



Unit Awards and Campaign Participation Credit





Agenda

- Unit Awards:
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 - Valorous Unit Award (VUA)
 - Meritorious Unit Commendation (MUC)
 - Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA)
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Unit Awards



Presidential
Unit Citation
(PUC)



Valorous
Unit Award
(VUA)



Meritorious
Unit Citation
(MUC)



Army Superior
Unit Award
(ASUA)



Eligibility

Soldiers that are assigned, attached, and present for duty may wear unit awards in one of the two following categories:

Permanent Wear

Soldier was assigned to, and present for duty with the unit any time during the period cited; or was attached by orders to and present for duty with the unit during the entire period, or **at least** 30 consecutive days of the period cited.

When a Soldier is permanently awarded a unit award and is subsequently assigned to a unit that has received the same unit award, the Soldier will wear the permanent award in lieu of the temporary unit award.

Temporary Wear

Soldier was not present with the unit during the period cited but was subsequently assigned to the unit.

Soldier may wear the unit award **only** while assigned to the cited unit.



Presidential Unit Citation

ELIGIBILITY

- The unit must display such gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps in accomplishing its mission under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions as to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same campaign.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD EQUIVALENT

- The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of a Distinguished Service Cross to an individual.

TIME PERIOD

- This award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time spans. It is not reasonable to presume that entire units can sustain DSC performance for extended periods except under the most unusual circumstances. A written justification for an exception must be provided for recognition of any length over 30 days.

MTOE STRENGTH

- 65% - Units not 65% will be listed as a detachment of parent unit.



Valorous Unit Award

ELIGIBILITY

- The VUA requires a lesser degree of gallantry, determination, and esprit de corps than that required for the PUC. Nevertheless, the unit must have performed with marked distinction under difficult and hazardous conditions in accomplishing its mission to set it apart from and above other units participating in the same conflict.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD EQUIVALENT

- The degree of heroism required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Silver Star to an individual.

TIME PERIOD

- This award will normally be earned by units that have participated in single or successive actions covering relatively brief time-spans, not to exceed 6 months (a month is considered 30 calendar days). It is not reasonable to presume that entire units can sustain SS performance for extended periods except under the most unusual circumstances. **Only on rare occasions will a unit larger than a BN qualify for award of this decoration.**

MTOE STRENGTH

- 65% Units not 65% will be listed as a detachment of parent unit.



Meritorious Unit Commendation

ELIGIBILITY

- The unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set it apart and above other units with similar missions.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD EQUIVALENT

- The degree of achievement required is the same as that which would warrant award of the Legion of Merit to an individual.

TIME PERIOD

- Effective 11 September 2001, the MUC is authorized for units and/or detachments of the Armed Forces of the United States for exceptionally meritorious performance for at least 6 continuous months (a month is considered 30 calendar days) during military operations against an armed enemy without regard to type of duties performed or the type of unit performing the duties.

MTOE STRENGTH

- 65% Units not 65% will be listed as a detachment of parent unit.



Army Superior Unit Award

ELIGIBILITY

- Outstanding meritorious performance by a unit during peacetime of a difficult and challenging mission under extraordinary circumstances.
- Unit must display such outstanding devotion and superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set the unit apart from and above other units with similar missions.

TIME PERIOD

- Achievements or service for which this award is intended to recognize will not normally exceed 24 months in duration.
 - May be awarded to units that distinguish themselves while conducting humanitarian missions for no more than 30 days.



Army Superior Unit Award *continued*

CRITERIA

- Will not be awarded if the same act or period of service has already been recognized by another unit award.
- The award applies to both table of organization and equipment (TOE) units and table of distribution and allowances (TDA) organizations of BN size or smaller.
- All TDA organizations may be considered for this award, even if comprised mostly of civilians. Commanders and supervisors of organizations larger than a BN must provide a justification in a separate memorandum with the recommendation. Award to units larger than BN size would be infrequent.

MTOE STRENGTH

- 65% Units not 65% will be listed as a detachment of parent unit.

Any General Officer in the unit's chain of command may disapprove an ASUA. If the recommendation has been disapproved, it will not be forwarded to NGB or HRC.



Processing Unit Awards

SUBMISSIONS WILL INCLUDE:

- DA Form 7594 with Chain of Command endorsements. (Table G – 1: Steps for preparing and processing awards using DA Form 7594, page 163.)
- A narrative, naming all participation units, and the specific date and geographic location (map feature, town, province name, etc.) of the service being recognized.
- Punishments under Article 15, UCMJ; Convictions by court-martial; Record of absence without leave.
- A list of units assigned and attached, actually present and the inclusive dates of the period of service for each unit. The complete official unit designation and UIC must be included for each unit. Include designations and derivative UICs for subordinate elements.
- A proposed citation.
- Any other pertinent information and documentation (operational orders and reports, detailed mission statement, list of tasks performed, etc.)



