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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Subj: CHAMBERS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP

Ref: (a) SECNAV M-5210.1
(b) 5 U.S.C. 552a
(c) SECNAVINST 5211.5E

Encl: (1) Biographical Sketch

1. Situation. To provide information and instructions on the subject award, per the references.

2. Cancellation. MCO 1650R.35D.

3. Mission. The Colonel Justice Marion "Jumping Joe" Chambers Award is presented annually to a Marine Corps Reserve company grade officer who best demonstrates the outstanding leadership qualities exemplified by Colonel Chambers during World War II. Colonel Chambers received the Medal of Honor for his action as commander of the 3d Battalion, 25th Marines assault landing team of the 4th Marine Division at Iwo Jima. His citation reads in part, that while "exposed to relentless fire, he reorganized his battle-weary men, inspiring them to heroic efforts by his own valor and leading in an attack on the critical, impregnable high ground." Colonel Chambers' actions reflected his strong dedication to his country and beloved Corps. The enclosure is a biographical sketch of Colonel Chambers.

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4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) Eligibility

1. Any Marine Corps Reserve company grade officer serving within MARFORRES, 4th MARDIV, 4th MLG, 4th MAW or FHG during the period of eligibility.

2. A previous recipient of the award is ineligible for subsequent nomination.

3. Posthumous nominations must meet the eligibility and award criteria.

4. Officers having primary occupational fields 25XX/28XX/59XX/72XX/75XX are not eligible.

(b) Award Recommendation Criteria

1. Nominees must exemplify outstanding leadership, as recognized by seniors, contemporaries and subordinates.

2. Nominees must exhibit leadership qualities that contribute to the development of esprit de corps and loyalty within the unit in which the nominee serves.

3. Nominees, through personal example, must set professional and personal standards that others seek to emulate.

4. Nominees must clearly demonstrate the ideals of courage, resourcefulness, perseverance and concern for the well-being of the Corps and their fellow Marines.

5. The Chambers Award covers the calendar year immediately preceding the nomination due date.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Selection

1. Commander, Marine Forces Reserve (COMMARFORRES), shall establish a board of senior field grade officers to review nominations using the eligibility and award criteria stated above and make appropriate recommendations to the Deputy Commandant for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (DC, M&RA).

2. Director, Reserve Affairs Division will endorse and forward nominees' records to DC, M&RA for review.

3. DC, M&RA shall review the nominees' records and make appropriate recommendations to the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) for selection.

(b) The nominee will be approved by CMC.

(c) CMC, or his designated representative, will present the Chambers Award at an appropriate ceremony such as the Marine Corps Association Ground Awards Dinner or the Marine Logistics Awards Dinner.

(d) CMC (RA) will fund and issue temporary active duty orders as appropriate, with pay, allowances, and travel, for a period not to exceed two days for the award winner to participate in the ceremony.

b. Coordinating Instructions. Annual guidance will be published via MARADMIN.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Records created as a result of this Order shall be managed according to National Archives and Records Administration approved dispositions per reference (a) to ensure proper maintenance, use, accessibility and preservation, regardless of format or medium.


b. The generation, collection or distribution of personally identifiable information (PII) and management of privacy sensitive information shall be in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, per references (b) and (c). Any unauthorized review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited.

c. Recommendations concerning changes to this Order may be forwarded to CMC (RA) via the appropriate chain of command.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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Biographical Sketch

COLONEL JUSTICE MARION CHAMBERS, USMCR (Deceased)

Colonel Justice Marion "Jumping Joe" Chambers was born in Huntington, West Virginia, on 2 February 1908. He attended Marshall College, West Virginia and George Washington University and received his Juris Doctor from National University.

Following the completion of a two-year enlistment in the Naval Reserve in 1930, he joined the Marine Corps Reserve as a private and in 1932 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant. He was assigned to the 5th Battalion in Washington, DC. He was a Major, attending annual summer camp in 1940 when his unit was called to active duty.

After rigorous training, he was among the first contingent of Marines to assault the island of Tulagi, Solomon Islands, on 7 August 1942. He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while commanding a company of the 1st Raider Battalion. He received the Silver Star Medal for evacuating the wounded and directing the night defense of a battalion aid station on Tulagi, where he was a seriously wounded patient. He commanded the 3d Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division in the Roi-Namur Campaign. On Saipan he suffered a blast concussion but returned to lead his command there and on Tinian. He was awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and a second Purple Heart following the Saipan-Tinian operations.

As a Lieutenant Colonel, he brought his battalion ashore at Iwo Jima on 19 February 1945. His sector was beneath high ground from which heavy enemy fire raked the whole landing beach. Capture of the high ground was essential to the success of the D-Day operation. Lieutenant Colonel Chambers lost more than half his officers and nearly half his enlisted strength on D-Day. By fearless disregard for his own life and leading a depleted battalion by example, he won the key heights that anchored the right flank of the Marines' position. On day four, directing the Marines' first rocket barrage and exposed to the enemy's main line of resistance, Lieutenant Colonel Chambers fell under enemy machine gun fire.

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Lieutenant Colonel Chambers was assigned to Quantico following his discharge from Bethesda Naval Hospital. He entered the Senior Course at Quantico as a student and upon graduation was assigned as a member of the Marine Corps Reserve Policy Board. He was medically retired from the Marine Corps Reserve in 1946 and advanced to the grade of Colonel.

From 1946 to 1964, as a resident of Rockville, Maryland, Colonel Chambers held various public service positions to include: Assistant Chairman of the Federal Personnel Council, Staff Advisor to the Senate Armed Services Committee, an employee of the Civil Defense Administration, and Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Planning. He was later President of his own consulting firm until his retirement in 1973.

Colonel Chambers received the Nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, on 1 November 1950. Presentation of the Medal of Honor was made at the White House by President Harry S. Truman for exceptional gallantry which helped assure the victory at Iwo Jima during World War II.

In addition to the Medal of Honor, Silver Star Medal and Legion of Merit with Combat "V", Colonel Chambers' decorations and medals include the Purple Heart with two gold stars, Presidential Unit Citation with three bronze stars, Organized Marine Corps Reserve Medal with two stars, American Defense Medal with one silver star (denoting five campaigns) and the World War II Victory Medal.

Colonel Chambers died at Bethesda Naval Hospital on 29 July 1982. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors.