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### COMDTMIDN INSTRUCTION 1650.8A

From: Commandant of Midshipmen

Subj: MIDSHIPMAN OF THE SEMESTER

1. Purpose. To issue procedures and assign responsibility for the Midshipman of the Semester program.
2. Cancellation. COMDTMIDNINST 1650.8. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety; no special markings appear because changes are extensive.
3. Background. The Midshipman of the Semester program will recognize outstanding performers from the Brigade of Midshipmen. One midshipman from each class and an additional Squad Leader from the first class will be recognized. The Brigade Sergeant Major shall administer the Midshipman of the Semester program.
4. Criteria for Selection
  - a. Fourth Class:
    - (1) Has outstanding grasp of plebe rates and basic military knowledge.
    - (2) Demonstrates initiative; a motivated self-starter.
    - (3) Is a leader among his/her peers.
    - (4) Excels in varsity, club, or intramural athletics and provides inspiration to his/her teammates.
    - (5) Is in excellent physical shape.
    - (6) Maintains superior uniform standards.
    - (7) Strives for excellence without arrogance and epitomizes the model midshipman.

b. Third Class:

- (1) Is proficient in basic military knowledge.
- (2) Demonstrates initiative; a motivated self-starter.
- (3) Sets the example for his/her peers and plebes.
- (4) Is a leader among his/her peers.
- (5) Excels in varsity, club, or intramural athletics and provides inspiration to his/her teammates.
- (6) Is in excellent physical shape.
- (7) Maintains superior uniform standards.
- (8) Is involved in Brigade/Company activities, and extracurricular activities.
- (9) Strives for excellence without arrogance and epitomizes the model midshipman.

c. Second Class:

- (1) Is proficient in military knowledge.
- (2) Demonstrates initiative; a motivated self-starter.
- (3) Sets the example for his/her peers and subordinates.
- (4) Is a leader among his/her peers and excels in the training of Fourth Class midshipmen.
- (5) Excels in varsity, club, or intramural athletics and provides inspiration to his/her teammates.
- (6) Is in excellent physical shape.
- (7) Maintains superior uniform standards.
- (8) Is involved in Brigade/Company activities, and extracurricular activities.

(9) Strives for excellence without arrogance and epitomizes the model midshipman.

d. First Class:

(1) Squad Leader

(a) Excels as a Squad Leader utilizing creative leadership tactics.

(b) Sets the example for his/her squad.

(c) Supports Company leadership, morale, and athletic goals.

(d) Is in excellent physical shape.

(e) Is involved in Company activities and extracurricular activities.

(f) Demonstrated the ability to excel as a commissioned officer.

(2) Other than Squad Leader

(a) Excels in his/her leadership billet.

(b) Sets the example for his/her Company.

(c) Excels in varsity, club, or intramural athletics and provides inspiration to his/her teammates.

(d) Is in excellent physical shape.

(e) Maintains superior uniform standards.

(f) Is involved in Brigade/Company activities, and extracurricular activities.

(g) Demonstrates the ability to excel as a commissioned officer.

5. Method for Selection

a. Each Platoon Commander will select one midshipman from each class and an additional Squad Leader from his/her Platoon.

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b. Company Boards will select one midshipman from each class and an additional Squad Leader to represent the Company. Members of the Company Board are:

- (1) Company Commander
- (2) At least two Platoon Commanders
- (3) Company First Sergeant

c. Battalion Boards will select one midshipman from each class and an additional Squad Leader to represent the Battalion. Members of the Battalion Board are:

- (1) Battalion Commander
- (2) At least two Company Commanders
- (3) Battalion Sergeant Major

d. Brigade Boards will select one midshipman from each class and an additional Squad Leader. Members of the Brigade Board are:

- (1) Brigade Commander
- (2) One Regimental Commander
- (3) At least two Battalion Commanders
- (4) Brigade Sergeant Major

6. Scheduling. Battalions are encouraged to have Boards for Midshipman of the Battalion as often as they see fit. The Brigade Sergeant Major will coordinate and promulgate dates by which Brigade Boards are to be completed.

7. Approval. The Midshipmen of the Semester chosen by the Brigade Board will be forwarded to the Performance Officer for approval by the Deputy Commandant of Midshipmen.

8. Rewards

a. The Midshipmen of the Semester, other than the selected Squad Leader, will be recognized as follows:

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(1) Name announced at the anchor at noon meal by the  
Brigade Commander.

(2) Receive a Letter of Commendation from the Commandant  
of Midshipmen

(3) Have name engraved on a plaque.

(4) Be granted first choice for summer training.

(5) Have a feature article in the Trident newspaper.

(6) In addition, the First Class Midshipman of the  
Semester will receive a designated parking space within  
authorized first class parking.

b. The midshipman selected as Squad Leader of the Semester  
will be recognized as follows:

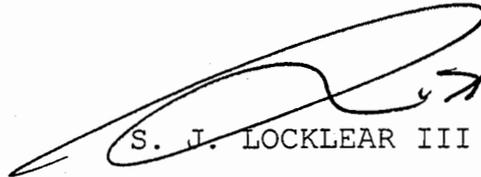
(1) Name announced at the anchor by the Brigade  
Commander.

(2) Receive a Letter of Commendation from the Commandant  
of Midshipmen.

(3) Have a feature article in the Yardarm newsletter  
focusing on leadership tactics used to earn award.

(4) Have name engraved on a plaque.

(6) Will receive a designated parking space within  
authorized first class parking.



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