



MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION AWARDS MANUAL

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BACKGROUND

The awards and recognition programs are created because of the need for a uniform method of recognizing the members within the Marine Corps Historical Association, its Corps of Cadets and Officer Corps hereafter referred to as "Corps". This instruction should be reviewed in its entirety.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CORPS

G1: Personnel

G2: Intelligence

G3: Operations

G4: Logistics

G5: Planning

G6: Communications

Team: Four individuals are assigned to a specific team.

Squad: Three Teams are assigned to a specific squad.

Platoon: Three squads are usually assigned to a specific platoon.

Company: Three platoons are assigned to a Company. The Company is the lowest level of command with a headquarters element (example, a Company Commander, or Company First Sergeant).

Battalion: Three Companies are assigned to form a Battalion.

Regiment: Three Battalions form a Regiment.

Division: Three Regiments are assigned to make up a Division.

INFORMATION

Board of Directors, command staff, instructors and adult prior service noncommissioned officers are considered to be part of the officers' corps for award purposes.

Unless otherwise stated, whenever the masculine gender is used both men and women are included.

POLICY

All awards are civilian in nature. They are awarded based on documented valor, service, vocational and avocational knowledge and sharing. At no time shall any current US government award be worn on the MCHA uniform.

All awards will be documented on MCHA Form 3.00, MCHA Service Sheet with a copy of citations, as appropriate, included in the member's Service Record Book.

MCHA Form 03.01, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award, will be used to recommend units and individuals for awards requiring approval of higher authority.

Recipients of prior, or retired, MCHA awards may wear that award at the Company Commanders discretion. An updated award request, to replace a retired award, may be made by submitting MCHA Form 03.01.

MCHA Form 03.02, Award Certificate, will accompany those awards not having a citation.

Recommendations to increase the effectiveness of this instruction are invited and should be submitted via the chain of command to the Commandant, Headquarters Marine Corps Historical Association (SpecProj) for evaluation.

ACTION

Commanders will ensure that Corps personnel are recognized with appropriate awards as defined by merit and achievement.

Division Commanders will ensure that appropriate awards boards are convened to facilitate recognition at the Division level for further potential recognition at the National level.

FORMS

MCHA Form 3.00, MCHA Service Sheet

MCHA Form 03.01, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award, will be used to recommend units and personnel for awards permitted by reference.

MCHA Form 03.02, Award Certificate, will accompany awards not having a citation of service.

NOTABLE CHANGES FROM 2014

Several decorations have changed title and qualifications in order to comply with the goal of not having any current issue US ribbon be a part of the MCHA awards program. Many ribbons have been retired, these include several from many classifications. Those who have been awarded a decoration should file Form 03.01 and include a copy of the Award Certificate for consideration of reissue of new/updated award. Previous awards are permitted only with appropriate authority.

School Ribbons: Platoon Leader and Noncommissioned Officer school ribbons have been removed. Like BCOC, the MCHA has decided that Members shall not receive a ribbon for attending these types of courses. Member-Graduates of those schools shall be promoted to appropriate rank of Corporal of Sergeant upon graduation of said school. Nonmembers shall receive a Certificate.

Member-graduates named honor graduates of either, or both, the Platoon Leader and Noncommissioned Officer schools shall be awarded time in-grade points in lieu of any ribbon appurtenance.

The Naval Underwater Badge (NUB) is authorized specifically for Regular and Associate Members portraying a member of the Navy of any Rate.

A series of fourragère is added to the awards program to recognize those who have repeated qualification of the Combat Reenactors Ribbon.

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL

0101 PURPOSE

Awards serve to provide public recognition of acts of achievement and outstanding service which are above and beyond the level normally expected and which distinguished an individual or unit. The judicious use of decorations and awards provides incentive to greater effort and builds morale; injudicious use will destroy the basic value. Promptness in presenting decorations and awards is an important morale factor.

0101 AWARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Written recommendations for awards are initiated by unit personnel using MCHA Form 03.01, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award, and submitted via the chain of command to the awarding authority.

Recommendations are to be submitted promptly after the act or service and meet the following conditions:

- Based upon known facts.
- Submitted in such detail that the awarding authority may determine whether or not the act or service meets the minimum requirements for the award.
- Disapproval of a recommendation by an officer subordinate to the awarding authority does not constitute authority to deny an award. The disapproved recommendation is to be forwarded to the awarding authority with the reason for disapproval.

0102 AWARDS TO OFFICERS

Unit Commanding Officers will recommend awards for officers in their command to the next higher authority for approval as appropriate. Instructors and prior service non-commissioned officers are considered to be members of the officers' corps for award purposes.

- Awards to a Company Commander or Division staff officer will be recommended by the Division Commander to the Authority.
- Awards to Company Commanders, Battalion Commanders, and Division Commanders will be recommended by the Adjunct to the Commandant.
- Awards to the Commandant will be recommended by the Adjunct to the Board of Directors.

0103 AWARDING AUTHORITY

The awarding authority is authorized by the Board of Directors to issue awards to individuals or groups. The awarding authority for the Commandant is the Board of Directors. For all other Corps personnel, the lowest awarding authority shall be as follows:

AWARD	AWARDING AUTHORITY
Decoration	Board of Directors
Unit Award	Division Commander
Qualification	Regiment Commander
Service Ribbon	Battalion Commander
School Ribbon	School Command Staff
Historic Research	Company Commander

0104 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Awards shall be presented with appropriate ceremony by the awarding authority and/or commanding officer. The award shall be presented with MCHA Form 3.02, Award Certificate, or a written citation, as appropriate.

0105 LIMITATION OF AWARDS

No more than one award of the same type will be awarded to any person. For each succeeding act or service sufficient to justify an award, an appropriate attachment will be awarded in lieu of that award. Not

more than one award will be awarded for the same act or service.

0106 AWARDS OTHER THAN MCHA AWARDS

In keeping with Title 10 of the US Code, personnel who have been awarded decorations, medals, ribbons, devices or badges by US or Foreign military departments and the Department of Transportation of the United States are not permitted to wear such awards on the MCHA uniform.

MCHA personnel who have prior military Cadet organization (JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Navy League Cadet Corps, Young Marines and Junior ROTC), which meet the criteria for an equivalent Corps award, may be approved by the Company Commander to convert the organization's award(s) to Corps equivalent award(s).

Awards considered inappropriate, extravagant, or eccentric will not be authorized for wear on the Corps uniform. Unless otherwise approved, only Corps awards shall be worn on the Corps uniform.

0107 IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW AWARDS

The Board of Directors determines the type of and criteria for awards that may be presented to Corps personnel and units. Any individual or group wishing to establish an award for the Corps must make the proposal in writing to the Board of Directors via the Adjunct, Headquarters MCHA.

0108 ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE AWARDS

Unless specified, only Members in good standing may receive awards.

0109 DEFINITION OF TERMS

Award. An all-inclusive term covering any decoration, ribbon bar, badge or device bestowed on an individual.

Decoration. An award conferred on an individual for a specific individual act of service above that normally expected and which distinguished the individual among others performing similar acts or services.

Unit Award. An award made to a unit or a special group for acts of achievement or outstanding service(s) which were above and beyond that normally expected and which distinguished the unit among others performing similar acts or service(s). This award is worn only by members of that unit who participated in the cited act or service.

Qualification Ribbon. An award presented to an individual to denote achievement in one specific qualification.

Service Ribbon. An award presented to an individual to denote participation during a given length of time in

a special activity of the Corps or for fulfilling specified service requirements.

School Ribbon. An award presented to an individual who graduated from an Corps Course or School.

Historic Research Ribbon. An award presented to an individual to denote academic and collections achievement in a specified historic era.

Ribbon. An award issued to an individual for performance of certain duties, acts, or services consisting of a portion of ribbon or distinctive colors.

Badge. An award to an individual for some special proficiency or skill, which consists of a medallion, or a medallion hung from a bar or bars, such as rifle and pistol marksmanship badges, parachutist wings and SCUBA diver's insignia.

Attachment. Any appurtenance such as a star, letter, frame or other such device worn on a ribbon.

Regular Member: Regular Members have voting rights in the Association. He may volunteer for any position within the Association, and is granted full benefits. He will be/remain free of felony convictions or unlawful activities. Students must maintain a "B" average. Prior military service members must have an Honorable of General (Under Honorable Conditions) discharge.

Associate Member: Associate Members do not have voting rights in the Association. He may volunteer for any position within the Association under the supervision of a Regular Member, and is granted limited benefits. He will be/remain free of felony convictions or unlawful activities. Students must maintain a "C" average. Prior military service members must have a General (Under Honorable Conditions) or Honorable discharge.

Provisional Member: Provisional Members are granted all rights and benefits of the membership class for which they are applying for a provisional period. Provisional Membership transitions into Regular/Associate membership on the year anniversary of Processing, when first-year dues will be collected, if the applicant has satisfied those requirements for the class of membership for which they originally applied. If requirements have not been met, and no extension filed and approved, Provisional Membership status is revoked and the applicant is returned to Nonmember status.

