

Combat Badges

(CIB, CMB, CAB)



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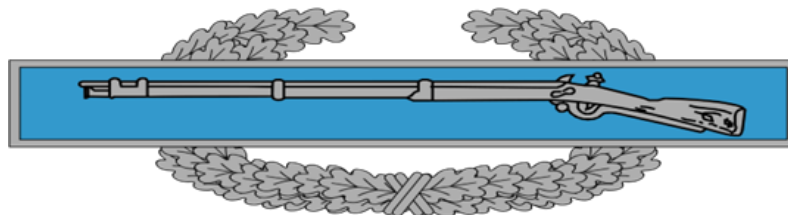
Purpose

The purpose of awarding badges and tabs is to provide public recognition by tangible evidence of the attainment of a high degree of skill, proficiency, and excellence in tests and competition, as well as in the performance of duties.

Combat badges are awarded to denote proficiency in performance of duties under hazardous conditions and circumstances of extraordinary hardship as well as special qualifications and successful completion of prescribed courses of training.



Combat Infantry Badge (CIB)



Eligibility

- Must hold 11B MOS
- SF Officer (CMF or AOC 11 or 18) in the rank of Colonel or below
 - MOS: 18B, 18C, 18E, 18F, and 18Z

Personnel that do not hold an infantry or SF MOS are NOT eligible, regardless of the circumstances.



Combat Infantry Badge (CIB)

Eligibility continued:

- Be an infantryman satisfactorily performing infantry duties
- Assigned to an Infantry unit during such time as the unit is engaged in active ground combat
- Actively participate in such ground combat.
- Campaign or battle credit alone is not sufficient for award of the CIB



Combat Medical Badge (CMB)



Eligibility

Must be a member of ...

- Army Medical Department (AMEDD) – O6 and Below or Navy Medical Department – O6 and Below

Assigned or attached to an...

- Infantry unit – brigade/regiment or smaller Medical unit (company or smaller) organic to an infantry unit – brigade or smaller



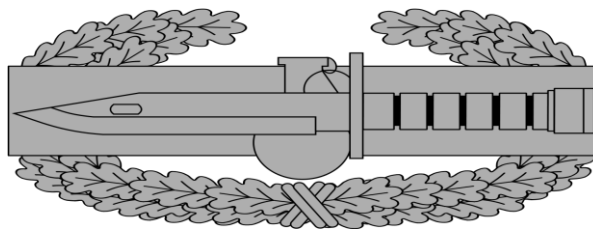
Combat Medical Badge (CMB)

Eligibility continued:

- General Officers and Flag Officers are not eligible for the Combat Medic Badge
- Effective 19 December 1989, Special Forces personnel with 18D MOS (SF Medical Sergeant) who satisfactorily perform duties while assigned or attached to a SF unit during any period the unit is engaged in active ground combat are eligible for the CMB



Combat Action Badge (CAB)



Eligibility

- May be awarded to ANY Soldier who would not otherwise be eligible for the CIB or CMB
- Soldier must be performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay, or immanent danger pay is authorized



Combat Action Badge (CAB)

Eligibility continued:

- Soldier must be personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed ROE.
- The CAB may be awarded to members of other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign military personnel while assigned to a U.S. Army unit, provided the above criteria is met.



Required Documents

- DA 4187 - endorsed by GO in Soldier's CoC
- Evidence of injustice and justification explaining why not awarded in theater
- One Page Narrative
- Two Sworn Statements
- Deployment Orders/Roster
- DD 214
- SRB
- Other supporting documents (ex. casualty report, copy of valor awards, etc.)

Steps for processing Combat Badges can be found in AR 600-8-22 Table H-1



Common Errors

- Missing GO endorsement on 4187
- Missing 2 eyewitness statements
- Pertinent information missing from narrative and statements
- Justification / evidence of injustice



References

AR 600-8-22

- Paragraph 8-6 (CIB)
- Paragraph 8-7 (CMB)
- Paragraph 8-8 (CAB)
- Table H-1 (Steps for processing Combat Badges)
- Table I-1: Requesting approval to accept and wear foreign badges and decorations authorized by U.S. Army Human Resources Command, page 168
- Table I-2: Requesting approval to accept and wear foreign badges and decorations not authorized by U.S. Army Human Resources Command, page 168