Order of Precedence - U.S. Navy

The following display represents the correct order of precedence for medals and/or ribbons most likely to be worn today on the Navy uniform. Additional information on the proper display, placement or additional devices is found in SECNAVINST 1650.1F and the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (NAVPERS 1566.5G).

Medal of Honor

Navy Cross

Defense Distinguished Service Medal

Distinguished Service Medal

Silver Star

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross

Navy/Marine Corps Medal

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Defense Meritorious Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal

Air Medal

Joint Service Commendation Medal

Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Joint Service Achievement Medal

Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Combat Action Ribbon

Presidential Unit Citation

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Navy Unit Commendation

Meritorious Unit Commendation

Battle "E" Ribbon

POW Medal

Good Conduct Medal Navy/Marine Corps

Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal

Fleet Marine Force Ribbon

Navy Expeditionary Medal

China Service Medal

Navy Occupation Service Medal

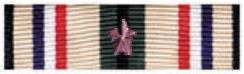
National Defense Service Medal

Korean Service Medal

Antarctic Service Medal

Armed Force Expeditionary Medal

Vietnam Service Medal


Southwest Asia Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Humanitarian Service Medal

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

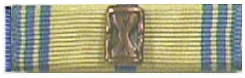
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon

Navy Arctic Service Ribbon

Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon

Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon

Recruiting Service Ribbon Navy/Marine Corps



Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Naval Reserve Medal

Philippine Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation

Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation

United Nations Service Medal

United Nations Medal

NATO Medal

Multinational Force and Observers Medal

Inter American Defense Board Medal

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

Rifle Marksmanship Medal

Pistol Marksmanship Medal

DEVICES

GOLD STAR
Denotes each subsequent award of the same Navy decoration.

SILVER STAR
Worn in the same manner as the gold star, in lieu of five gold stars.

BRONZE SERVICE STAR
The bronze five-pointed service star represents participation in campaigns or operations, multiple qualification or an additional award to any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized. Also worn to denote first award of the single mission air medal after Nov. 22, 1989.

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

BRONZE OAK LEAF CLUSTER
The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards.

SILVER OAK LEAF CLUSTER
A silver oak leaf cluster is worn for the sixth, 11th, or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.

WINTERED OVER
For wintering over on the Antarctic continent, a clasp for Antarctica Service Medal, suspension ribbon and a disc for the service ribbon of bronze for first winter, gold for second winter, silver for third winter.

"V" DEVICE
The metallic bronze letter "V" is authorized for acts or service involving direct participation in combat operations.

HOURGLASS
Issued for each succeeding award of the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

EUROPE AND ASIA CLASPS
Worn on the suspension ribbon of the Navy Occupation Service Medal.

STRIKE/FLIGHT DEVICE
Bronze arabic numeral denotes the total number of strike/flight awards of the Air Medal earned subsequent to April 9, 1962.

FLEET MARINE FORCE COMBAT OPERATIONS INSIGNIA
For Navy personnel attached to fleet Marine force units participating in combat operations.

The above display represents the correct order of precedence for ribbons most likely to be worn today on the Navy uniform. Devices worn on these ribbons must be worn in a specific manner and are used to denote additional awards or participation in a specific event. For additional information about the proper order of display, placement of devices or about ribbons not shown, refer to SECNAVINST 1650.1F and U.S. Navy Uniform Regulation (NAVPERS 1566.5G).