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SECNAV INSTRUCTION 3590.4A

From: Secretary of the Navy

Subj: Award of trophies and similar devices in recognition of accomplishments

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 1348.19 of 9 May 67 (NOTAL)

1. Purpose. To establish a policy for awarding trophies and similar devices to individual Navy and Marine Corps personnel and units for excellence in accomplishments and competitions contributing to the effectiveness of the military missions and operations.

2. Cancellation. SECNAVINST 3590.4 of 29 August 1967, OPNAVINST 3590.13 of 22 December 1967, and MARCORPS ORDER 5305.1 of 3 October 1967.

3. Background. Public Law 89-529, 89th Congress, authorized the Secretary of Defense to use appropriated funds to purchase medals, trophies, badges, and similar devices for award to members, units, or agencies of an armed force under his jurisdiction for excellence in accomplishments or competitions related to that armed force, and provide badges or buttons in recognition of special service, good conduct, and discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. The Secretary of Defense, by reference (a), authorized the Secretaries of the Military Departments to redelegate this authority to senior service commanders.

4. Policy

a. Accomplishments and competitions recognized under the terms of this instruction shall be officially established and announced, and generally be of a continuing nature, although awards may be made on a one-time basis in those instances where the accomplishment (1) is unique, (2) clearly contributes to increased effectiveness or efficiency, and (3) is not covered by implementing instructions.

b. Cash prizes awarded under the Incentive Awards Program, and those awards made in connection with sports and welfare activities, are specifically excluded from the provisions of this instruction.

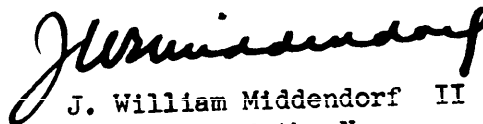
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c. Coordination will be accomplished in the selection process to prevent one individual or unit from receiving two awards for an achievement when other candidates are equally qualified.

5. Funding. Costs of trophies and similar devices will be funded under the regular locally available operation and maintenance funds of the command/activity involved.

6. Action. Flag and General officers in command are authorized to approve the use of appropriated funds for the purposes, and in accordance with the policies, set forth herein.



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