

Afghanistan Campaign Medal & Iraq Campaign Medal



OBVERSE:

Description: On a bronze metal 1 3/8 inches (3.49 cm) in diameter above a range of mountains is a map of Afghanistan. Around the top is the inscription "AFGHANISTAN CAMPAIGN."

Symbolism: Mountains dominate the landscape of Afghanistan. The map of the country highlights the theater of operation and our commitment to Operation Enduring Freedom.

REVERSE:

Description: A radiating demi-sun superimposed by an eagle's head couped. Inscribed across the bottom half of the reverse side are the three lines "FOR SERVICE" "IN" "AFGHANISTAN" all enclosed by a laurel wreath.

Symbolism: The eagle, a symbol of the United States and the American spirit, is constantly vigilant, ready to defend freedom. The rising sun embodies a new start for Afghanistan and its road to a free and prosperous future. The laurel wreath is for honor and high achievement.

RIBBON: The ribbon reflects the colors of the new Afghanistan flag and the red, white and blue represent the United States and its allies.



OBVERSE:

Description: On a bronze disc 1 3/8 inches (3.49 cm) in diameter, a wreath of two palm fronds surmounted by a representation of the land mass of Iraq with the two primary rivers delineated, represents the area of operation. Above is the inscription "IRAQ CAMPAIGN."

Symbolism: The lines symbolize the Tigris and Euphrates River, recalling Iraq's title as "the land of two rivers." The palm wreath denotes peace and honor.

REVERSE:

Description: A representation of the Statue of Freedom on the Capitol Building surmounting a sunburst, encircled by two scimitars points down crossed at tip of blades, all above the inscription "FOR SERVICE IN IRAQ."

Symbolism: The Statue of Freedom represents the ideals and goals of the campaign to bring stability and to improve the way of life for Iraq. The sunburst behind the figure symbolizes hope and success. The two scimitars in base recall an arch of swords erected by Saddam Hussein during his reign, and with the tip of the swords pointing down represent his fall from power and symbolize the goal for freedom of the Iraqi people.

RIBBON: The right and left sides are the colors: Scarlet 67111, White 67101 with a narrow Green stripe 67129 in the middle, Black 67138 and Khaki 67142 in the middle. Black and green represent Iraq and its quest for freedom, white denotes idealism, and scarlet signifies courage and sacrifice. Khaki represents the desert.