Common Errors

- Chain of Command endorsements missing.
- Missing or Incorrect UIC's, Unit and subordinates are not certified 65%
 - UICs must be confirmed in official Army force management systems
 - Certifying MTOE strength is not simply writing “65%” on the DA Form 7594, but verifying the MTOE % deployed. Incorrect UICs and MTOE are mistakes that will cause a unit award to stall pending resolution.
- Descriptive narrative does not include all units with province and location
 - Locations are critical for unit lineage and honors.
- An exception to policy memo must be included for the DCS,G-1 to consider a waiver of policy for awards of brigade size or larger.
- DA Form 7594 is an unclassified document and may not contain any classified information.



Common Errors

- Period of Service overlaps previous unit awards, does not list the boots on ground date in deployed location, or is not accurate. The start of a Period of Service cannot begin before the unit is in deployed location.
- Period of Service dates for all subordinate units must also be accurate throughout submission and cannot begin before the Period of Service for the main unit being recommended.
- Period of Service is the #1 mistake per HRC. Units must confirm the dates are accurate and true. For example: Simply annotating the main Unit's service period for all subordinate units may not be accurate.
- Mandatory procedures for recommendations for award of the ASUA to Army units must be initiated by their higher headquarters to the unit recommended for the award as prescribed in paragraph G – 3.

Unit Awards cannot be finalized until all issues are resolved



Process Chart

INDICATES A DECISION/DELAY WITH AN OUTSIDE AGENCY

BLUE BLOCKS INDICATE A PROCESS STEP CONTROLLED BY HRC

NOTE:

- **IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR A UNIT AWARD TO PROCESS FOR 9 TO 12 MONTHS, OR MORE.**
- **A DELAY DUE TO COMPLEXITY OR QUESTIONS WILL EXTEND THE PROCESS UNTIL RESOLVED.**





Campaign Participation Credit (CPC)

AR 600-8-22 paragraph 7-17



AFGHANISTAN

Campaign Medal



IRAQ

Campaign Medal



INHERENT RESOLVE

Campaign Medal



GLOBAL WAR

on Terrorism Service Medal



Establishing Campaign Participation Credit

- Campaign medals and service ribbons denote honorable performance of military duty within specified dates in specified geographical areas.
- MTOE STRENGTH
65%
- TIME PERIOD
At least 30 consecutive days

Special Notes:

- CPC and Streamers are not awarded until a named Campaign or Phase is closed.
- It is not unusual for a unit award to process for 9-12 months.
- Complexity or ambiguity will extend the process until resolved.



CPC Criteria

COMBAT OR NOT?

- Army units will be deemed to have participated in combat if they:
 - Actually engaged the enemy in combat.
 - Deployed in a designated combat zone.
 - Performed duties, air or ground, in any part of the combat zone at any time during the designated period of the respective battle, campaign, or expedition.



CPC Submission Process

- Unit submits the following:
 - Deployment and/or redeployment (movement) orders of the unit.
 - Memorandum (from brigade commander) request for CPC.
 - Memorandum (from General Officer within wartime chain of command) verifying service.
 - Unit lists (excel spreadsheet).

UIC/DUIC	Unit Name	Higher HQ	Full Unit Mailing Address	Location (Country)	Inclusive Dates (To and From Dates within country Afghanistan/Iraq/Syria)	Personnel Strength		Participation	Component		
						Authorized	Assigned	Percentage	AC	RC	NG

- The CG, HRC will not authorize CPC in instances where units do not have unit or individual movement orders, and/or do not have evidence of 65 percent participation of its authorized strength in a designated campaign (or phase), AR 600-8-22 paragraph 7-17h.



Requesting campaign participation credit

- Mandatory procedures for requesting and processing the CPC and war streamers are prescribed in paragraph G – 4.

Section II

Campaign Credit, Streamers, and Other Unit Award Devices

G-4. Requesting campaign participation credit and war streamers

Table G-2 prescribes the steps for requesting CPC and war streamers (see app K for campaigns, dates, and prescribed inscriptions).

