

# Air Force Awards and Decorations



## Devices



**Bronze Star**  
The bronze star represents participation in campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications, or an additional award to any of the various ribbons on which it is authorized.



**Silver/Bronze Stars**  
When worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the wearer's right of any bronze star(s).



**Silver Oak Leaf Cluster**  
The silver oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze oak leaf clusters.



**The Valor Device**  
The "V" device represents valor and does not denote an additional award. Only one may be worn on any ribbon.



**M Device**  
The "M" device is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote active duty status for at least one day during a contingency.



**Plane Device**  
This device is worn with the Army of Occupation Medal to denote service of 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift (June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949).



**Silver Star**  
The silver star is 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/Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters**  
Silver oak leaf clusters are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze oak leaf clusters on the same ribbon.



**Valor Devices and Clusters**  
The "V" device, when worn on the same ribbon with clusters, is worn to the wearer's right of such clusters.



**Hourglass Device**  
The hourglass is worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20 years and gold for 30 years.

\*Also awarded with gold, silver or bronze devices. The gold frame on the ribbon denotes a unit citation; without, an individual citation.