Nonmember: Nonmembers are members of other, like-minded yet non affiliated, reenactor/living history organizations in which the MCHA has an interest in expanding and sharing content, living history operations, or ideas. Nonmembers are recognized for their contributions of historical knowledge and learning and are permitted limited benefits.

0110 CLASSIFICATION OF AWARDS

Decorations. Awards 1 through 7.

Unit Awards. Award 8.

Qualification Ribbons. Awards 9 through 13.

Service Ribbons. Awards 14 through 16.

School Ribbons. Awards 17 through 24.

Historic Research Ribbons. Awards 25 through 38.

Non-Member Ribbons. Awards 39 through 40.

0111 ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

In their order of precedence are the Corps awards authorized by the Board of Directors:

1. Gallantry Cross
2. Corps Cross
3. Silver Service Medal
4. Bronze Commendation Medal
5. Achievement Medal
6. Honorable Service Medal
7. Joint Service Medal
8. Unit Commendation Medal
9. Combat Reenactor Ribbon
10. First Aid Ribbon
11. Good Conduct Medal
12. Sea Service Medal
13. Meritorious Membership Award
14. Outstanding Volunteer Service
15. Recruiting Ribbon
16. Drill Instructor Ribbon
17. SERE School
18. Advanced Reconnaissance School
19. Mountain Warfare School
20. Jungle Warfare School
21. Basic Reconnaissance School
22. Scout Sniper School
23. Radio Operator School
24. Combat Infantry School
25. POW/MIA
26. Founding Ribbon
27. American Civil War Ribbon
28. 1865-1914 Conflicts Ribbon
29. World War I Ribbon
30. World War II Ribbon
31. Korean War Ribbon
32. Expeditionary Service Ribbon
33. Vietnam War Service Ribbon
34. Vietnam War Campaign Ribbon
35. UN Actions Ribbon
36. NATO Actions Ribbon
37. Gulf War Ribbon
38. War on Terror Ribbon
- Nonmember Ribbons
39. Long Service Award
40. Recruit Training

SECTION 2 - CRITERIA

0200 PURPOSE

Criteria exist to provide meaning and direction for each member to evaluate and determine if earning an award is within their grasp.

Commanding Officers, and members, may recommend themselves or other members for awards as set forth below:

1. Decorations, Unit Awards, Qualification Ribbons and Service Ribbons shall be recommended by the immediate Officer to the awarding authority accompanied by MCHA Form 03.02, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award, and other appropriate certification(s).
2. School Ribbons shall be recommended by the training staff to the awarding authority and accompanied by MCHA Form 03.02, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award.
3. Historic Research Ribbons may be recommended by any member, including oneself, using MCHA Form 03.02, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award and being submitted to the Company Commander per chain of command. The Company Commander will check for completeness and forward the recommendation to the awarding authority.
4. If an awarding authority is a nominee for an award, the nomination and MCHA Form 03.02, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award, shall be presented to, and reviewed by, an Officer of equal or higher rank. In the event that said Officer is the Commandant or Adjunct, a member of the Board of Directors shall review the nomination and present the award.

0201 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING OF DECORATIONS

The following awards are awarded to any Regular Member or nonmember unanimously recommended by the Board of Directors, regardless of rank, who completes the requirements as set forth.

Gallantry Cross. Awarded to those personnel who have demonstrated both unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness, beyond that of another civilian, in saving, or attempting to save, a person's life and in complete disregard of his own personal safety thereby placing himself at extreme risk. Appropriate documentation to include governmental as well as witness statements, other than members, shall be provided.

The medal shall be a brass medal with red enamel Maltese Cross, enameled center medallion depicting a lion for bravery (front), and topped with crossed swords. The reverse of the award shall have the recipients name and date of action inscribed into the medal. The



medal shall be suspended on a red ribbon that shall display 13 white stars in the form of three chevrons.

The ribbon of this award will be a solid red ribbon with five stars, two at the top and three at the bottom, the same ribbon for the obsolete USMC Brevet Medal.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by a Board member, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit. The current red and blue ribbon shall be retired and no other issuance of this ribbon is authorized. Recipients of prior awards may wear that ribbon at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Corps Cross. (previously Legion of Merit) Awarded to those personnel who, while serving in any capacity, distinguishes himself or herself by action of extraordinary heroism not justifying an award of the Gallantry Cross.



The act(s) to be commended must be performed in the presence of great danger, or at great personal risk, and must be performed in such a manner as to render the individual's action(s) highly conspicuous among others of equal grade, rate, experience, or position of responsibility. Accumulation of minor acts of heroism or meritorious acts of Duty do not justify an award.

The medal shall be a modified version of the US Navy Cross Medal, a brass medal with modified cross pattée one and a half inches wide. There are four laurel leaves with berries in each of the re-entrant arms of the cross. In the center of the cross a sailing vessel is depicted on waves, sailing to the viewer's left. The reverse is blank to allow for inscription of the awardee's name and rank. The ribbon of this award will be a white ribbon dived into two equal areas by center stipe of navy blue.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by a Board member, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Recipients of prior awards may wear that ribbon at the discretion of the Division Commander.

Silver Service Medal. (previously Meritorious Service Award) Awarded to those



personnel who, while serving in any capacity, distinguishes himself by gallantry not justifying the award of one of the next higher valor awards: Corps Cross or Gallantry Cross. To justify this decoration, the service rendered must have been comparable to that required for the Corps Cross, but in an action of less risk to the members life or body. May also be awarded for meritorious service for unselfish devotion to duty, unsparing of time, and with great personal sacrifice, so as to render outstanding achievement, which directly aided and

supported the Corps to obtain a major accomplishment that could not have otherwise been obtained.

The Silver Service Medal is a gold five-pointed star, 1 1/2 inches (38 mm) in circumscribing diameter with a laurel wreath encircling rays from the center and a 3/16 inch (4.8 mm) diameter silver star superimposed in the center. The pendant is suspended from a rectangular shaped metal loop with rounded corners. The reverse be suspended on appropriate ribbon for breast wear.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by a Board member, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Recipients of prior awards may wear that ribbon at the discretion of the Division Commander.

Bronze Commendation Medal.

(previously Commendation Award) Awarded to those

personnel who, while serving in any capacity, who distinguishes himself by a heroic, or meritorious, achievement. To justify this decoration, accomplishment or performance of duty above that normally expected and sufficient to distinguish the individual among those performing comparable duties, is required. Normally, awarded for service which has strengthened the Corps notably by contributing directly to the growth or improvement of the Corps on the Division or Battalion level. Division Officers of the Year receiving the Lieutenant General Lewis Burwell Puller Award, Division Commanders of the Year receiving the Gunnery Sergeant Jimmie E. Howard Award, and Division Members of the Year receiving the Captain Harvey C. Barnum, Jr. Award, outlined in Section 3, will normally be recommended for this award.

The "V" device is authorized to be worn to recognize this award for heroism. To justify this appurtenance, the service rendered must have been comparable to that required for the Silver Service Medal, but in an action of less risk to the members life or body.

The medal shall be a bronze plated star medallion. The medal shall be suspended on appropriate ribbon for breast wear.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by a Board member, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Recipients of prior awards may wear that ribbon at the discretion of the Division Commander.

Achievement Medal.

Awarded to any member who, while serving in any capacity, has demonstrated professional and/or leadership achievements clearly of a superlative nature. This decoration may be awarded for a specific achievement, and is not dependant on, nor necessarily related to, the overall



outstanding performance of regularly assigned duties. To merit this decoration, the acts or services must have been accomplished or performed in a manner that is clearly above that normally expected, and sufficient to distinguish the individual above those of comparable grade or rating performing similar acts or services as set forth below:

- a. For Valorous Act(s) : The "V" device is authorized to be worn to recognize this award for heroism. To justify this appurtenance, the service rendered must have been comparable to that required for the Bronze Commendation Medal, but in an action of less risk to the members life or body.
- b. A Single Accomplishment: Contributing to the growth or improvement of the Corps at any level, or acts of meritorious service in connection with specific or general operations of the Corps may justify this award. Members and Officers of the Year, at the Division level, and those recognized by National Excellence Awards, outlined in Section 3, will normally be recommended for this award.
- c. For Meritorious Achievements: Exceptional and worthy of special recognition. The achievement should be tangible and constitute a definite contribution to the Corps, such as an improvement in a general or specific administrative procedure. If the achievement is of a recognizable and demonstrable benefit to the Corps as a whole, it is appropriate for recognition by the Corps Commendation Award. Officers of the Year, at the unit level, will normally be recommended for this award.
- d. For Leadership: The growth of the Marine Corps Historical Association depends upon leadership on all levels. Leadership is defined as the art of accomplishing the mission by providing purpose, direction, and motivation. It is the sum of those qualities of intellect, human understanding, and moral character that enables a person to inspire and to control a group of people successfully. Effective leadership, therefore, is based on personal example, good management practices, and moral responsibility. The strength of the MCHA and its Corps depends on courageous, highly motivated, and responsible individuals who, by their very nature, invariably demonstrate this type of leadership. The foregoing should be considered when making recommendations for this award based on noteworthy leadership achievement.

