

### DoD Definition of Combat Operations for Title 10 Service Members<sup>1</sup>

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				Start Date	End Date			
Adriatic Sea	8D	Sea area and airspace above		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo <sup>6</sup> )	Present			
Afghanistan	AF	Land area and airspace above	X	19 Sep 01 (CZ via EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X	X	X
Albania	AL	Land area and airspace above		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo <sup>6</sup> )	Present			
Algeria	AG	Land area, airspace above and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Angola	AO	Land area						Eligibility terminated effective 01 NOV 07
Arabian Sea	6R	Sea area (north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude) and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Azerbaijan	AJ	Land area, airspace above and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Bab el Mandeb		Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Bahrain	BA	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Bosnia-Herzegovina	BK	Land area and airspace above	X	21 Nov 95 (QHDA via P.L. 104-117, Bosnia <sup>7</sup> )	Terminated effective 01 NOV 07	X (also includes water)		Terminated effective 01 NOV 07
Bulgaria	BU	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Burundi	BY	Land area						X
Chad	CD	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only, effective 11 August 2008)
Colombia	CO	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Congo, Dem Rep of	CF	Land area						X
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	IV	Land area						X
Crete	GR	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Croatia	HR	Land area and airspace above		21 Nov 95 (QHDA, via P.L. 104-117, Bosnia <sup>7</sup> )	Terminated effective 01 NOV 07			Terminated effective 01 NOV 07
Cuba, Guantanamo Bay	CU	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (JTF GTMO Detention Facility)
Cyprus	CY	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Diego Garcia (British Indian Ocean Territory)	IO	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Djibouti	DJ	Land area	X	1 Jul 02 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
East Timor (formerly Portuguese Timor)	TR	Land area						X
Egypt	EG	Land area	X	19 Mar 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF <sup>8</sup> )	Terminated effective 20 Apr 2003	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Eritrea	ER	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Ethiopia	ET	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)

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Georgia, Republic of	GG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		Terminated effective 01 NOV 07
Greece	GR	Land area (Athens)						X (land area 20 km radius from center of Athens 38-01N, 23-44E)
Gulf of Aden	6D	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Gulf of Aqaba	6Q	Sea area and airspace above	X			X		
Gulf of Oman	6M	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Gulf of Suez	6W	Sea area and airspace above	X			X		
Haiti	HA	Land area						X
Hungary	HU	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Indonesia	ID	Land area						X
Ionian Sea	8N	Sea area and airspace above north of the 39th north parallel		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo <sup>6</sup> )	Present			
Iran	IR	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area only)
Iraq	IZ	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X (also includes water)	X	X
Israel	IS	Land area	X	1 Jan 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF <sup>8</sup> )	Terminated effective 01 August 2003	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Jordan	JO	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> ) and 19 Mar 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace and water)		X
Kazakhstan	KZ	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Kenya	KE	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area)
Kosovo		Land and airspace above		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo <sup>6</sup> ) and (QHDA via P. L. 106-21, Kosovo <sup>7</sup> )	Present	X (only for GWOT operations not associated with Kosovo Campaign Medal) -- footnote 13		X
Kuwait	KU	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Kyrgyzstan	KG	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above)		X
Lebanon	LE	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area)
Liberia	LI	Land area						X
Macedonia	MK	Land area and airspace above		21 Nov 95 (QHDA, via P.L. 104-117, Bosnia <sup>7</sup> )	Terminated effective 01 NOV 07			Terminated effective 01 NOV 01
Malaysia	MY	Land area						X
Mali	ML	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Mauritania	MR	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		

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				Start Date	End Date			
Mediterranean Sea	8E	Sea area east of 30 degrees east longitude	X	11 Apr 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF <sup>8</sup> )	Terminated effective 31 Jul 2003	X		Terminated 31 JUL 03 per OUSD(P&R) MEMO DTD 30 JUL 03
Mediterranean Sea <sup>12</sup>	8E	Sea area east of 28 degrees east longitude	X			X		
Montenegro (was part of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia - FRY)	MW	Land area and airspace above		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo <sup>6</sup> ) and (QHDA via P. L. 106-21, Kosovo <sup>7</sup> )	Present			X
Niger	NG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Nigeria	NI	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Oman	MU	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X (also includes water)		X (land area only)
Pakistan	PK	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Persian Gulf	6P	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X		X (north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees east longitude)
Philippines	RP	Land area	X	9 Jan 02 ("If in Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Qatar	QA	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Red Sea	6E	Sea area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X		X (sea area only)
Romania	RO	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Rwanda	RW	Land area						X
Saudi Arabia	SA	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X (also includes water)		X
Senegal	SG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Serbia (was part of the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia - FRY); includes Kosovo	SR	Land area and airspace above	X	24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo <sup>6</sup> ) and (QHDA via P. L. 106-21, Kosovo <sup>7</sup> )	Present	X <sup>13</sup>		X
Sierra Leone	SL	Land area	X			X		Terminated effective 01 NOV 01
Somalia	SO	Land area, airspace and water	X	01 Jan 04 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X		X (land area and airspace)
Somali Basin		Sea area within coordinates: (1110N3-05115E2, 0600N6-04830E5, 0500N5-05030E8, 1130N5-05334E5; 0500N5-05030E8, 0100N1-04700E1, 0300S3-04300E7, 0100S1-04100E5, 0600N6-04830E5)	X	Effective 01 JAN 2007 PDUSD(P&R) Direct Support determination 05 JUL 07	Present			X (sea area effective 26 DEC 06)
Strait of Hormuz		Sea area and airspace	X			X		

