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MARINE CORPS ORDER 7042.6C

From: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
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Subj: AWARD OF TROPHIES AND SIMILAR DEVICES IN RECOGNITION OF  
SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1125  
(b) DoD Directive 1348.19, "Award of Trophies and Similar  
Devices in Recognition of Accomplishments," May 12, 1989  
(c) SECNAVINST 3590.4A  
(d) MCRCO 1650.4, Marine Corps Recruiting Command Order  
(e) DODD; 5500.7, "Standards of Conduct," August 30, 1993

1. Situation. Provide guidance for awarding trophies and similar devices in recognition of significant accomplishments. Reference (a) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to use appropriated funds to purchase medals, trophies, badges, and similar devices for awards to members, units, or agencies of an Armed Force for excellence in accomplishments or competitions related to the Armed Forces and to provide badges or buttons in recognition of special service, good conduct, and discharges under conditions other than dishonorable. The Secretary of Defense authorized the Secretaries of the military departments to redelegate this authority to senior service commanders. The Secretary of Defense and Secretary of the Navy, by references (b) and (c), authorize Marine Corps general officers in command to approve the use of appropriated funds for the purposes of an awards program. This order provides Marine Corps policy and guidance on the subject of awards.

2. Cancellation. MCO 7042.6B.

3. Mission. Marine Corps general officers in command are authorized to expend locally available operating funds (Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps and Operation and Maintenance, Marine Corps Reserve) to purchase awards for award programs discussed in this Order.

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4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) Pursuant to this Order, Marine Corps general officers in command may establish award programs that recognize significant accomplishments. The Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps delegates approval authority for the purchase of medallions ("coins"), plaques, medals, and similar devices to deputy commandants at Headquarters, Marine Corps.

(b) Appropriated funds may be used to purchase trophies, medals, badges, and similar devices to include medallions ("coins") presented as awards recognizing the recipient's significant accomplishments.

(c) Appropriated funds may not be used to purchase utilitarian items as awards; e.g., clothing, uniform items, jewelry, functional weapons, etc.

(d) Reference (c) specifically prohibits cash awards for recognition of individual accomplishments discussed in this Order. Appropriated funds may not be used to acquire awards and prizes that are negotiable or have a marketable cash value; e.g., tickets and gift certificates for sporting or theatrical events, and meals. Cash awarded under the Incentive Awards Program and those awards made in connection with sports and welfare activities are specifically excluded from provisions of this Order.

(e) Awards issued under this Order must be of such nature as to be easily recognized as symbolizing or memorializing a significant accomplishment or event and be of a nominal value. The award must contain some notation or inscription of the purpose of the award. Nominal value for the purpose of this order is \$50.00 or less.

(f) This Order applies to awards for active duty, reserve, and civilian Marines.

(g) This Order does not apply to contractor personnel.

(h) This Order permits the establishment of a local awards program that supplements other awards such as military awards, and does not cancel reference (d) which is for the recognition of specific accomplishment in recruiting production.

(2) Concept of Operations:

(a) General officers in command are encouraged to establish local awards programs to recognize individuals and subordinate commands/units that excel in designated areas of competition related to the mission of their commands. The following are examples of acceptable competition categories:

1. Marine of the Month, Quarter, and Year.
2. High Rifle Marksman of the Quarter; Year.
3. High Pistol Marksman of the Quarter; Year.
4. Highest Physical Fitness Test Score.
5. Top Military Unit; i.e., Best Rifle Company, Outstanding Security Guard Company.
6. Honor Graduate of NCO School.
7. Civilian Marine of the Quarter; year.
9. Manager of the Quarter; year.

(b) The accomplishments being recognized must be of such a nature that they are above and beyond that expected of an individual or unit in the normal performance of duty. These awards must also relate to the mission of the activity presenting the award. A command awards program must:

1. be established, announced, and publicized;
- and
2. recognize effectiveness and mission accomplishment of the command.

(c) Medallions ("Coins") as Awards. When used exclusively as awards for significant accomplishments, medallions ("coins") may be purchased under this Order with locally available appropriated funds. General officers in command must authorize any purchase and use of these medallions ("coins") to recognize these accomplishments. The medallions ("coins") should contain the name of the command presenting the award. Medallions ("coins") purchased with appropriated funds may not contain the name of any individual commander. Commands may only purchase enough medallions ("coins") to meet the bona fide need of the command for each fiscal year.

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(d) Medallions ("Coins") as Motivational Items. Medallions ("coins") or other items for use as morale boosters, motivational tools, or mementos for VIPs, may not be purchased with Marine Corps funds. Appropriated funds are not to be used for purchasing personal gifts of any kind without specific statutory authority (reference (e)).

(e) Awards may be made on a one-time/unscheduled basis only in those instances where the accomplishment is unique, clearly contributes to increased effectiveness or efficiency and is not covered by the command award programs.

(f) An individual or unit may not receive two awards for the same achievement or accomplishment.

b. Subordinate Element Missions. General officers in command may authorize their subordinate commanding officers and officers in charge to use appropriated funds for command awards.

5. Administration and Logistics. Questions concerning this Order should be addressed to CMC(RFR).

6. Command and Signal

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

b. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.



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