The medal is a bronze square (having clipped corners) with a fouled anchor in the center. There is a star in each of the four corners. The reverse of the medal is blank to allow for engraving the recipient's name. The ribbon is blue, edged in red, with three stripes of white in the enter.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by a Board member, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Recipients of prior awards may wear that ribbon at the discretion of the Division Commander.

Honorable Service Medal.

(previously Prior Service Award) Awarded to any Regular Member, regardless of rank who is a current Peace Officer or who provides proof of prior honorable service in the departments of Defense or Homeland Security of the United States of America.



- a. Prior Military members who have earned the Combat Action Ribbon, or other Service equivalent, will wear a single 5/16" bronze star appurtenance.

The medal is the commercially available Honorable Service Medal with a ribbon made of green and red stripes spaced across the field.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by an Officer, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Recipients of prior awards of a different ribbon color are prohibited from wearing that ribbon at any time.

Joint Service Medal. Awarded to any Member who has served as a member in good standing



with an alternate Service organization (Civil Air Patrol, Cadet, Sea Scout, or other authorized Living History group) for a period not less than 90-days per calendar year. Service must be honorable and distinguish the member as a valued member of a Joint Service team.

The front of the bronze medal has a five-pointed star with a circular ring over each point; the star is encircled by a laurel wreath which represents honor and achievement. The reverse of the medal is blank to allow for engraving the recipient's name. The ribbon is a centered wide blue band edged with white and green stripes.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by an Officer, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

0202 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING UNIT AWARDS

The following awards are awarded to any Regular Member, regardless of rank, who completes the requirements as set forth. By definition, unit awards are ribbon-only awards.

Unit Commendation Ribbon.

Awarded to those personnel who, as a unit or group, are recognized for community affairs or other acts which reflect conspicuous honor on the Corps, such as extremely meritorious service in support of military operations, or operations of the Federal, State, County



or local government, hospital or medical center, school, veterans' organization, service organization (Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.), or other youth groups.

- Units receiving the Second Lieutenant Terrence Collinson Graves Award for Unit Excellence are eligible for this unit award, with bronze frame.

0203 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING QUALIFICATION RIBBONS

The following awards are awarded to any Regular or Associate Member, regardless of rank, who completes the requirements as set forth.

Combat Reenactor Ribbon.

Awarded to those who, have actively participated in simulated combat operations in excess of thirty-six (36) days accumulated within 12 consecutive months. No attachments are authorized for wear with this award. The Combat Reenactor Ribbon is a ribbon-only award.



First Aid Ribbon. Awarded to those who under American Red Cross/Red Crescent, or similar



certification, acquire First Responder certification. Additional qualifications, i.e. Wilderness First Responder, etc. will be denoted with the addition of stars as outlined in Section 5. The First Aid Ribbon is a ribbon-only award.

Good Conduct Award. Awarded for exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity based



on conduct for 12 consecutive months of active service with at least 90% attendance at authorized events. Additional awards may be authorized every four (4) years of consecutive membership after first award.

Sea Service Award. Awarded to those under Orders, who actively train aboard a vessel



of at least 20' while underway. Certified endorsement of completing a course of study by the American Sailing Association or other like independent agency. Additional awards shall be awarded for every 100 hours of sailing time in the following 12 consecutive months.

The medal is a modification of the commercially available Sea Service Commemorative Military Medal with a ribbon of blue and turquoise stripes.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by an Officer, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Meritorious Membership

Award. Awarded to Provisional Members who graduate from a Corps immersion school immediately after completing the Basic Combat Operations Course/Recruit Training.



This training may be completed consecutively or simultaneously.

The medal is a circular bronze disc with an anchor and anchor chain circling three enlisted Marines in the uniform of the late nineteenth century. The Marines are marching with rifles at shoulder arms. "SEMPER MEMORIS." in the space between the Marine and the anchor chain is the raised inscription of the MCHA motto, "TEACH HONOR REMEMBER". The reverse of the medal is blank to allow for engraving the recipient's name. The ribbon is a centered wide red band on a gold field.

The medal shall be presented with ceremony by an Officer, and production costs for the medal shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

0204 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING OF SERVICE RIBBONS

The following awards are awarded to any Regular or Associate Member, regardless of rank, who completes the requirements as set forth.

Outstanding Volunteer Service.

Awarded to those who perform a service that is beneficial in nature to a Federal, State, County or local government, hospital or medical center, school, veterans' organization, service organization (Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc.), or other youth group. The service must be at least 40 hours in duration, accumulated within 12 consecutive months. Hours worked must be certified by an official of the recipient organization. The hours may be accumulated by service to one or more organizations. The member is responsible for obtaining and retaining the work certifications until required hours have been accumulated.



Recruiting Ribbon. Awarded to those members who are directly credited with the enrollment of thirty new members who maintain a complete impression for sixty (60) days.



Drill Instructor Ribbon. Awarded to those who participate as a member of a training staff.



Must fulfill one of the following:

- Participate as a staff member for a course of instruction approved by MCHA National Headquarters. Nominees must clearly be assigned as a member of the program's staff to be eligible for this award, and serve at least eight (8) days' duration or two four (4) day evolutions, OR
- Participate as a private shooting instructor: Be DoD or NRA Certified as a shooting instructor; AND provide instruction for three (3) Regular

Members that results in the attaining of minimum shooting qualification.

0205 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING OF SCHOOL RIBBONS

Awarded to graduates of Corps schools regardless of membership status. Honor graduates are authorized to wear gold, silver or bronze Lamp device to denote their advanced achievement.

The award shall be presented with ceremony by the School, and production costs for the award shall be provided by the awarding authority.

SERE. Awarded to graduates

of the four (4) day Survival, Evasion, Resistance, Escape Course. Graduates will participate in an escape drill where they are unloaded into an area with only a map and compass and given a destination. They must avoid capture and accomplish a mission.



Applicants to this course of instruction must be graduates of the Advanced Reconnaissance School. Honor graduates are permitted to served in assistance roles at Corps SERE courses.

Advanced Amphibious Reconnaissance.

Awarded to graduates of the four (4) day Advanced Reconnaissance School at the Recon Training Center.



Applicants to this course of instruction must be graduates of the Basic Reconnaissance School. Graduates are permitted to continue a Reconnaissance impression and train other members in their Unit in preparation for Basic Reconnaissance School.

Mountain Warfare.

Awarded to graduates of the three (3) day Mountain Warfare School where participants learn both survival and combat skills unique to high altitude cold weather climates, including mountaineering and high power shooting.



Jungle Warfare.

Awarded to graduates of the three (3) day Jungle Warfare School where participants learn unique survival and combat skills to hot weather climates including close combat and hand-to-hand training.



Basic Reconnaissance.

Awarded to graduates of the four (4) day Basic Reconnaissance School. Applicants to this course of instruction must be graduates of the Combat Infantry School, or demonstrate adequate infantry knowledge before acceptance. Graduates are permitted to establish a Reconnaissance impression.



Scout Sniper. Awarded to graduates of the four (4) day Sniper School, where candidates rely heavily on land navigation and high-power rifle shooting while conducting a 24-hour mission as a graduation requirement. School is held at a course/facility for Law Enforcement and Civilian training.



Radio Operator. Awarded to graduates of the four (4) day RTO School where students learn, among others, the systems and procedures of the PRC10, 25, and 77 squad radio(s).



Combat Infantry. Awarded to graduates of from the four (4) day Combat Infantry School. Recommended as the first school, graduates learn what it takes to look and sound like an amphibious trained Marine. Graduates will successfully conduct a 24-hour patrol mission in a hostile active environment.



0206 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING HISTORICAL RESEARCH RIBBONS

The following awards are awarded regardless of membership status or rank, to those who complete the requirements as set forth.

The award shall be presented, with modified appropriate campaign medal and Corps colored ribbon attached. The medal shall be presented with ceremony by an Officer, and production costs for the award shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

The Historical Research Ribbon is created to provide the opportunity to share knowledge, and provide a resource for historic research. It is a visual record of creating recorded history and sharing it with the public in a recognizable way.

Those wishing to qualify for an Historical Research Ribbon must:

1. Be active and in good standing, serving one year, or more, in a recognized unit.
2. Assemble an authentic, or museum quality reproduction, period collection of artifacts that demonstrate the appearance of a serviceman, i.e. "impression", of the era.
3. Compile and publish, via the newsletter or online, an academic essay, documenting a Man, Unit, or Action; no submitted work may be considered for more than one ribbon.
4. Essay shall be no less than two pages, or one thousand (1,000) words, whichever is greater, cite all sources and prepare a bibliography.

Additional awards shall be recognized by the awarding of 3/16" service star(s) as described in Section 5 Attachments, 0502 Stars.

Prisoner of War/Missing in Action.