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Sudan	SU	Land area and airspace						X
Suez Canal	6U		X			X		
Syria	SY	Land area	X	1 Jan 04 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Tajikistan	TI	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above)		X
Tanzania	TZ	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Tunisia	TS	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Turkey	TU	Land area	X	21 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> ) for Incirlik AB members; and 1 Jan 03 ("In Direct Support" of EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula and OIF <sup>8</sup> )	Terminated effective 31 Dec 2005	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Turkmenistan	TX	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		
Uganda	UG	Land area, airspace and water	X			X		X (land area)
United Arab Emirates	AE	Land area and airspace above	X	17 Jan 91 (CZ via EO 12744, Arabian Peninsula <sup>6</sup> )	Present	X (also includes water)		X (land area only)
Uzbekistan	UZ	Land area	X	19 Sep 01 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above)		X
Yemen	YM	Land area	X	10 Apr 02 ("In Direct Support" of EO 13239, Afghanistan <sup>8</sup> )	Present	X (also includes airspace above and water)		X
Yugoslavia (FRY-- Federal Republic of Yugoslavia includes Serbia - Kosovo - and Montenegro)	YO	Land area and airspace		24 Mar 99 (CZ via EO 13119, Kosovo <sup>6</sup> ) and (QHDA via P. L. 106-21, Kosovo <sup>7</sup> )	Present			X

## NOTES

1. This spreadsheet provides the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the DoD definition of combat operations for Title 10 Service members as designated by Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Global War on Terrorism medals, Iraq/Afghanistan campaign medals, and Hostile Fire / Imminent Danger Pay. Combat operations include those associated with the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Kosovo, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Updated by OUSD(P&R) 30 September 2008.
2. DoD Country Codes are designated by Department of Defense Instruction 1336.5, Attachment 5 To Enclosure 4, dated May 2, 2001
3. DoD Limitation is based on Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) provisions. If no CZTE provisions apply, then the DoD Limitation is based on provisions authorizing Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) and campaign medals. If no provisions for medals apply, the DoD Limitation is based on the provisions authorizing Hostile Fire / Imminent Danger Pay.
4. The Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) is defined by combat operations as part of: a) Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), start date of October 7, 2001; and b) Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), start date of March 19, 2003. A "X" marking in this column associates the nation / body of water with award of a GWOT or campaign medal.
5. A Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) area is designated in one of three ways: a) by the President via an Executive Order (EO); b) by the Congress via Public Law; or c) by SecDef via "in direct support" designation.
6. A Combat Zone (CZ) is an area that the President has designated by Executive Order (EO) as an area where US forces are engaged in combat; it remains in effect until terminated by EO. There are three operations designated CZs: EO 12744 (Arabian Peninsula, effective January 17, 1991), EO 13119 (Kosovo, effective March 24, 1999), and EO 13239 (Afghanistan, effective September 19, 2001).
7. A Qualified Hazardous Duty Area (QHDA) is an area that Congress has designated through legislation where the Armed Forces are entitled to the same benefits afforded service in a Combat Zone (CZ). There are two QHDAs: a) Public Law 104-117 (Bosnia-Herzegovina, effective November 12, 1995); and b) Public Law 106-21 (Kosovo, effective March 24, 1999).
8. The SecDef has the authority under Treasury Regulations to extend Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) benefits to Service members performing military service outside of a Combat Zone (CZ) or Qualified Hazardous Duty Area (QHDA) when the SecDef determines: a) their service directly supports military operations in the CZ; b) their service qualifies them for Hostile Fire / Imminent Danger Pay (HF / IDP); and 3) the reason for paying HF / IDP is based on risks / dangers related to the CZ or QHDA. The SecDef has delegated this authority to USD(P&R).
9. Two medals apply to service in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT): a) Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal is authorized for members deployed abroad (foreign land, water and airspace outside the US and 200 nautical miles off the US) for service in GWOT operations on or after September 11, 2001 as designated by SecDef; and b) Global War on Terrorism Service Medal is authorized for members who participated in or served in support of GWOT operations on or after September 11, 2001 as designated by the SecDef. Service members serving in the qualifying area of eligibility for which the Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign medals were subsequently authorized are no longer authorized to receive the GWOT-EM after April 30, 2005 per PDUSD(P&R) memorandum dated April 6, 2005.
10. Campaign Medals fall under two categories: a) Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM) applies to service conducted on the land area of or airspace above Afghanistan; and b) Iraq Campaign Medal (ICM) applies to service conducted on the land area of and airspace above Iraq. These medals are not applicable for service or operations conducted in other countries.
11. Hostile Fire / Imminent Danger Pay (HF / IDP) recognizes Service members who are subject to hostile fire or explosion of hostile mines, and those on duty overseas who because of their role / visibility as a Service member, are subject to threat of physical harm or imminent danger due to civil insurrection, civil war, terrorism, or wartime conditions.
12. Members conducting boarding and searching vessel operations in the Mediterranean Sea qualify for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.
13. Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) operations conducted in Kosovo are approved for the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, provided that the specified GWOT operation is not associated with operations qualifying for the Kosovo Campaign Medal.