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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1520.38

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: CNO DISTINGUISHED MIDSHIPMEN GRADUATES PROGRAM

Encl: (1) Plaque Wording Format

1. Purpose. To issue procedures for recognizing Chief of Naval Operations Distinguished Midshipmen Graduates.

2. Cancellation. This OPNAV Instruction supersedes SECNAVINST 1520.10B. The SECNAV Instruction was cancelled under a separate cancellation memo.

3. Background. The CNO Distinguished Midshipmen Graduates Program was established to honor those United States Naval Academy (USNA), Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC), and Merchant Marine Reserve, United States Naval Reserve (MMR, USNR) midshipmen who demonstrate the highest standards of leadership, scholarship, and military performance. The number of midshipmen selected annually for recognition under this program is limited to:

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>SELECTIONS</u>
USNA	25
NROTC	1 per host school
United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA)	1
California Maritime Academy	1
Great Lakes Maritime Academy	1
Massachusetts Maritime Academy	1
Texas A&M University at Galveston	1

Honorees must be qualified for commissioning during the calendar year of selection.

4. Action

a. Director of Naval Education and Training Division (CNO (N17)) is responsible for program policy.

b. Commander, Naval Education and Training Command is designated as program coordinator.

c. Superintendent, USNA will annually select 25 deserving midshipmen and prepare locally procured plaques to be presented to recipients during annual graduation ceremonies.

d. The Professor of Naval Science (PNS) at each NROTC host school will select one deserving midshipman and submit the name to Naval Service Training Command (NSTC), Director of Officer Development (OD), in February of each year. NSTC (OD) will provide appropriate plaques to be presented during annual graduation ceremonies.

e. The Officer in Charge (OIC) of each Department of Naval Science at the USMMA and the state maritime academies will select one deserving midshipman and submit the name to NSTC (OD) in February of each year. NSTC (OD) will provide appropriate plaques to be presented during annual graduation ceremonies.

f. All plaques will be inscribed as specified in enclosure (1).

g. The Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy and Commander, Naval Service Training Command shall provide congratulatory letters/certificates to their Distinguished Midshipmen Graduates on behalf of the Chief of Naval Operations.

/s/

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PLAQUE WORDING FORMAT

Chief of Naval Operations

Distinguished Midshipman Graduate

Name

Rank

Institution

Date

For having met the highest standards of leadership, academic
excellence and military performance

Enclosure (1)