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SUBJ/CHANGES TO PEACETIME AWARDS DELEGATION//

REF/A/DOC/SECNAV DECISION/05AUG2002//

REF/B/DOC/SECNAVINST 1650.1G/07JAN2002//

NARR/REF A IS SECNAV APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO CURRENT  
PEACETIME AWARD DELEGATION LEVELS. REF B IS THE NAVY  
AND MARINE CORPS AWARDS MANUAL.//

RMKS/1. PURSUANT TO REF A, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE AUTHORIZED TO  
REF B FOR PEACETIME AWARDS.

2. LEGION OF MERIT: (A) ADM (0-10) MAY APPROVE FOR ALL NAVY  
PERSONNEL IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND AND MAY APPROVE FOR OTHER U.S.  
ARMED FORCES SERVICE PERSONNEL (USA, USAF, USMC, INCLUDING USCG) FOR  
PERSONNEL 0-6 AND BELOW IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND (WITH PARENT  
SERVICE CONCURRENCE); (B) VADM (0-9) MAY APPROVE AS OUTLINED ABOVE  
WITH EXCEPTION OF FLAG OFFICER AWARDS, WHICH WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE

NEXT 0-10 IN CHAIN OF COMMAND.

3. MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL: (A) RADM (0-8) AND ABOVE MAY APPROVE FOR ALL NAVY PERSONNEL 0-6 AND BELOW IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND AND MAY APPROVE FOR OTHER U.S. ARMED FORCES SERVICE PERSONNEL 0-6 AND BELOW (USA, USAF, USMC INCLUDING USCG) IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND; (B) RADM (0-7) IN COMMAND MAY APPROVE MSM'S IN SIMILAR FASHION.

4. NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL: (A) RADM (0-7) AND ABOVE MAY APPROVE FOR ALL NAVY PERSONNEL 0-6 AND BELOW IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND AND MAY APPROVE FOR OTHER U.S. ARMED FORCES SERVICE PERSONNEL 0-6 AND BELOW (USA, USAF, USMC INCLUDING USCG) IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND; (B) 0-6 IN COMMAND MAY APPROVE NC'S IN THEIR CHAIN OF COMMAND.

5. ACTIONS OF AWARDING AUTHORITIES:

- A. ISSUE CITATION, CERTIFICATE AND MEDAL.
- B. MAINTAIN PERMANENT COMMAND RECORD OF APPROVALS.
- C. ENSURE AIMS DATA BASE ENTRY PER REF B. (A PROJECT IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS TO SIMPLIFY THIS PROCESS.)
- D. ENSURE SUBMISSION OF AWARD TO MEMBER'S PERMANENT SERVICE RECORD.

6. REFER TO REF (B) FOR PERTINENT SUPPLY STOCK NUMBERS; CONTACT OPNAV DIRECTOR NAVY STAFF AWARDS BRANCH (DSN 325-1770; COMM 202-685-1770) WITH REGARD TO THE LEGION OF MERIT CERTIFICATES OR OTHER QUESTIONS.

7. THESE CHANGES WILL BE INCORPORATED IN NEXT UPDATE TO NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AWARDS MANUAL (SECNAVINST 1650.1G).

8. EXCEPT AS MODIFIED ABOVE, ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF REF B REMAIN IN EFFECT. PER REF (B), COMMANDERS CANNOT APPROVE AWARDS FOR ANY MEMBER WHO IS CONSIDERED PERSONAL STAFF; THESE AWARDS MUST GO TO THE IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR IN COMMAND FOR APPROVAL.

9. THIS DELEGATION DECISION STREAMLINES THE AWARDS APPROVAL PROCESS

AND SHOULD RESULT IN BETTER TURNAROUND TIME FOR RECOGNITION OF DESERVING PERSONNEL. AWARDING AUTHORITIES SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR AWARDS REVIEW PROCESS, UPHOLDING THE STANDARDS SET FOR THESE AWARDS.

10. POINT OF CONTACT IS CAPT M. J. SWEENEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR NAVY STAFF, COMM 202-692-9040, DSN 222.

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