

APPENDIX B TO CHAPTER 1 - DELEGATION OF AWARDING AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY RETAINED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

1. All awards to flag/general officers
2. All Silver Stars and above
3. Presidential Unit Citation and Navy Unit Commendation
4. All awards to foreign nationals
5. Awards for personnel serving with the following:
 - a. Assistant Secretaries of the Navy
 - b. Office of Naval Research
 - c. Office of the General Counsel
 - d. Naval Criminal Investigative Service
 - e. Office of Program Appraisal
 - f. Office of Legislative Affairs
 - g. Office of the Judge Advocate General
 - h. Office of Information
 - i. Office of the Naval Inspector General
6. All new operations for the Combat Action Ribbon
7. Any and all determinations of extraordinary heroism
8. All terrorist-related incidents

LEGION OF MERIT AND LESSER PERSONAL DECORATIONS AND
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION

1. Chief of Naval Operations
 2. Commandant of the Marine Corps
- Note: CMC has delegated authority in specific cases.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDALS AND BELOW

Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet
 Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet
 Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe
 Commander, Marine Force Atlantic
 Commander, Marine Force Pacific
 Commander, Marine Corps Combat Development Command
 Commander Naval Forces Central Command
 Commanding Generals, I, II, and III MEF
 Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy (while a 4-star billet)
 Director, Naval Nuclear Propulsion
 Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet
Commander, Naval Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet
Commander, Naval Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
Commanders, Second/Third/Fifth/Sixth/Seventh Fleet
Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command
Commander, Naval Air Systems Command
Chief of Naval Education and Training
Bureau of Naval Personnel
Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
Commander, Military Sealift Command
Commander, Marine Forces Reserve
Commander, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command
Chief of Supply Corps
Chief of Naval Engineers
Commander, Naval Reserve Force
Commanding General, Marine Forces Reserves

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL AND BELOW

Navy and Marine Corps commanders in grade of rear admiral (lower half) or brigadier general and above (to include those frocked).

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

NAVY: Commanders/commanding officers eligible to wear the Command at Sea or Command Ashore device by virtue of current billet and prospective commanding officers (PCOs) of new construction.

MARINE CORPS: Battalion and Squadron level commanders, Battalion Inspector and Instructors, and Site Officers in Charge or other command positions of battalion/squadron level command equivalency. Requests for exceptions to policy are directed via the chain of command to CMC (MMMA) for disposition.

QUOTAS: Quotas are no longer in effect for specific achievement NA.

NOTES

1. To enhance the commander's ability to provide timely recognition for a subordinate's action, in the flag/general officer's absence, the "acting commander" may award the NC and NA if a flag officer and the NA if an O-6 and below; delegation authority must be authorized by the commander in writing.

2. Awards for member of a flag officer's immediate personal staff (i.e., executive assistant, flag lieutenant, flag secretary, or flag writer, etc.,) are to be forwarded to next higher awarding authority for appropriate action.

3. Authority to award naval decorations will not be delegated to commands outside the DON.

4. SECNAV retains the right to designate all new operations for the Combat Action Ribbon. Therefore, though judged independently of the Combat Action Ribbon, SECNAV area/operations designation is necessary for approval of the Combat Distinguishing Device and the Strike/Flight Air Medal. Any award of the Combat 'V' or a combat type Air Medal in a non-designated area must be forwarded to SECNAV for decision.

5. All awards for the same act are forwarded together to the award authority commensurate with the highest single award recommended.