
Subject: Re: ::sorry:: the USA army

Posted by [f100d3d](#) on Thu, 30 Nov 2006 04:44:18 GMT

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puddle_splasher wrote on Wed, 29 November 2006 12:34f100d3d wrote on Wed, 29 November 2006 09:41The US is always in some sort of war. Though to be considered a "veterAn of foreign war" you have to earn one of a few select medals or ribbons. I have earned such an award. I spent close to 6 months in the Persian Gulf working 18+ hour days for the duration of that period. Weekends included.

Sorry to come in at the end of all this.

Is it true that the American Army receive a Northern Ireland medal, if they fly below 2000feet and above Northern Ireland,UK? Its true.

Like wise a medal for having the best polished boots? Its true.

A medal for having the best, bed-box in the billet? Its true.

Medals for the shiniest dinner set in the field? True.

It seems the Americans get medals for nothing and if you dare to reply to the above statement in the negative, then you my friend are certainly NOT serving in the US Military.

I have did my time in the British Army and WE laugh at the stupidest things that YOU can receive a medal for in the American Army.

News to me. I've worked with foreign officers of your military and others - and never once did they laugh about how our military is run. We run an extremely efficient military so obviously we're doing something right. I'm pretty sure we did a NATO exercise as well teaching your navy how to stay afloat for more than a month at a time - and spain how to use an aircraft carrier.

Also I wasn't in the Army, I was in the Navy (CTM/Intel/Comms) and I HIGHLY doubt that half of the things you listed earn a medal. Perhaps you can point out which ribbons they get from this ribbon/medal listing? <http://www.tioh.hqda.pentagon.mil/Awards/Ribbons/OrderofPrecedence.htm> Because I do not see any such ribbons or medals for polishing boots or silverware.

I'd also like to point out that in my post I said that only a few medals earn you the right to be eligible for the post-service veterans group known as the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars). (Reference: <https://www.vfw.org/index.cfm?fa=mbr.level&eid=189>) I received such an award (Armed Forces Expeditionary) for my service in the Persian Gulf.

UNIT awards are awarded to units that are in what is to be considered a "combat zone" (where they receive special additional combat pay as well as 'tax free' pay). Some awards such as "National Defense Ribbon" are awarded to all active duty military that serve during peak war periods or are deployed for extended periods of time.

Warranto: You asked about my ribbons. My DD214 only listed 6, I believe; but I know that I earned 8 -- which is what I actually wore on my dress uniform under the approval of my chain of command. They were (in no particular order):

--Joint Service Achievement Medal (earned @ NSA) - personal award

--Navy "E" Ribbon (Battle E) (Earned on CG-60)

--Good Conduct Medal (Earned @ NSA) - personal award

--Armed Forces Expeditionary Award (Earned on CG-60)

--National Defense Service Ribbon (Earned on CG-60)

--Sea Service Ribbon (Earned on CG-60) - personal award

--Joint Meritorious Unit Award (Earned @ NSA)

--Navy Unit Commendation (Earned on CG-60)

Some "ribbons" (the colorful items shown on your chest) are considered medals and when you're in full dress uniform you wear the "medal version" of the ribbon on the opposite side of the ribbons. But normally they're shown off in ribbon-form. I hope that clears up any questions.
