

HUGH PURVIS DD 709 Awards

AE - Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
CR - Combat Action Ribbon*
EM - Navy Expeditionary Service Medal
MU - Meritorious Unit Commendation*
RG - Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation – Gallantry
VS - Vietnam Service Medal

*Ribbon only, no medal is authorized

AE 28-OCT-1962 to 18-NOV-1962 - CUBA (24 OCT 62 - 31 DEC 62)
EM 05-SEP-1962 to 12-SEP-1962 - CUBA (3 JAN 61 - 23 OCT 62)
CR 31-OCT-1968 to 01-NOV-1968
MU 26-SEP-1968 to 10-MAR-1969
RG 11-OCT-1968 to 03-NOV-1968
13-NOV-1968 to 11-DEC-1968
02-JAN-1969 to 16-JAN-1969
22-JAN-1969 to 04-FEB-1969
VS 11-OCT-1968 to 03-NOV-1968
13-NOV-1968 to 11-DEC-1968
02-JAN-1969 to 16-JAN-1969
22-JAN-1969 to 04-FEB-1969

(This indicates the Vietnam Service Ribbon can be worn with three (3) stars for repeated awards. The Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation and the Combat Action Ribbon are one-time awards and do not rate stars for additional awards.)

The Vietnam Campaign Medal is a military recognition awarded by the Republic of Vietnam, (also known as South Vietnam), to any member of the United States, Australian, New Zealand and allied military forces serving **six months or more** in support of Republic of Vietnam military operations.

(Note: I once found this award listed for the Hugh Purvis in the awards manual in the early 70's. The Chief PN confirmed it and entered it in my Service Record. However, when I called the awards desk, they said it was not listed as an award for the Hugh Purvis. Steve Singlar)

The National Defense Service Medal is a military service medal of the United States military originally commissioned by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Created in 1953, the National Defense Service Medal was intended to be a "blanket campaign medal" awarded to any member of the United States military who served honorably during a designated time period of which a "national emergency" had been declared. In the years since the creation of the National Defense Service Medal, it is authorized only for the following time periods:

- June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954 for service during the Korean War
- January 1, 1961 to August 14, 1974 for service during the Vietnam War
- August 2, 1990 to November 30, 1995 for service during the Gulf War
- September 11, 2001 to a date to be announced for service during the War on Terrorism

Obtaining Personal Awards, Unit Awards, and Replacement Medals

Veterans are entitled to one replacement set of their medals. The [Standard Form \(SF 180\)](#), **Request Pertaining to Military Records**, is recommended for requesting medals and awards. Provide as much information as possible and send the form to:

**National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63132-5100**

To obtain information about unit awards earned, please check the Navy Awards web site at <https://awards.navy.mil>

Navy Expeditionary Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation – Gallantry



Combat Action Ribbon



Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon



Common awards issued to individuals, not to ships or units.

Navy Good Conduct Medal



National Defense Medal