Shall be issued for research writing documenting a current or former service member who is listed as MIA/POW pertaining any period of history. The placement of the POW/MIA research ribbon shall be after the Recruit Training and before the Revolutionary War research ribbon(s).



Founding Ribbon. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the period through 1861. The placement of the Revolutionary War research ribbon shall be after the Recruit Training and before the American Civil War research ribbon.

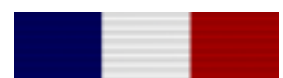


American Civil War. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years between 1861 and 1865. The placement of the American Civil War research ribbon shall be after the Mexican-American War and before the Spanish-American War research ribbon(s).



1865-1914 Conflicts Ribbon.

Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years surrounding the events from 1865 - WWI in 1914. These shall include: Spanish American War, Boxer Rebellion, Philippine Insurrection and Banana Wars. The placement of the Spanish-American War research ribbon shall be after the American Civil War and before the World War I research ribbon.



World War I.

Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years between 1914 and 1918. The placement of the World War I research ribbon shall be after the Boxer Rebellion and before the World War II research ribbon(s).

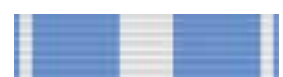


World War II.

Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years between 1919 and 1945. The placement of the World War II research ribbon shall be after the World War I and before the Korean War research ribbon(s).



Korean War. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years between 1950 and 1953. The placement of the Korean War research ribbon shall be after the World War II and before the Expeditionary Service research ribbon(s).



Expeditionary Service. Shall be issued for research and



accumulation of artifacts pertaining to those wars and Actions that are recognized from 1958 to present, including the Cold War, and are not covered by specific ribbon. The placement of the Expeditionary Service research ribbon shall be after the Korean War and before the **Vietnam Service** research ribbon(s).

Vietnam Service. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years between 1963 and 1975, including the Civic Action Program. The placement of the Vietnam Service Ribbon research ribbon shall be after the Expeditionary Service (Vietnam Civic Action retired 2015) and before the Vietnam Campaign research ribbon(s).



Vietnam Campaign. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years between 1963 and 1975. The placement of the Vietnam Campaign research ribbon shall be after the Vietnam Service and before the UN Action research ribbon(s).



UN Action. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to UN Actions that are recognized from 1950 to present, including the Humanitarian Action, and are not covered by specific ribbon. The placement of the UN Action research ribbon shall be after the Vietnam Campaign and before the Gulf War research ribbon(s).



NATO Action. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to NATO Actions that are recognized from 1949 to present, including the Serbian and Kosovo War. The placement of the NATO Action research ribbon shall be after the UN Action and before the Gulf War research ribbon(s).



Gulf War. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the those years between 1990 and 1991. The placement of the Gulf War research ribbon shall be after the UN Action and before the War on Terror research ribbon(s).



War on Terror. Shall be issued for research and accumulation of artifacts pertaining to the year 2001 to present, including the homeland terrorist activity, **Afghanistan and Iraq Campaigns.** The placement of the War on Terror research ribbon shall be after the Gulf War research ribbon(s).



0207 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING OF NONMEMBER RIBBONS

Awarded to nonmember personnel or organizations who meet the criteria set fourth. Award shall be

presented with ceremony by the Company Commander, and production costs for the award shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Long Service. Awarded to nonmembers of affiliate living history organizations, or Corps Members serving in affiliate organizations as a member in good standing, who serve in an active role for four (4) consecutive years. For the purpose of this award, the term "active" shall constitute:



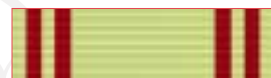
1. Member is a beneficial part of the Unit.
2. His/her attendance is deemed honorable and regular.
3. His/her commitment to living history is active and ongoing.

The member is responsible for obtaining, and retaining, the evidentiary certifications of accumulated time in service. Service, within another unit not affiliated to the Awarding Unit or that which is nonconsecutive, is except from consideration for this award.

MCHA Regular or Associate Members, who were awarded the Nonmember Long Service ribbon may place that ribbon after The Long Service ribbon shall be placed after the Drill Instructor Ribbon, and before any School ribbon.

The US Army Good Conduct Knot appurtenance shall denote additional decorations of the award.

Recruit Training. Awarded to affiliate nonmember graduates of the five (5) day Basic Combat Operations Course where participants learn military skills so they may operate as a cohesive unit and authentic living historian.



Affiliate nonmembers who complete the two (2) day additional Officers Training Platoon, where participants learn basic command procedures and how to shape a unit are authorized to wear a bronze diamond appurtenance.

MCHA Regular or Associate Members, who were awarded the Recruit Training Ribbon ribbon place that ribbon after the Combat Infantry School ribbon as authorized by Company Commander.

0208 CRITERIA FOR AWARDING BREAST INSIGNIA

The following awards are awarded to any Regular and Associate Members, regardless of rank, who complete the requirements as set forth.

The following authorized breast insignia may be worn on specified uniforms in accordance with Section 8. US DoD awarded breast badges may be honored and replaced with the Corps equivalent, members must submit proof of badge authorization.

Badges shall be presented with ceremony by the Company Commander, and production costs for the award shall be provided by the nominating Unit.

Master Diver. Awarded to those personnel who have:

- a. Been awarded the SCUBA Diver Badge
- b. Been certified as a Master Scuba Diver by one of the following agencies:
 - Professional Association of Diving Instructors.
 - National Association of Underwater Instructors.
 - Young Men's Christian Association.
 - Scuba Schools International.
 - National Association of Skin Diver Schools.



The Master Diver badge is only available through National Headquarters. A copy of the Master SCUBA Certification Card with an endorsement from the Company Commander will be forwarded via the chain of command to the Division Commander for approval.

SCUBA Diver. Awarded to those personnel who have been certified as an Open Water SCUBA Diver by one of the following agencies:

- a. Professional Association of Diving Instructors.
- b. National Association of Underwater Instructors.
- c. Young Men's Christian Association.
- d. Scuba Schools International.
- e. National Association of Skin Diver Schools.



The SCUBA Diver badge is available through approved commercial sources. A copy of the SCUBA Certification Card with an endorsement from the Company Commander will be forwarded via the chain of command to the Division Commander for approval.

Aviator Senior Grade.

Awarded to personnel who have successfully attained a commercial pilots license, as certified by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The license may be for any winged or rotary aircraft.



A copy of the FAA License with an endorsement from the Company Commander will be forwarded via the chain of command to the Division Commander for approval.

Aviator Junior Grade.

Awarded to personnel who have successfully completed the private pilots license, as certified by the Federal



Aviation Administration (FAA). The license may be for any winged or rotary aircraft.

A copy of the FAA License with an endorsement from the Company Commander will be forwarded via the chain of command to the Division Commander for approval.

Airman.

Awarded to personnel who have successfully completed an approved ground school, as certified by log books in accordance with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The award may be for any winged or rotary aircraft.



Free-fall Parachutist.

Awarded to personnel who have successfully completed the Parachute Senior Grade requirements, and are certified as civilian free-fall parachutists; or completed DoD HAHO/HALO certification, or awarded the military free fall badge as documented on their DD214 or authentic award certificates.



A copy of the "AFF Completion Certificate" and logbook, showing that the participant completed an United States Parachutist Association (USPA) Accelerated Free-fall (AFF) program to include: seven (7) or more independent jumps, ground school, and rigged, flown and landed the parachute; or military documentation of equivalent, is required for this badge.

Parachutist Senior Grade.

Awarded to personnel who have successfully completed a "First Jump" by an approved United States Parachutist Association (USPA) instructor. The jump may be AFF level 1 or by static line.



A copy of the "First Jump Certificate" and logbook, showing that the participant completed a ground school and independently jumped, and landed, the parachute is required for this badge.

Parachutist Junior Grade.

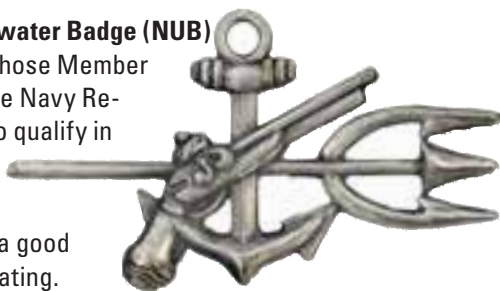
Awarded to personnel who have successfully completed a "Tandem Jump" accompanied by an approved United States Parachutist Association (USPA) instructor.



A copy of the "Tandem Jump" receipt and/or photographic evidence, with an endorsement from the Company Commander, will be forwarded via the chain of command for approval.

Naval Underwater Badge (NUB)

Awarded to those Member and Associate Navy Re-enactors who qualify in all of the following:



- Maintain a good conduct rating.
- Reach minimum rank of Petty Officer 3d Class (E4) in a Rate of the era portrayed.
- Hold current SCUBA, Parachutist, and First Aid qualifications.
- Graduate of either the immersive Advanced Reconnaissance or Sniper schools.

This badge will be the obsolete enlisted silver UDT badge, without eagle, and shall be worn on the MCHA uniform in lieu of the Parachutist and SCUBA badges and First Aid ribbon.

