

Department of Retirement Systems Interruptive Military Service Credits Plans 2 and 3

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Interruptive Military

Member:

- Leaves employment to serve in the military;
- Returns to DRS covered employment;
- Provides proof of military service, usually DD Form 214.

- Member must make employee contributions,
- Employer must make employer contributions.

No-Cost Interruptive Military

Member:

- Leaves employment to serve in the military;
- Returns to DRS covered employment;
- Serves during a period of war as defined in RCW 41.04.005 (2)
- Provides proof of military service during a period of war, usually DD Form 214.
- Employer must make employer contributions.

Period of War

as defined by RCW 41.04.005 (2) includes:

- World War I
- World War II
- The Korean Conflict
- The Vietnam era
- The Persian Gulf War

Period of War (cont'd)

as defined by RCW 41.04.005 (2)(g) includes the following armed conflicts:

- The crisis in Lebanon
- The invasion of Grenada
- Panama, Operation Just Cause
- Somalia, Operation Restore Hope
- Haiti, Operation Uphold Democracy
- Bosnia, Operation Joint Endeavor
- Operation Noble Eagle
- Southern or central Asia, Operation Enduring Freedom
- Persian Gulf, Operation Iraqi Freedom

Period of War (cont'd)

RCW 41.04.005 (2)(g): “The following armed conflicts, if the participant was awarded the respective **campaign badge or medal**”

Campaign Medals as Defined by the Department of Defense (DoD)

“Campaign medals recognize Service members who are deployed to the geographic area where the combat is actually occurring. Members awarded campaign medals have the highest degree of personal risk and hardship as they are conducting the combat operations and are deployed to the area where the combat is actually occurring.”

Period of War (cont'd)

Tiers of Medal Recognition for Major Combat Operations As defined by DoD Manual 1348.33 December 21, 2016

Tier 1. Campaign medals recognize Service members who are deployed to the geographic area where the combat is actually occurring.

Tier 2. Expeditionary medals recognize Service members deployed to areas supporting the major combat operations.

Tier 3. Service medals recognize members supporting the combat operations from locations where the level of personal hardship and risk differs little from that endured in normal military service.

Period of War (cont'd)

Persian Gulf War:

- RCW 41.04.005 (2) (e): “The Persian Gulf War, which was the period beginning August 2, 1990, and ending on the date prescribed by presidential proclamation or law”
- No presidential proclamation or law ever ended the Persian Gulf War.
- The DoD stopped awarding badges or medals for this war on November 30, 1995. DRS considers that to be the ending date and considers that period closed.

Period of War (cont'd)

Operation Noble Eagle

While named in the definition of a period of war, no campaign medal was ever awarded.

Current and Future Operations

There are current named combat operations for which we cannot award No-Cost Interruptive Military service credit even though a campaign medal is awarded:

- Inherent Resolve, Iraq and Syria
- Freedom's Sentinel, Afghanistan

Questions?

