



### **WWII Asiatic Pacific Campaign**

For service during World War II within the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operation. The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal is worn after the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and before the World War II Victory Medal.

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal was established by Executive Order on 6 November 1942 and amended on 15 March 1946, which established a closing date. The medal is awarded to all members of the Armed Forces who served in the Asiatic Pacific Theater of Operations during the period from 7 December 1941 to 2 March 1946. The service must have been as a member of the Armed Forces on permanent assignment in the theater, or within the theater on temporary assignment for thirty consecutive days, or sixty nonconsecutive days, the award of a combat decoration in the theater. Maps of the three theaters of operations during World War II were drawn on 6 November 1942 to include the American Theater, the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater.

The Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal was designed by the Army's Institute of Heraldry. The medal is a circular bronze disc showing troop landing in a tropical setting with a palm tree. There is a battleship, aircraft carrier, and submarine in the background. At the top of the medal, around the edge, are the words ASIATIC PACIFIC CAMPAIGN. The reverse of the medal shows an American eagle standing on a rock. On the left of the eagle are the raised inscribed dates 1941-1945 and on the right UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. The ribbon is yellow-orange with narrow center stripes of red, white and blue (United States). Near the edges are narrow white, red and white stripes (Japan). Participation in specific combat operations is denoted by three-sixteenth inch bronze stars. A three-sixteenth inch Silver Star is worn in lieu of five bronze stars.