Those wishing to wear the NUB must provide a detailed request in writing to their Unit Command. Copies of all award certificates, promotion(s), performance rating(s), and qualifications shall be forwarded with a recommendation by the Company Commander to Division for consideration and authorization.

Pyrotechnician Senior

Grade. Awarded to personnel who have successfully completed a five years as a Pyrotechnician Junior Grade and have been billeted as a senior technician at a minimum of ten immersive events.



A copy of the Technicians SRB and Orders shall be provided upon application of for the grade change.

Pyrotechnician Junior

Grade. Awarded to personnel who have successfully completed a Pyrotechnic Apprenticeship, are licensed by the Pyrotechnics Guild International, and have been certified as a PGI Display Operator and who maintain a license or authorization in his State.



A copy of the certification and license, with an endorsement from the Unit Commander, will be forwarded via the chain of command for approval.

SECTION 3 - NATIONAL AWARDS

0300 GENERAL

National Awards are utilized to recognize those units and individuals who excel within the Corps training program. These awards provide the chain of command

with effective tools to recognize organizational and individual excellence, motivation and achievement.

Units receiving national awards will receive an engraved plaque and are eligible for the Unit Commendation Award, with bronze frame.



0301 CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF UNIT NATIONAL AWARDS

Major Robert J. Modrzejewski Award for Unit Excellence. This award honors Medal of Honor recipient the late Major Robert J. Modrzejewski U.S. Marine Corps, Company K, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, 3d Marine Division, FMF. Awarded annually to most improved Company within each Division. This award is based on the grade attained on the required annual inspection; unit enrollment; administrative and training excellence; public affairs and program marketing; and Member development.

Second Lieutenant Terrence Collinson Graves Award for Unit Excellence: This award honors Medal of Honor recipient the late Second Lieutenant Terrence Collinson, U.S. Marine Corps, 3d Force Reconnaissance Company, 3d Reconnaissance Battalion, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF. Awarded annually to the outstanding Corps unit in the nation. This award is based on the grade attained on the required annual inspection; an enrollment of not less than thirty two (32) members as of the end of the training year; administrative and training excellence; public affairs and program marketing; and member development.

Second Lieutenant John J. McGinty Award for Division Excellence. This award honors Medal of Honor recipient the late Second Lieutenant John J. McGinty III, U.S. Marine Corps, Company K, 3d Battalion, 4th Marines, 3d Marine Division, FMF. Awarded annually to the outstanding Corps Division command in the nation. This award is based on the grade attained on the required annual inspection; unit enrollment; administrative and training excellence; public affairs and program marketing; and Member and Officer development.

0302 UNIT NATIONAL AWARD NOMINATION PROCEDURES

Recipients of the above awards will be determined by the Commandant based on annual inspection scores.

0303 CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF NATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Commandant's Award for Public Affairs Excellence. Awarded to the Corps Officer who distinguishes themselves as the best in the Corps in all aspects of public affairs, media relations and marketing during the competitive training year.

Commandant's Award for Recruiting Excellence.

Awarded to the Corps Officer who distinguishes himself by recruiting the greatest number of new members during the competitive training year. The award will not be presented for recruitment of less than ten (10) members.

Commandant's Award for Training Excellence. Awarded to the Corps Officer who distinguishes himself as the best in the Corps in all aspects of training and personnel development during the competitive training year.

Commandant's Award for Logistical Excellence.

Awarded to the Corps Officer who distinguishes himself as the best in the Corps in all aspects of logistics, acquisitions and material control during the competitive training year.

Commandant's Award for Administrative Excellence.

Awarded to the Corps Officer who distinguishes himself as the best in the Corps in all aspects of administration, records management and personnel reporting during the competitive training year.

**0304 NATIONAL EXCELLENCE
NOMINATION PROCEDURES**

Commanding Officers, Division Commanders and members of the National Headquarters Staff may recommend a member for the above awards. Full justification, with a letter of recommendation and MCHA Form 03.02, Recommendation for Personal or Unit Award, will be submitted to the Commandant not later than 1 November of each year.

The Commandant will establish a selection board of not less than three Corps officers in grade WO-2 or above. The board will review all nominations and select the recipients. Announcement of the selections will be made not later than 1 February.

SECTION 4 - RIBBONS**0400 GENERAL**

Ribbons are a distinct part of the Corps uniform and should be worn with pride. All ribbons and device are to be acquired through Headquarters, MCHA.

Ribbons will consist of a portion of an approved ribbon material dyed with approved distinctive colors.

Each ribbon bar will measure 3/8 inch high and 1-3/8 inch wide.

Ribbon bars will be made up with sufficient stiffening to prevent them from wrinkling; however, they will not be impregnated with preservatives which change the appearance of the ribbon, nor will they be worn with any type of transparent coverings (such as cellophane).

Stars and other attachments will be worn as prescribed in Section 5.

**0401 WEARING OF MCHA RIBBONS ON THE DRESS
AND SERVICE UNIFORM**

Members will wear all ribbons to which they are entitled on service and dress coats. Ribbons will not be worn on the utility coat, outer coats or service sweater.

Commanders may prescribe the wearing of ribbons on shirts, when shirts are worn as outer garments.

Ribbons will be worn on a bar or bars and pinned to the coat or shirt. No portion of the bar or pin will be visible.

Ribbons will be worn in the order of precedence from the wearer's right to left in one or more rows with either no space between rows or a 1/8 inch space between rows at the wearer's option. Ribbons are normally worn in rows of three; however, rows of four may be worn when displaying a large number of awards.

In order to properly display the ribbons, women may wear two-ribbon rows if required. When more than one row of ribbons are worn, all rows except the uppermost will contain the same number of ribbons.

If the number of ribbons worn causes the ribbons to be concealed by the service coat lapel (with one third or more of a ribbon concealed), ribbons will be placed in successively decreasing rows: e.g., 4-ribbon rows, 3-ribbon rows, 2-ribbon rows, single ribbon. The left (outer) edge of all decreasing rows will be in line vertically; except that when the top row presents an unsatisfactory appearance when so aligned, it will be placed in the position presenting the best appearance (usually centered over the row immediately below it).

Ribbons will be centered 1/8 inch above and parallel to the top edge of the upper left pocket of all dress and service coats, and men's khaki shirts. When marksmanship badges are worn, ribbons will be centered over the pocket with the bottom edge of the ribbon bar 1/8 inch above the widest holding bar of the marksmanship badge(s).

On women's coats with slanted upper pockets, a horizontal line tangent to the highest point of the pocket will be considered the top of the pocket. On women's khaki shirts, ribbons will be placed up to 2 inches above the first visible button and centered so that they are in about the same position as when worn on the coat. On the maternity tunic, ribbons will be placed so that they are in about the same position as when worn on the service coat. On the khaki maternity shirt, when worn as an outer garment, ribbons will be worn in the same manner as on the standard khaki shirt, except they will be placed 1/2 to 1 inch above the horizontal yoke seam stitching and may be adjusted to the individual to present a military appearance.

0402 WEARING OF MCHA RIBBONS ON THE UTILITY

UNIFORM

None are authorized.

0403 WEARING OF MCHA AWARDS ON CIVILIAN ATTIRE

None are authorized.

SECTION 5 - ATTACHMENTS

0500 GENERAL

Stars, numerals, letter devices and other miscellaneous devices will be worn on the ribbons prescribed herein.

Hamilton Wash (gold-plated) ribbon attachments (stars, numerals, letter and miscellaneous devices) and ribbon frames are authorized for optional purchase and wear.

Multiple Attachments

The following ribbon attachments of a one-piece construction in multiples of two, three, and four are authorized for optional purchase and wear.

- (1) 3/16 inch bronze stars.
- (2) 3/16 inch silver stars.
- (3) 5/16 inch gold stars.
- (4) 5/16 inch silver stars.

The above ribbon attachments are available through approved commercial sources.

These multiple attachments are worn centered on ribbons and will not be worn on the same ribbon in combination with single stars or other devices.

0501 STARS

Placement of Stars: On ribbons, stars are placed with one ray of each star pointing up. If one star is authorized, it will be centered on the ribbon. For more than one star, they will be evenly spaced in a horizontal line on the ribbon. Silver star(s) worn with a bronze or gold star(s) will be worn as stated above, except the first bronze or gold star is placed to the wearer's left of the silver star(s) with additional stars alternating to the right of the silver star and so on.

When stars are worn with other devices such as the bronze letter "E," the above paragraph applies.

Gold Stars. A 5/16 inch gold star is worn on personal Decorations of members in lieu of a second or subsequent award.



Silver Stars. A silver star is worn on ribbons in lieu of five gold stars, or in lieu of five bronze stars. The 5/16 inch silver star will replace the 5/16 inch gold stars. The 3/16 inch silver star will replace the five 3/16 inch bronze stars.



