

# U.S. Air Force

## Correct Order of Ribbon Wear (Left Breast)





\* Medal order of precedence may change due to Congressional interest.


**Note:** Per Air Force regulations, no row may contain more than four (4) ribbons. The above display is arranged solely to conserve space on the page.


# U.S. Air Force Ribbon Devices


		Medal of Honor  Bronze	Air Force Cross   Silver      Bronze	
Defense Distinguished Service Medal 	Air Force Distinguished Service Medal  	Silver Star  	Defense Superior Service Medal  	Legion of Merit  
Distinguished Flying Cross  	Airman's Medal 	Bronze Star Medal   	Purple Heart  	Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal  	Air Medal  	Aerial Achievement Medal  	Joint Svc. Commendation Medal   	Air Force Commendation Medal   
Joint Svc. Achievement Medal  	Air Force Achievement Medal   	Air Force Presidential Unit Citation  	Gallant Unit Citation  	Joint Meritorious Unit Award  
Meritorious Unit Award  	Outstanding Unit Award   	Organizational Excellence Award   	Prisoner of War Medal  	Combat Readiness Medal  
Air Force Good Conduct Medal  	Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal  	Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon   	Air Force Recognition Ribbon  	American Defense Service Medal 
Women's Army Corps Service Medal None	American Campaign Medal 	European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign   	Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal   	World War II Victory Medal None
Army of Occupation Medal 	Medal For Humane Action None	National Defense Service Medal 	Korean Service Medal   	Antarctica Service Medal 
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  	Vietnam Service Medal  	Southwest Asia Service Medal 	Kosovo Campaign Medal 	Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal 
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal 	Korea Defense Service Medal None	Armed Forces Service Medal  	Humanitarian Service Medal  	Outstanding Volunteer Service  
Air & Space Campaign Medal  	Overseas Ribbon - Short Tour   	Overseas Ribbon - Long Tour  	Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon  	Longevity Service Award Ribbon  
Military Training Instructor Ribbon  	Air Force Recruiter Ribbon  	Armed Forces Reserve Medal Bronze, Silver, Gold Hourglass  	NCO Prof. Mil. Education Grad. Ribbon 	Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon None
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon 	Air Force Training Ribbon 	Philippine Defense Ribbon 	Philippine Liberation Ribbon 	Philippine Independence Ribbon None
Foreign Decoration As specified by the Awarding Government	Philippine Presidential Unit Citation 	Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation None	Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation 	Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation 
United Nations Service Medal None	United Nations Medal 	NATO Medal 	NATO Kosovo Medal 	Multinational Force & Observers Medal 
Inter-American Defense Board Medal 	Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal 	Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia) 	Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait) None	ROK War Service Medal None


 = **Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster**  
Denotes second and subsequent awards of a decoration or unit citation


 = **Silver Oak Leaf Cluster**  
Worn in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters


 = **Bronze Service Star**  
Denotes second and subsequent awards of a service award or participation in a campaign or major operation


 = **Silver Service Star**  
Worn in lieu of five gold or bronze service stars

 = **Bronze Letter "V"**  
Awarded for distinguished actions in combat (valor)

 = **Bronze Letter "M"**  
Denotes reservists mobilized and called to active duty


 = **Bronze Arrowhead**  
Denotes participation in parachute, glider or amphibious landing or assault


 = **Antarctica Disk**  
Denotes personnel who "winter-over" on the Antarctic continent

 = **Bronze Numeral**  
Denotes total number of mobilizations

 = **Berlin Airlift Device**

 = **Palm**  
 = **Date Bar, Silver**

 = **Hourglass**  
Issued after each 10 years of reserve service

 = **Bronze Letter A**  
Service above 66½ N