

# U.S. Marine Corps

## Correct Order Of Ribbon Wear (Left Breast)












































































































Medal of Honor





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


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


# U.S. Marine Corps Ribbon Devices


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|  |   | Medal of Honor<br><br>Gold                                  |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| Navy Cross<br><br>Silver                                    | <br>Gold | Defense Distinguished Service Medal<br><br>Bronze           | Navy Distinguished Service Medal<br><br>Silver   | <br>Gold   | Silver Star<br><br>Silver                                | <br>Gold  | Defense Superior Service Medal<br><br>Silver  | <br>Bronze  |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| Legion of Merit<br><br>Gold                                 |   | <br>Silver  | <br>Gold   | Distinguished Flying Cross<br><br>Gold                         |   | <br>Silver  | <br>Gold  | Navy & Marine Corps Medal<br><br>Gold                           |   | Bronze Star Medal<br><br>Gold                |  | <br>Silver   | <br>Gold   | Purple Heart<br><br>Silver                         |  | <br>Gold   |   |
| Defense Meritorious Service Medal<br><br>Silver             |   | Meritorious Service Medal<br><br>Silver                     |   | <br>Gold   | Air Medal<br><br>Gold                                    |  | <br>Bronze                                      | <br>Silver  | <br>Gold   | Joint Service Commendation Medal<br><br>Gold |  | <br>Silver   | <br>Bronze | Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal<br><br>Gold |  | <br>Silver | <br>Gold |
| Joint Service Achievement Medal<br><br>Silver               |   | Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal<br><br>Gold           |   | <br>Silver   | <br>Gold   | Combat Action Ribbon<br><br>Silver                    |  | <br>Gold  | Navy Presidential Unit Citation<br><br>Silver      |   | <br>Bronze                            | Joint Meritorious Unit Award<br><br>Silver                                   |   | <br>Bronze   |  |   |   |
| Navy Unit Commendation<br><br>Silver                        |   | <br>Bronze  | Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation<br><br>Silver |   | <br>Bronze   | Navy "E" Ribbon<br><br>Silver                         |  | <br>Silver  | Prisoner of War Medal<br><br>Silver                |   | <br>Bronze                            | Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal<br><br>Silver                                |   | <br>Bronze   |  |   |   |
| Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal<br><br>Silver           |   | <br>Bronze  | Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal<br><br>Silver   |   | <br>Silver   | <br>Bronze  | China Service Medal<br><br>Bronze               |  | American Defense Service Medal<br><br>Bronze      |   | American Campaign Medal<br><br>Bronze |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign<br><br>Silver      |   | <br>Bronze  | Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal<br><br>Silver     |   | <br>Bronze   | World War II Victory Medal<br>None   |  | Navy Occupation Service Medal<br><br>Gold Airplane              |   | Medal For Humane Action<br>None   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| National Defense Service Medal<br><br>Bronze               |   | Korean Service Medal<br><br>Silver                         |   | <br>Bronze  | Antarctica Service Medal<br><br>Bronze, Gold, or Silver |  | Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal<br><br>Silver |  | <br>Bronze                                      | Vietnam Service Medal<br><br>Silver       |  | <br>Bronze  |   |   |  |   |   |
| Southwest Asia Service Medal<br><br>Bronze                |   | Kosovo Campaign Medal<br><br>Bronze                       |   | Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal<br><br>Bronze    |   | Global War on Terrorism Service Medal<br><br>Bronze |  | Korea Defense Service Medal<br>None  |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| Armed Forces Service Medal<br><br>Silver                  |   | <br>Bronze  | Humanitarian Service Medal<br><br>Silver       |   | <br>Bronze   | Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal<br><br>Silver   |  | <br>Bronze  | Navy Sea Service Deployment Ribbon<br><br>Silver |   | <br>Bronze                          | Navy Arctic Service Ribbon<br>None  |   |   |  |   |   |
| Navy & Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon<br><br>Silver |   | <br>Bronze  | Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon<br><br>Silver   |   | <br>Bronze   | Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon<br><br>Silver  |  | <br>Bronze  | Marine Security Guard Ribbon<br><br>Silver       |   | <br>Bronze                          | Armed Forces Reserve Medal<br>Bronze, Silver, Gold Hourglass<br><br>Bronze |   |   |  |   |   |
| Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon (Obsolete)<br><br>Bronze      |   | Foreign Decoration<br>As Specified by the Awarding Government  |   | Philippine Presidential Unit Citation<br><br>Bronze          |   | Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation<br>None   |  | Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation<br>None   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation<br><br>Bronze Palm  |   | Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation<br><br>Bronze Palm    |   | Philippine Defense Ribbon<br><br>Bronze                      |   | Philippine Liberation Ribbon<br><br>Bronze          |  | Philippine Independence Ribbon<br>None   |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| United Nations Service Medal<br>None   |   | United Nations Medal<br><br>Bronze                        |   | NATO Medal<br><br>Bronze                                     |   | NATO Kosovo Medal<br><br>Bronze                     |  | Multinational Force & Observers Medal<br><br>Bronze Numeral |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| Inter-American Defense Board Medal<br><br>Gold            |   | Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal<br><br>Silver Date Bar |   | Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)<br><br>Gold Palm Tree |   | Kuwait Liberation Medal (Emirate of Kuwait)<br>None  |  | ROK War Service Medal<br>None  |   |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |   |


 = **Gold Star**  
Denotes second and subsequent awards of a decoration


 = **Silver Star**  
Worn in the same manner as the gold star, in lieu of five gold stars


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


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


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

 = **Letter "W"**  
Denotes participation in Defense of Wake Island

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

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

 = **Bronze Numeral**  
Denotes total number of strike/flight awards of the Air Medals and other awards

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

 = **Palm**