Bronze Stars. Campaign Stars, or 3/16 inch bronze stars are worn on Unit, Qualification,



Service, School and/or Historical Research ribbons to indicate subsequent award(s). A single 5/16 inch bronze star is worn on the Prior Service ribbon signifying combat service as recognized by the members DD214:

0502 AWARDS RIBBON DEVICES

- 1st No Stars
- 2nd One Bronze Star
- 3rd Two Bronze Stars
- 4th Three Bronze Stars
- 5th Four Bronze Stars
- 6th One Silver Star
- 7th One Silver and One Bronze Star
- 8th One Silver and Two Bronze Stars
- 9th One Silver and Three Bronze Stars
- 10th One Silver and Four Bronze Stars
- 11th Two Silver Stars
- 12th Two Silver and One Bronze Star
- 13th Two Silver and Two Bronze Stars
- 14th Two Silver and Three Bronze Stars

0503 LAMP

Manner of Wearing. A Lamp device is worn centered on the ribbon of the Honor Graduate of an Corps School. These devices are cast device approximately 1/4 inch wide, unless indicated otherwise.

Only one Lamp device will be worn. Bronze stars, to indicate subsequent awards, are evenly spaced in a horizontal line on the ribbon with the Lamp device at the approximate center and the stars arranged symmetrically in relation to the Lamp device; the first star to the wearer's right, the second to the left, etc.

Gold Lamp. Awarded to successful graduates qualifying as honor graduate.



Silver Lamp. Awarded to successful graduates qualifying for five (5) honors from a single school or course.



- 1st Gold Lamp and One Bronze Star
- 2nd Gold Lamp and Two Bronze Stars
- 3rd Gold Lamp and Three Bronze Stars
- 4th Gold Lamp and Four Bronze Stars
- 5th Silver Lamp
- 6th Silver Lamp and One Bronze Star
- 7th Silver Lamp and Two Bronze Stars
- 8th Silver Lamp and Three Bronze Stars
- 9th Silver Lamp and Four Bronze Stars

0505 BRONZE FRAME

Awarded to members who earn national or unit recognition may wear the bronze frame, as outlined in Section 3.

0506 ATTACHMENTS FOR NONMEMBER AWARDS

Bronze Diamond is authorized for use on the non-member Recruit Training Ribbon to recognize those Affiliates who complete both MCHA Recruit Training and the additional 2-day Officer Training Platoon. A single appurtenance is authorized.



Oak Leaf Cluster: Worn centered on the historic research ribbon by nonmember Army and Air Force affiliated groups per unit directive.



5/16" bronze oak leaf cluster is worn to denote award of the second and subsequent four awards of the same decoration.

5/16" silver oxidized oak leaf cluster is worn in place of five bronze oak leaf clusters.

5/16" gold oxidized oak leaf cluster is worn in place of five silver oak leaf clusters.

Loop Awards for Long Service: Authorized for use on Long Service Ribbon by affiliated nonmember Army living history groups to signify each 4-years of service.



The second award would display a bronze clasp with two loops, the third would show a bronze clasp with three loops, and so on. At six loops, the clasp changes to silver, and then at eleven loops the clasp changes to gold. Thus, a silver loop with two knots would denote the seventh award of the ribbon while a gold loop with four knots would indicate the fourteenth award.

SECTION 6 - STREAMERS AND PENNANTS

0600 GENERAL

Streamers and Pennants are to be attached to the Company colors as described herein below.

0601 CRITERIA

Unit Commendation Streamer. Awarded by the Commandant to a unit that has been approved for the Unit Commendation Ribbon.

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Lieutenant General Lewis Burwell Puller Award Streamer. Awarded by the Commandant to a unit that has received the Lieutenant General Lewis Burwell Puller Award.

Captain Harvey C. Barnum, Jr. Award Streamer. Awarded by the Commandant to a unit that has received the Captain Harvey C. Barnum, Jr. Award.

Gunnery Sergeant Jimmie E. Howard Award Streamer. Awarded by the Commandant to a unit that has received the Gunnery Sergeant Jimmie E. Howard Award.

SECTION 7 - MARKSMANSHIP BADGES

0700 GENERAL

Badges will be worn in the appropriate manner and only on authorized uniforms as described herein below.

0701 DESCRIPTION AND CRITERIA

Shooting Badges. Awarded to Regular Members who attain the minimum scores as listed in the NRA/Winchester Qualification Program. Firing is to be conducted on a commercial or civilian range under the direction of certified range personnel. Scoring, manner of fire, distances, etc., to be in accordance with current standards.



Scored targets must be witnessed and presented to the Company Commander. Company Commander shall note shooting scores in the members Service Record Book and authorize appropriate NRA/Winchester awards for wear.

0702 REGULATIONS FOR WEAR ON THE MCHA UNIFORM

Marksmanship badges will not be worn with the evening dress, mess dress, blue dress "A," white dress "A," blue-white dress "A" and utility uniforms while in the field. Commanders may prescribe marksmanship badges for wear on all other uniforms. Unless otherwise prescribed by the commander, wearing marksmanship badges is at the option of the individual.

Badges are worn, according to seniority, centered above the left breast pocket, with the bottom edge of the highest holding bar 1/8 inch above the pocket's top edge. The top edges of all badges will be aligned.

When two badges are worn, they are symmetrically placed on a line with about 3/4 inch space between holding bars (may be reduced to 1/4 inch for women to ensure proper alignment with the ribbons and the edges of the pocket), but in no case will they span more than 4-1/4 inches.

For women, to determine the proper location for marksmanship badges on coats with slanted upper pockets, a

horizontal line tangent to the highest point of the pocket is considered the top of the pocket. On women's khaki shirts, badges are placed even with or up to 2 inches above the first visible button and centered so that they are in about the same position as on the coat. On the maternity tunic, badges are placed so that they are in about the same position as on the service coat. On the khaki maternity shirt, badges are worn in the same manner as on the standard khaki shirt, except they are placed 1/2 to 1 inch above the horizontal yoke seam stitching and may be adjusted to the individual to present a military appearance.

Only one qualification badge for a specific type of weapon may be worn at any time. No more than two marksmanship badges will be worn at any time.

Members entitled to more than two awards may select the two to be worn.

When ribbon bars are worn with the badges, the lowest row of ribbons is 1/8 inch above the top edge of the marksmanship badges

If only marksmanship badges and breast insignia are worn, the insignia is centered 1/8 inch above the top edge of the marksmanship badge(s).

SECTION 8 - BREAST INSIGNIA

0800 GENERAL.

Breast insignia is authorized for wear on the following: Dress Blue, Service Alpha, Bravo, Charlie and Delta. Up to two breast insignia may be worn on the utility uniform only when conducting School operations. A member qualified, and whose right to wear the insignia has not been specifically revoked, will wear appropriate breast insignia according to the following regulations.

0801 INSIGNIA DESCRIPTION

Master Diver Insignia. A pin approximately 1-1/16 inches high, 1 inch wide, with silver wet suit headgear and gold face mask with breathing apparatus around the neck.

SCUBA Diver Insignia. A silver pin approximately 1-1/16 inches high, 1 inch wide, with wet suit headgear and face mask with breathing apparatus around the neck.

Naval Underwater Badge (NUB) A silver metal pin with a pistol centered on an anchor behind a trident. An obsolete US Navy UDT enlisted decoration. Approximately 2-3/4" width.

Aviator Senior Grade. A silver metal winged pin with a fouled anchor behind a shield in the center. Approximately 2-3/4" width.

Aviator Junior Grade. A silver metal winged pin with two fouled anchors behind a shield in the center. Approximately 2-3/4" in width.

Airman. A silver metal winged pin with an anchor centered on a round shield. Approximately 2-3/4" in width.

Free-fall Parachutist. A metal pin with silver wings and a gold parachute. Approximately 2-3/4" width.

Parachutist Senior Grade. A silver metal pin with an open parachute centered upon stretched wings. Approximately 2-3/4" width.

Parachutist Junior Grade. A gold colored metal badge 1 13/64 inches in height and 1 1/2 inches in width, consisting of an open parachute on, and over, a pair of stylized wings displayed and curving inward.

0802 REGULATIONS FOR WEAR ON THE MCHA UNIFORM

Awards earned in the armed forces, or any other United States government agency, or branch, many not be worn on the MCHA uniform at any time. Such awards are unauthorized.

Authorized insignia will be worn on the left breast of all service and dress coats, and may be worn on the khaki shirts or coats when worn as the outer garment. Breast insignia will not be worn on the cloak, cape, all-weather coat, tanker jacket, field coat or sweater.

When a SCUBA diver insignia is worn with any other breast insignia, the diver insignia will be centered 1/8 inch above the other insignia.

When a Navy Reenactor is authorized to wear the NUB badge, neither SCUBA nor Parachutist insignia shall be worn.

When a badge with multiple levels of seniority are authorized, such as SCUBA Diver, Aviator, or Parachutist, the most senior classification of the insignia shall be worn.

Not more than two approved breast insignia will be worn on the uniform at any one time.

Subdued or miniature versions of the breast insignia are not authorized for wear.