Table G-2
Steps for processing award of campaign participation credit and war service streamers prior to effective date of this publication

Step	Who	Required action
1	Unit	<p>Submits request for CPC (includes all unit requests) through the chain of command to HRC ADB. Requests include the following:</p> <p><i>a.</i> COL/O-6 or above will request CPC in memorandum format and endorsed by a BG/O-7 or above with the following information:</p> <p>(1) List of all units that were attached to the command during the deployment, to include their dates of the deployment.</p> <p>(2) Validate that all units have 65 percent MTOE strength for the period.</p> <p><i>b.</i> Deployment or redeployment (movement) orders of the unit or individuals.</p> <p><i>c.</i> Unit spreadsheet lists—</p> <p>(1) Unit name.</p> <p>(2) Unit home station mailing address (if Army or Air Force Post Office is used, add Defense Switched Network and installation information), to include unit point of contact.</p> <p>(3) UIC or derivative UIC of deployed units. Also add those units within the UIC that did not deploy to verify deployment status.</p> <p>(4) ACOM, ASCC, or DRU.</p> <p>(5) Location (country the units were deployed to).</p> <p>(6) Operation in support of (Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn, OIF, and so forth).</p> <p>(7) Dates of deployment (inclusive to and from).</p> <p>(8) Personnel strength—</p> <p><i>(a)</i> Authorized strength from MTOE prior to deployment.</p> <p><i>(b)</i> Assigned strength (number of Soldiers that deployed with the unit).</p> <p><i>(c)</i> Participation percentage (assigned strength divided by authorized strength).</p> <p>(9) Component of unit (Regular Army, USAR, or ARNG).</p>
2	HRC ADB	Coordinates with the CMH (AAMH-FPO) to verify unit's information.
3	CMH	Validates information provided from the recommender (official designation, honors, and so forth). Notifies HRC of potential changes.
4	HRC ADB	Publishes PO announcing the award of CPC and issues PO to units, HRC, and CMH.
5 ^{1,2}	HRC ADB	Initiates action for the AGOs and submits request to the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command for streamers.

Notes.

¹ An AGO will not be issued by HRC ADB until the closing of the named campaigns.

² Units will contact the U.S. Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command directly if requesting replacement streamers.



BDE CDR's Request & GO Verification Memo

- A unit requesting CPC must request it through the wartime chain of command, i.e. the wartime brigade commander.

- CPC requests include a memo from a General Officer within the wartime chain of command that verifies the unit's deployment location/dates and 65% MTOE criteria.



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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, United States Army Human Resources Command,
ATTN: Awards and Decorations Branch (AHRC-PDP-A), Dept. 480, 1600 Spearhead
Division Avenue, Fort Knox, KY 40122-5408

SUBJECT: Award of Campaign Participation Credit

1. The listed unit(s) was/were deployed to (Afghanistan/Iraq/Syria/GWOT eligible country) in support of (OEF / OIF / OND / OFS / OIR / GWOT (circle one)) during the specified dates.

<u>UIC</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Dates in Country</u>
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2. Request award of Campaign Participation Credit and corresponding streamer to (unit(s) for the designated campaign. The unit(s) meets all Campaign Participation Credit eligibility criteria as outlined in AR 600-8-22.

3. Point of contact for this action is: POC Name.

SIGNATURE BLOCK
COL, XX
Commanding



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SUBJECT: General Officer Campaign Participation Credit Verification

1. The listed unit(s) was/were deployed to (Iraq/Afghanistan/Syria/GWOT eligible country) in support of (OEF / OIF / OND / OFS / OIR / GWOT (circle one)) during the specified dates.

<u>UIC</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Dates in Country</u>
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2. I personally verify that the unit(s) meet(s) the established criteria of 65 percent or more of its Modified Table of Organization and Equipment strength.

3. Point of contact for this action is: POC Name.

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Unit Lists

- Unit lists will include the following information:
 - UIC/DUIC
 - Unit Name
 - ACOM, ASCC, DRU
 - Full Unit Mailing Address
 - Location (country the unit(s) were deployed to)
 - Operation in support of (e.g. OEF, OND, OIF, etc)
 - Inclusive dates of deployment (inclusive to and from)
 - Personnel Strength (Authorized, Assigned, Participation percentage (assigned divided by authorized))
 - Component (RA/USAR/ARNG)



CPC Resources

- Additional resources, memo templates, and Excel spreadsheet template can be found on HRC, ADB's website at: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/18118>

Campaign Participation Credit Info

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[Recent Approved Unit Awards \(1987-present\) \(NOTE: data current as of January 2022; there is now one searchable .pdf file with 4 indices\)](#)

[Unit Award Inquiry Form](#)

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- AR 600-8-22 Table 7-2
- AR 600-8-22 paragraph 7-17 Campaign Participation Credit
- Table G – 2: Steps for processing award of campaign participation credit and war service streamers prior to effective date of this publication, page 164.

HRC Campaign Participation Credit Info webpage:

<https://www.hrc.army.mil/content/Campaign%20Participation%20Credit%20Info>



Questions

