

Air Force Awards and Decorations

Devices



Bronze Star

Denotes participation in designated campaign or campaign phases and/or period.



Silver Star

Worn in the same manner as the bronze star, but each silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars.



Silver/Bronze Star

When worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the (observer left) wearer's right of any bronze star(s).



Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

Denotes second or subsequent entitlements of awards.



Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

Represents 6th, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.



Silver/Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

The silver oak leaf Cluster is worn to the (observer left) wearer's right of the bronze oak leaf cluster on the same ribbon.



"V" Device

Denotes personal valor (combat heroism) in combat with an enemy of the U.S.



"V" Device with Other Devices

The "V" device, when worn on the same ribbon with cluster, is worn to the (observer left) wearer's right of such clusters.



Arrowhead Device

Denotes participation in a combat parachute jump, helicopter assault landing, combat glider landing, or amphibious assault landing. Wear device on both service and suspension ribbons when authorized. Point the arrowhead up in a vertical Position.



Hourglass Device

A bronze, silver or Gold hourglass with the Roman numeral "X" is worn on the service and suspension ribbon of the Armed Forces Service Medal.



"M" Device

Worn on the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to indicate mobilization in support of U.S. military operations or contingencies designated by the Secretary of Defense.



"Winter Over" Clasp and Disc

Worn on the suspension ribbon of the Antarctica Service Medal. Wear bronze for first winter, gold for second winter, and silver for third and subsequent winters. The discs are worn on the service ribbon in the same manner as the clasps.



"N" Device

Worn on the Nuclear Deterrence Operations Service Medal to indicate direct support to nuclear deterrence operations.



"N" Device with Other Devices

The "N" device is worn to the (observer left) wearer's right of such clusters.