SECTION 9 - FOURRAGÈRE

0900 GENERAL

Fourragère is authorized for wear on the following: Dress Blue, Service Alpha, service and dress coats/jackets when medals or ribbons are prescribed. Only one fourragère may be worn on the uniform at any time. A member qualified will wear appropriate insignia according to the following regulations.

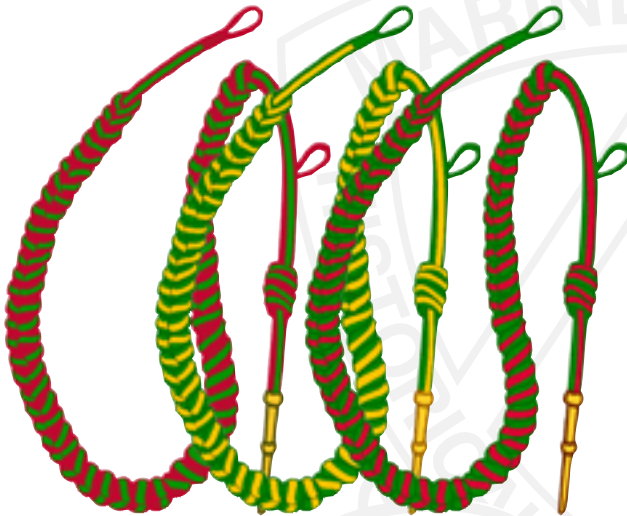
0901 DESCRIPTION AND CRITERIA

The Fourragère is awarded by the Board of Directors to those Regular Members which are cited for having an exceptional level of reenacting service, who would

have been awarded the Combat Reenactors Ribbon more than five times.

The Fourragère will have a pencil attachment with a polished brass or black tip, will be of the same shades as prescribed for the level of service accumulated.

Members whose qualification of the Combat Reenactors Ribbon, for consecutive living history, while acting as a participant in tactical and or training exercises, in excess of 40-days per calendar year. For the purposes of this award, a day is equal to 6-hours of reenacting service, in uniform while maintaining a primary impression.



Additional fourragère are authorized in three shades. Accumulation of one award must be complete before accrual of days begins on the next level of award. Awards are earned consecutively. Members who have earned the Reenactor Combat Ribbon and who would qualify for multiple awards of that ribbon shall be considered for this award.

Red and Green: 365 days of qualified service.

Green and Gold: 740 days of qualified service.

Green and Red: 1775 days of qualified service.

0902 REGULATIONS FOR WEAR ON THE MCHA UNIFORM

The Fourragère will be worn over the left shoulder with the left arm passing through the large loop of the cord; the small loop will engage the button under the shoulder strap, except on the enlisted men's blue dress coat when it will engage the button above the strap, and the metal pencil attachment will hang naturally to the front.

SECTION 10 - UNIT AND DIVISION LEVEL RECOGNITION

1000 GENERAL

Units, Battalions and Division Commands are authorized, and encouraged, to develop local level awards

programs which will recognize excellence while not detracting from the programs discussed herein. For such reasons, named awards which recognize local heroes, supporters or other meaningful providers to the Corps, are hereby authorized.

1001 AUTHORITY

Awards consisting of plaques, certificates and other items other than the awards contained in Section 2, may be presented at the discretion of the Unit commander, Battalion or Division, as appropriate.

Unit-level Member of the Year. Unit commanders are required to recognize one Officer and one Member as the unit-level Officer or Member of the Year based on the calendar year. Units should present the recipient with an appropriate plaque, certificate or other item to recognize this selection. Recipients of unit-level recognition will be recommended for Division Officer or Member of the Year as outlined in Section 3.

Battalion-level Member of the Year. Battalion Commanders (when assigned) may recognize one Officer and one Member as the Battalion-level Officer or Member of the Year based on the calendar year. Battalions should present the recipient with an appropriate plaque, certificate or other item to recognize this selection. Recipients of battalion-level recognition will be recommended for Division-level Officer or Member of the Year programs outlined in Section 3.

Division-level Member of the Year. Division Commanders (when assigned) are required to recognize Officer and one Member as the Division-level Officer or Member of the Year based on the calendar year. Division Commands should present the recipient with an appropriate plaque, certificate or other item to recognize this selection. Recipients of Division-level recognition will be recommended for National-level Officer or Member of the Year programs outlined in Section 3.

ADDENDA AWARD CHART - BADGES

AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE MCHA UNIFORM IN THE HIERARCHY SHOWN

Master Diver



SCUBA Diver



Naval Underwater



Aviator Senior Grade



Aviator Junior Grade



Airman



Freefall Parachutist



Parachutist Senior Grade



Parachutist Jr Grade



Pyrotechnician Senior Grade



Pyrotechnician Junior Grade



Distinguished Expert Marksman



Expert Marksman



Sharpshooter



Marksman First Class



Marksman



Pro-Marksman



ADDENDA AWARD CHART - SERVICE RIBBON

AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR ON THE MCHA UNIFORM IN THE HIERARCHY SHOWN

Gallantry Cross



Corps Cross



Silver Service



Bronze Commendation



Achievement



Honorable Service



Joint Service



Unit Commendation



Combat Reenactor



First Aid



Good Conduct



Sea Service



Meritorious Mem.



Volunteer Service



Recruiting



Drill Instructor



SERE



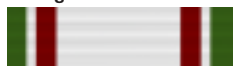
Advanced Recon



Mountain Warfare



Jungle Warfare



Basic Recon



Scout Sniper



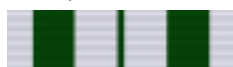
Radio Operator



Combat Infantry



POW/MIA



Foundering Ribbon



American Civil War



1865-1914 Conflicts



World War I



World War II



Korean War



Expeditionary Svc



RVN War Service



RVN War Campaign



UN Actions



NATO Actions



Gulf War



War on Terror



Long Svc (Non)



Recruit (Non)

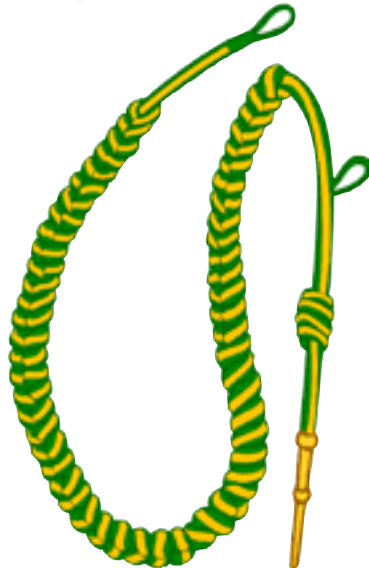


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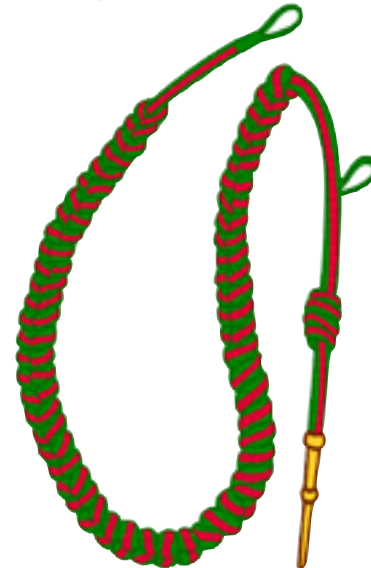
365 Days - Red and Green



740 Days - Gold and Green



1775 Days - Green and Red



MCHA SERVICE SHEET

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**NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
463 WEST SECOND AVE., COLVILLE WA 99114**

RECOMMENDATION FOR PERSONAL OR UNIT AWARD

MEMBER INFORMATION

NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (M.I.)	TELEPHONE/EMAIL	ID NUMBER
UNIT	RANK	COMMITMENT OF SERVICE VERY ACTIVE ACTIVE AVERAGE SUPPORT
REENACTING SERVICE IMPRESSION USMC USN	MOS/DUTIES ASSIGNED	
AWARD FOR WHICH APPLIED RANK DECORATION UNIT AWARD QUALIFICATION SERVICE RIBBON SCHOOL RIBBON HISTORIC RESEARCH		SPECIFICATION

DETAILS FOR WHICH THIS AWARD/RANK IS REQUESTED. PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION. CONTINUE ON ADDITIONAL PAGES IF NECESSARY.	# PAGES ATTACHED

APPLICANTS CERTIFICATION

(READ, INITIAL EACH STATEMENT, AND SIGN)

1. _____ I certify that I have reviewed the foregoing information supplied by me and that it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. _____ I hereby authorize the MCHA to obtain any information relating to my activities regarding the award or rank for which I am applying.
3. _____ I hereby request consideration for the presentation of this award or rank from the MCHA. If granted, I agree to abide by the regulations of the MCHA, and Title 10 of the US Code and not wear unauthorized uniform or medals.
4. _____ I understand that I have not been awarded any award, ribbon, rank, or device until officially notified in writing by National Headquarters. If approved, the award or rank shall be presented to me by my commanding officer or the awarding authority as soon as expedient.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE
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APPLICANT DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

RECOMMENDING OFFICER

NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (M.I.)	TELEPHONE/EMAIL	ID NUMBER
UNIT	RANK	COMMITMENT OF SERVICE VERY ACTIVE ACTIVE AVERAGE SUPPORT
REENACTING SERVICE IMPRESSION USMC USN	MOS/DUTIES ASSIGNED	

OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

(READ, INITIAL EACH STATEMENT, AND SIGN)

1. _____ I request that the above mentioned MCHA member be considered for the award mentioned below. This is based upon known facts as presented herein.
2. _____ These facts are submitted in such detail that the awarding authority may determine whether or not the act or service meets the minimum requirements for the award.
3. _____ I understand that disapproval by an officer subordinate to the awarding authority, if so noted, of a recommendation by an does not constitute authority to deny an award.
4. _____ I understand that the disapproved recommendation is to be forwarded to the awarding authority with the reason for disapproval.

