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OBJECT NAME	Medal, Military
DATE CREATED	1940s
MATERIAL	Brass; Metal
ACCESS POINTS	American Campaign army award medal Military Ribbon World War II World War Two Victory

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

An U.S. Army ribbon bar with a good conduct ribbon, a World War Two victory ribbon, and an American campaign ribbon. The good conduct ribbon is red with six white vertical stripes, three on each end. The World War Two victory ribbon is rainbow colored with a solid red center. The American campaign ribbon is blue, red, white, and black striped. There is a brass ribbon backer and pin on the back.

ORIGIN

The Good Conduct Medal is awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity in active Federal Military service. It is awarded on a selective basis to each soldier who distinguishes himself/herself from among his/her fellow soldiers by their exemplary conduct, efficiency, and fidelity throughout a specified period of continuous enlisted active Federal military service. Qualifying periods of service include each three years completed after 27 August 1940 or, for first award only, upon completion of at least one year upon termination of service if separated prior to three years. Also for the first award only, for those individuals who died before completing one year of active Federal military service if the death occurred in the line of duty. The immediate commander must approve the award and the award must be announced in permanent orders.

The medal is awarded for service between 7 December 1941 and 31 December 1946, both dates inclusive. The National Personnel Records Center has reported some cases of service members receiving the award for simply a few days of service. As the Second World War ended on September 2, 1945, there may cases of service members, who had enlisted in 1946, receiving the medal without having been a veteran of World War II. The reason for this late date is that President Harry S. Truman did not declare an official end of hostilities until the last day of 1946.

The American Campaign Medal is a military award of the United States Armed Forces which was first created on November 6, 1942 by Executive Order 9265 issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The medal was intended to recognize those military service members who had performed military duty in the American Theater of Operations during World War II.

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