



Combat Pencil Pusher Award

Awarded to Airmen who earn combat pay while they're deployed to a country that rarely, if ever, experiences anything remotely combat-like; not even an occasional mortar attack or road-side bomb ... cough ... al Udied ... cough ... Air Base ... cough ... Qatar ... cough!



Purple Ouwee Award

Awarded to any Airman who, without regard to their own safety, harms his or herself in a manner that produces a noise as loud or louder than the average "Ouwee!" The wound must require a Band-Aid, which must be applied under the observation of an officer in the grade of O-3 or higher.



CNN Soldier Award Awarded to Airmen who deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan for four or more months and still only saw combat when they turned on the television news. Airmen who receive this award cannot accept the "Duck and Cover" award (unless they really, really want both).



Duck and Cover Award

Awarded to Airmen who spent their entire deployment at a Forward Operating Base (FOB); the only real sign of war was the occasional "Duck and Cover" siren that followed infrequent mortar attacks.



Combat Abstinence Award

Awarded to all male Airmen who survive a deployment (that exceeds 120 days) with nothing more than a bottle of lotion, some tissue paper, and a six-month-old issue of the Victoria Secret catalog.



'Kiss My Hooah!' Award

Awarded to Airmen who are forced to deploy in support of the Army. These deployments --- called "in-lieu-of" taskings -- are typically Army jobs that the Army cannot fill. Imagine spending several months in a room full of monkeys. Now imagine those monkeys are wearing camouflage trousers and carrying loaded weapons. Now imagine that many of these monkeys out rank you. Now you know what an "in-lieu-of" tasking is.



Gold Star Award

Like the gold star stickers of elementary school fame, the Gold Star Award is presented to Airmen who successfully complete a deployment, but didn't do enough to earn any other award.



Chairforce Combat Award

Awarded to any Airman who spent more than four months at any deployed location, even if they never carried or fired a weapon or “engaged” the enemy. Simply being there -- and not at home where we know you would much rather be -- makes you cool in our book. And admit it, wouldn't this medal look cool hanging on your service dress uniform?