SIGNATURE OF OFFICER	ORIGINATING DATE
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AWARDING AUTHORITY — RECOMMENDING OFFICERS DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

APPROVED	CERTIFICATION COMPLETE	AWARD ISSUED
DENIED, RESPONSE GIVEN:		
AWARD AUTHORIZED	AWARD ISSUED	APPROVING OFFICER:
		DATE:



Marine Corps Historical Association

This is to Certify that

STAFF SERGEANT MOLLY M. MARINE, MCHA

*has completed the course prescribed by the
Board of Directors, Marine Corps Historical Association for*

FOUR DAY IMMERSIVE COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR QUALIFICATION OF THE
MOUNTAIN WARFARE SCL, CRS #MWS2013

given at

MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, MOUNTAIN TRAINING CENTER,
CAMP COLE, DONNER CALIFORNIA

In the city of: DONNER, CA
This 1ST *day of* NOVEMBER *in the year* 2013 .



Marine Corps Historical Association

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS AUTHORIZED BY
THE BY LAWS OF THIS ORGANIZATION,

HAS AWARDED THE

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH VIETNAM HISTORIC RIBBON

TO

SECOND LIEUTENANT MARY M. MARINE

FOR

FAITHFUL RESEARCH AND DISPLAY OF
PERIOD ARTIFACTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND

IN THE CITY OF: GREENSBURG, PA, USA

THIS FIFTH DAY OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR 2011.

IM Squaredaway

Buck Stopshire

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



THE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL

is awarded

WO1 Mary Marine
Golf Company, 3/9 Reenacting

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
AS AUTHORIZED BY THE BY LAWS, HAS AWARDED
THE ABOVE MEDAL FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTION.

Citation

For meritorious achievement above and beyond the call of duty while serving as Primary Nurse of Golf Company, 3/9 Reenacted in Smithtowne MA, WO1 Mary Marine is recognized this 12th day of December 2009. Throughout her years of service, WO1 Marine has distinguished herself by exceptional duty performance and through the creation of an historically accurate handbook for those portraying the United States Navy Nurses Corps, circa 1962-1975. Her tireless endeavor to update, and distribute this book ensures that others will gain knowledge of this very important, yet under reported, part of the history of the United States Navy's deployment to the Republic of South Viet Nam. This work is held as a shining example for accuracy, usefulness, and demonstration of honoring our Nation's past. WO1 Marine's steadfast devotion is in keeping with the most cherished traditions of the United States of America, its military services, and reflect utmost credit on herself and that of the Marine Corps Historical Association.

CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



To all who shall see these presents, greeting:
*Know Ye, that reposing special trust and confidence in the patriotism, valor, fidelity
and abilities of* JOHN Q SMITH *we do*
appoint him CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2 *in the*

Marine Corps Historical Association

to rank as such from the EIGHTH day of JUNE two thousand NINE

*This Officer will therefore carefully and diligently discharge the duties of the office to which
appointed by doing and performing all manner of things thereunto belonging. And I do strictly
charge and require those Officers and other personnel of lesser rank to render such obedience as
is due an officer of this grade and position.*

*And this Officer is to observe and follow such orders and directives, from time to time,
as may be given by this Board, or the future Board members of this organization as set
forth in the By Laws, or other Superior Officers acting in accordance with the laws of the
United States of America.*

*This Commission is to continue in force during the pleasure of the Board of Directors for the
time being, under the provisions of those By Laws relating to Officers of the Association and
the component thereof in which this appointment is made.*

Done at the City of COLVILLE *this* EIGHTH *day of* JUNE
in the year of our Lord TWO THOUSAND NINE *and of the*
234TH *day of Independence of the United States of America.*

Given under my hand by the authority granted me by the Board of Directors,

BUCK STOPHERE
COMMANDING, MCHA



Marine Corps Historical Association

Know all men by these presents that

Corporal Steven J. Smythe, MCHA

has completed the prescribed course of training as required by the Professional Association of Diving Instructors, and having successfully met the requirements of the course of Advanced Open Water Diver has been designated

SCUBA Diver

*In Witness Whereof, this certificate has been signed
on this 6th day of June, 2013.*



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION





Marine Corps Historical Association

Know all men by these presents that

Corporal Steven J. Smythe, MCHA

*has completed the prescribed course of training as a solo parachutist,
as evidenced by testimony, action, and demonstration,
and having successfully met the requirements of the course of
Static Line Parachutist has been designated*

Parachutist Sr Grade

*In Witness Whereof, this certificate has been signed
on this 6th day of June, 2013.*



MARINE CORPS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



ADDENDA PROMOTION CRITERIA

AUTHORIZED FOR ALL MCHA ENLISTED AND CADET PERSONNEL

GRADE	TIG	TIS	MIN AGE	TRAINING	AWARDS/ QUALIFICATIONS	PFT/ PRT	TEST	MIN AUTHORITY TO PROMOTE	QUOTA
RCT to E1	6mo	6mo	14	Recruit Exam	n/a	Minimum	RCT Exam	Unit CO/OIC	n/a
E1 to E2	3mo	3mo	14	BCOC	Rifle Marksmanship	Minimum	RCT Exam < 90%	Unit CO/OIC	n/a
E2 to E3	3mo	9mo	14	CIS	Historic Research 1 Pistol Marksmanship	Minimum	GMST	Unit CO/OIC	n/a
E3 to E4	6mo	15mo	14	NCO	First Aid/CPR and Rifle Sharpshooter	Combat	Leadership/ GMST	Bn Commander	n/a
E4 to E5	6mo	21mo	14	AFI @ BCOC	Good Conduct or Outstanding Volunteer and Pistol Sharpshooter	Combat	Leadership/ GMST	Bn Commander	n/a
E5 to E6	6mo	27mo	15	PLS	Recruiting or Drill Instructor and Rifle Expert	Combat	E6 Exam/ GMST	Bn Commander	1 per 15
E6 to E7	6mo	33mo	15	AFI @ CIS	Sea Service or Joint Service, and Historic Research 2 or Mountain Warfare Course	Combat	Selection Bd	Bn Commander	1 per Plt.
E7 to E8	6mo	39mo	16	RADIO	Combat Reenactor or Joint Service, and Historic Research 3 or Jungle Warfare Course	Combat	Selection Bd	Rgt Commander	1 per Co.
E8 to E9	6mo	45mo	17	AFI @ OCS	Combat Reenactor or Drill Instructor, and Historic Research 2 or Basic Recon or Scout Course	Combat	Selection Bd	Rgt Commander	1 per Rgt.

ADDENDA PROMOTION CRITERIA

AUTHORIZED FOR ALL MCHA OFFICER AND OFFICER CADET PERSONNEL

GRADE	TIG	TIS	MIN AGE	MIN TRAINING	AWARDS/ QUALIFICATIONS	PFT/ PRT	TEST	MIN AUTHORITY TO PROMOTE	QUOTA
WOC-WO	1yr	1yr	18	BC0C/OTP	Rifle Marksmanship Pistol Marksmanship	Minimum	RCT Exam	Unit CO/OIC	n/a
WO-CW0	1yr	3yr	18	AFI @ BC0C	Youth Protection: Boy Scouts of America Certified to administer the President's Challenge Physical Fitness test based on the requirements of reference Immersion School of Choice	Minimum	GMST	Unit CO/OIC	n/a
CW0-CW02	1yr	3yr	18	CIS AFI @ BC0C	First Aid/CPR NRA Certified Shooting Instructor Rifle or Pistol Sharpshooter Immersion School of Choice	Combat	GMST	Unit CO/OIC	n/a
CW03-CW04	1yr	3yr	18	AFI @ CIS or AFI @0TP	Sea Service or Joint Service and Historic Research 1 and Rifle or Pistol Expert Immersion School of Choice	Combat	GMST	Rgmt	1 per Bn
CW04-CW05	1yr	3yr	21	FI @ Any School	Basic Recon or Scout Course and Historic Research 2 and Rifle or Pistol Distinguished Expert	Combat	GMST	BOD	1 per Corps

