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.

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.

When worn together on a single ribbon, the silver star(s) will be worn to the wearer’s right of any bronze star(s).

The bronze oak leaf cluster represents second and subsequent entitlements of awards.

The silver oak leaf cluster represents sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five 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.

The “V” device represents valor and does not denote an additional award. Only one may be worn on any ribbon.

The “V” device, when worn on the same ribbon with clusters, is worn to the wearer’s right of such clusters.

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

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

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).

A metallic, bronze, letter "A" worn centered on the Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short Tour. Awarded to Air Force Active, Reserve and Guard Personnel serving on or after 10 Feb 2002, credited with completion of a short Air Force Overseas tour North of the Arctic Circle, regardless of date of tour completion. When worn with Oak Leaf Clusters, place the "A" Device to the wearer's right of the clusters. Wear only one "A" Device on the ribbon. Do not use to represent subsequent awards.

The arrowhead, a bronze replica of an Indian arrowhead, 1/4 inch high and 1/8 inch wide, is awarded to show participation in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing, or amphibious assault landing. The member must have made the combat glider landing or parachute jump when assigned or attached to an organized force carrying out an assigned tactical mission (an emergency combat parachute jump into enemy-held territory does not constitute eligibility for this device). The arrowhead is worn on both the service and suspension ribbons of the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, point up, in a vertical position to the wearer’s right of all service stars. Members wear only one arrowhead on any one service or suspension ribbon, regardless of the number of times they become eligible for the device.