in one branch and be awarded expeditionary medals from another branch.

Should a Veteran present a discharge document that indicates an award not listed here, please provide a copy of the document to the Wyoming Veterans Commission. The commission staff will research the award and comment regarding eligibility as an expeditionary type medal for overseas combat service.

Should a Veteran present other evidence regarding an award that is not listed on the separation/discharge document, please provide a copy of the document to the Wyoming Veterans Commission.
Veterans Commission. The commission staff will research the award and comment regarding eligibility as an expeditionary type medal for overseas combat service.

There are numerous military medals and awards presented to Service Members that are for varying degrees of exceptional conduct against an armed enemy. Should a Veteran have an award or medal for exceptional conduct against an armed enemy, but not possess the expeditionary medal, the Wyoming Veterans Commission can help the Veteran obtain the expeditionary medal.

Numerous U.S. Department of Defense references were used to compile this listing. Contact the Wyoming Veterans Commission should you need additional information. (1-866-992-7641, ext 5145 or in Cheyenne, 307-772-5145)

The list is as complete as possible as of the date of this letter. Awards will be updated and added as circumstances dictate. An updated letter will then be published.

**Expeditionary Medals (listed alphabetically)**

- Afghanistan Campaign Medal
- Air Force Combat Action Medal (AFCAM)
- American Campaign Medal
- American Defense Service Medal
- Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM)
- Army of Occupation Medal
- Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
- China Campaign Medal
- Chinese Service Medal (Extended)
- European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

**NOTE** - There are two similar awards using this name. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal does not qualify as an expeditionary medal. Documentation must reflect Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

- Iraq Campaign Medal
- Korean Service Medal (KSM)
- Kosovo Campaign Medal
- Kuwait Liberation Medal – Government of Kuwait
Kuwait Liberation Medal – Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

NATO Medal – Kosovo Operations

NATO Medal–Former Republic of Yugoslavia

Navy Combat Action Ribbon

Navy/Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal

Occupation of Germany WWI

Philippine Campaign Medal

Philippine Defense Medal

Philippine Liberation Ribbon

Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal (SWASM)

Vietnam Service Medal

World War I Victory Medal

**End of Expeditionary Medal List**

The following U.S. Army Badges indicate combat service and could be used to suggest eligibility. Though they are not expeditionary medals, they do indicate combat service, which is typically overseas. It would be assumed that a Soldier earning one of these badges would also be eligible for an expeditionary medal.

- Combat Infantryman’s Badge (first through fourth award)
- Combat Action Badge (first through fourth award)
- Combat Medical Badge (first through fourth award)
- Combat Parachutist Badge (one through five jumps)

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