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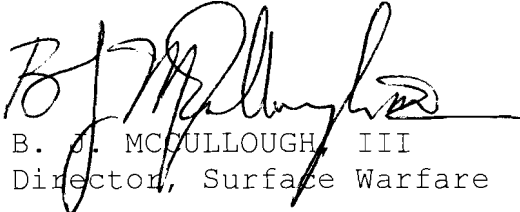
From: Chief of Naval Operations (N86)

Subj: OLD SALT AWARD

1. **Purpose.** To revise and reissue the criteria for Old Salt designation.
2. **Cancellation.** OPNAVINST 1650.25.
3. **Background.** The Old Salt Award is presented by the Surface Navy Association (SNA) to the longest serving active duty Surface Warfare Officer (1110) who meets the criteria described herein. SNA is a professional organization composed of both military and civilian members dedicated to enhanced awareness and support of the United States Navy and the surface forces.
4. **Selection.** The Director, Surface Warfare (N86) shall be responsible for determining which officers meet the award criteria and for establishing the official precedence list of prospective Old Salts in liaison with Director, Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (N1). Criteria for selection of the Old Salt are as follows:
 - a. Must be active duty.
 - b. Time on active duty must be continuous.
 - c. Until such time that Surface Warfare qualification letters can be used exclusively to determine precedence, the Fleet Officer of the Deck (OOD) qualification date will be used to establish service as a Surface Warfare Officer among that large group of officers designated 1110 in 1975 when the specialty designator was officially approved. If no OOD qualification letter is found, then ship deck logs will be checked to determine the period of Fleet OOD qualification for those officers being considered. Ultimately, the Surface

Warfare qualification letter will become the sole means of determining eligibility.

5. **Presentation.** The Director, Surface Warfare will approve selection of the Old Salt Award recipient and designate a command to arrange for appropriate ceremonies, considering the personal desires of the principals involved. The Old Salt Trophy may be kept in possession of the recipient or displayed by the command to which the Old Salt is assigned.



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