

Department of the Army, DoD

§ 578.48

§ 578.47 World War II Victory Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The World War II Victory Medal was established by the act of Congress July 6, 1945 (59 Stat. 461). It is awarded for service between December 7, 1941 and December 31, 1946, both dates inclusive.

(b) *Description.* The medal is Bronze, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width. On the obverse is a figure of Liberation standing full length with head turned to dexter looking to the dawn of a new day, right foot resting on a war god's helmet with the hilt of a broken sword in the right hand and the broken blade in the left hand, the inscription "WORLD WAR II" placed immediately below the center. On the reverse are the inscriptions "FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND WANT" and "FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND RELIGION" separated by a palm branch, all within a circle composed of the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 1941-1945". The ribbon is $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: $\frac{3}{8}$ inch double rainbow in juxtaposition (blues, greens, yellows, reds (center), yellows, greens, and blues); $\frac{1}{32}$ inch White 67101; center $\frac{1}{16}$ inch Old Glory Red 67156; $\frac{1}{32}$ inch White; and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch double rainbow in juxtaposition. The rainbow on each side of the ribbon is a miniature of the pattern used in the WWI Victory Medal.

§ 578.48 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal.

(a) *Criteria.* The European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal was established by Executive Order 9265, announced in WD Bulletin 56, 1942, as amended by Executive Order 9706, March 15, 1947. It is awarded for service within the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater between December 7, 1941 and November 8, 1945 under any of the conditions as prescribed in § 578.49 (Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal).

(b) The boundaries of European-African-Middle Eastern Theater are as follows:

(1) *Eastern boundary.* The eastern boundary is coincident with the western boundary of the Asiatic-Pacific Theater (§ 578.49).

(2) *Western boundary.* The western boundary is coincident with the east-

ern boundary of the American Theater (§ 578.50 American Campaign Medal).

(c) One bronze service star is authorized for each campaign under the following conditions:

(1) Assigned or attached to, and present for duty with, a unit during the period in which it participated in combat.

(2) Under orders in the combat zone and in addition meets any of the following requirements:

(i) Awarded a combat decoration.

(ii) Furnished a certificate by a commanding general of a corps or higher unit or independent force that he actually participated in combat.

(iii) Served at a normal post of duty (as contrasted to occupying the status of an inspector, observer, or visitor).

(iv) Aboard a vessel other than in a passenger status and furnished a certificate by the home port commander of the vessel that he served in the combat zone.

(3) Was an evadee or escapee in the combat zone or recovered from a prisoner-of-war status in the combat zone during the time limitations of the campaign. Prisoners of war will not be accorded credit for the time spent in confinement or while otherwise in restraint under enemy control.

(d) The arrowhead is authorized for wear on this medal to denote participation in a combat parachute jump, helicopter assault landing, combat glider landing, or amphibious assault landing, while assigned or attached as a member of an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission. (The arrowhead is described in § 578.61)

(e) *Description.* The Bronze medal is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in width. On the obverse is a LST landing craft and troops landing under fire with an airplane in the background below the words "EUROPEAN AFRICAN MIDDLE EASTERN CAMPAIGN". On the reverse, an American bald eagle close between the dates "1941-1945" and the words "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA". The ribbon is $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches wide and consists of the following stripes: $\frac{3}{16}$ inch Brown 67136; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch Irish Green 67189; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch White 67101; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch Scarlet 67111; $\frac{1}{4}$ inch Irish Green; center $\frac{1}{8}$ inch triparted Old Glory Blue 67178, White and Scarlet; $\frac{1}{4}$ inch Irish Green; $\frac{1}{16}$ inch White;