

Personal Data Sheet

Ethnic Groups

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Subcontinent. This includes, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

American Indian or Alaskan Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Military Status

No Military Service: A person who has not served in active duty with any branch of the United States Armed Forces.

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (AFEM): A decoration created in 1961 and awarded for participation in any military campaign of the United States where a veteran encountered foreign armed opposition or was in danger of hostile action while serving in a military campaign abroad. On March 18, 2003, the AFEM was discontinued for Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait and was replaced with the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. Veterans who were deployed to the Gulf for Operation Southern Watch, and then transitioned to Operation Iraqi Freedom, are not eligible for either award.

Special Disabled Veteran: (1) A veteran who is entitled to compensation (or who but for the receipt of military retired pay, would be entitled to compensation) under laws administered by the Veteran's Administration for a disability rated at 30 percent or more, or rated at 10 or 20 percent in the case of a veteran who has been determined under Section 1506 of Title 38 U.S.C. to have a serious employment handicap, or (2) a person who was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability.

Vietnam-Era Veteran: A veteran, any part of whose active military service was during the period August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975, who (1) served on active duty for a period of more than 180 days and was discharged or released there from with other than a dishonorable discharge, or (2) was discharged or released from active duty because of a service-connected disability. No veteran may be considered to be a veteran of the Vietnam era under this paragraph after December 31, 1991.

Veteran of Other Era: A person whose active duty with any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces was prior to August 5, 1964 or after May 7, 1975.