DAV MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Membership is open to anyone wounded, injured or disabled during honorable wartime service. The following provides the dates of active duty service that are considered during "time of war":

- World War I .......................... 04/06/17 - 07/02/21
- World War II & Korea ............... 09/16/40 - 01/31/55
- Vietnam & Other Engagements .... 01/31/55 - 10/14/76
- Iranian Crisis, Lebanon Crisis
- Invasion of Grenada, Invasion of Panama and other engagements 11/04/79 - 01/31/90
- Persian Gulf Crisis
- and Subsequent Engagements .... 08/02/90 - until terminated by Presidential Proclamation or Congressional Resolution

Included in these dates are the changes adopted by the delegates to the 1990 and 1991 National Conventions. They reflect the military engagements that U.S. Forces have been involved in since Vietnam.

The requirement "during time of war" is also met if it is determined that the applicant's wound, injury or disability, was incurred at any time (1) as a direct result of armed conflict, or (2) while engaged in extra-hazardous service under conditions simulating war, or (3) while the United States was engaged in any war. A disability incurred or aggravated during service between September 16, 1940, and December 7, 1941, is included in the term "under conditions simulating war."

Documentation of disability and/or military service is required with applications of those serving under conditions simulating war.

Contact National Headquarters if you have any questions.

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