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### COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN NOTICE 1650

Subj: END OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2013 PRIZES AND AWARDS

Ref: (a) USNAINST 1650.6  
(b) COMDTMIDNIST 1620.2C  
(c) COMDTMIDNIST 1650.4D  
(d) COMDTMIDNIST 1650.10A  
(e) COMDTMIDNIST 1650.5C

Encl: (1) Listing Of Prizes And Awards Including Selection  
Criteria  
(2) Plan of Action and Milestones

1. Purpose. To obtain nominations and set guidelines for certain prizes and awards.

2. Information. References (a) through (e) provide guidance for determining award recipients within the Commandant of Midshipman's area of responsibility.

3. Action. Commandant's staff will review enclosures (1) and (2), and submit nominations in accordance with enclosure (2). Nominations for the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, Merrill F. Collier Leadership, Uruguayan Naval, and Senator Margaret Chase Smith Leadership Awards will include a letter of recommendation or nomination information sheet, a Midshipman Performance Record and an Academic Summary.

4. Award recipients will be approved by the Superintendent and Commandant of Midshipmen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. A. CARROLL", is positioned above the typed name.

C. A. CARROLL  
By direction

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**LISTING OF PRIZES AND AWARDS INCLUDING SELECTION CRITERIA**

SUPERINTENDENT AWARD

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

A monetary check will be awarded to the member of the graduating class who best exemplifies the ideals and traditions of the Naval Service and who best combines outstanding leadership and professionalism, academic distinction, and athletic achievement. Nominations will be submitted per reference (a).

COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN AWARDS

ADAIR AWARD

Presented to the graduating president of the Semper Fidelis Extra Curricular Activity (ECA). The award is a Marine Corps blue dress uniform and is presented at a special ceremony. The recipient's name will be provided by the Semper Fidelis Officer Representative.

ADAMS AWARD

A ship's clock is presented to the Junior Officer selected from the Commandant's Staff whose contributions to the leadership and professional and moral development of Midshipmen reflect the highest principles of excellence in professionalism and leadership development. The recipient is determined in accordance with reference (b).

ADMIRAL DE GRASSE PRIZE

A French Navy officer's sword will be presented on behalf of the French Chief of Naval Operations to the Midshipman who has displayed a great dedication and interest in navigation, as well as outstanding leadership and professionalism in his or her contribution to Yard Patrol Craft operations. The recommended recipient is determined by the Seamanship and Navigation Department and the award presented at a special ceremony.

ADMIRAL FRANK B. KELSO II, CLASS OF 1956 AWARD

Member of the graduating class who stands highest in order of merit among those who have chosen submarine warfare as their service selection. The prize is a dress sword. The recommended recipient is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in the Midshipmen Information System (MIDS).

BRAINERD AWARD

A dress sword will be presented to the Midshipman of the graduating class who has contributed most to strengthening the Honor Concept within the brigade. The recipient is nominated by the Character Development & Training Honor Program staff and approved by the Commandant.

CAPTAIN JOSEPH K. TAUSSIG, JR. AWARD

Midshipman of the graduating class who has attained the highest order of merit, who served at least two years of enlisted service in the U.S. Navy, preferably completed a year of sea duty, and who has elected surface warfare upon commissioning. The award is a sword and a belt. The recipient's name

is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS and enlisted service records.

CARL VINSON LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Binoculars and plaques will be presented by the American Legion Boys' State Alumni Association to the Midshipman in each of the second, third, and fourth classes who stands highest for the year in military performance. Recipients are selected by using the military order of merit. On recommendation of the Aptitude Officer, ties are broken by using data contained in the Midshipman's performance records.

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS DISTINGUISHED MIDSHIPMEN GRADUATES (DMG)

Presented to 25 Midshipmen of the graduating class that will be commissioned as officers in the U.S. Armed Forces. Up to 17 DMG, who have successfully served in the summer, fall, and spring Brigade Organizations as Midshipman Commanders and Midshipman Captains, may be selected. The remaining DMG are at large selections that will be determined by the Deputy Commandant, with final screening by the Commandant and Superintendent.

CLASS OF 1879 AWARD

A dress sword and a \$300.00 U.S. Savings Bond is presented to the Brigade Commander in recognition of outstanding leadership within the Brigade. The name is also engraved on a plaque displayed in Bancroft Hall. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

CLASS OF 1897 SWORD AND CUP

Presented to the Midshipman of the graduating class who has contributed outstanding leadership qualities as Second Regimental Commander. The Midshipman is awarded a dress sword and his or her name is engraved on the 1897 cup displayed in Mitscher Hall. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

CLASS OF 1950 AWARD

Presented to the Brigade Honor Advisor for efforts in keeping the honor concept alive in the minds of the Midshipmen. Binoculars and a plaque are presented and the recipient's name is engraved on a plaque retained at the Naval Academy.

CLASS OF 1961 AWARD

Presented to that Midshipman of the graduating class who has the highest standing in the professional courses and stands highest in military order of merit. The prize is a dress sword. The recipient's name is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS.

COLONEL C. GRIFFIN MOODY, USMC, MILITARY-PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Midshipman of the graduating class who achieves the highest cumulative military professional quality point average (CMQPR). Prizes are binoculars and a plaque. The recipient's name is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS.

DR. CHARLES H. COATES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MILITARY SOCIOLOGY

The recipient shall be from among those graduating Midshipmen who have studied and/or conducted student research in sociology related courses in the Leadership, Ethics and Law Department, and whose performance has demonstrated the potential to embrace and understand sociology as it serves the Naval Service and the Nation. The prize consists of an inscribed tray and a one year student membership in the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS), and subscription to its quarterly peer-reviewed academic journal, *Armed Forces and Society*. The recipient's name will be determined by the Leadership, Ethics and Law Department.

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION PRIZE

Midshipman of the graduating class who is recognized for outstanding leadership as First Regiment Commander. Prize is a dress sword. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

FORRESTAL AWARD

Midshipman who commands the Color Company. Prize is a silver tray.

FREDERICK W. WRIGHT, JR., CLASS OF 1931 AWARD

Presented to the Midshipman of the graduating class with the highest class standing who enters the surface warfare community upon graduation. The prize is a dress sword. The recipient is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS.

GILLEY AWARD

Presented to the Midshipman who exhibits exemplary leadership in the U.S. Naval Academy Protestant Choir. The award is a check and a framed certificate which is presented at a special ceremony. The recipient's name will be provided by the Protestant Choir Director.

JOHN ROACH PRIZE

Midshipman of the graduating class who is selected as outstanding First Regiment Commander. Prize is a dress sword. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

MAC SHORT AWARD

Presented to the Midshipman of the graduating class who, having been selected for flight training with the intention of qualifying as a naval or marine aviator, is selected for superior achievement among those completing a major in Aerospace Engineering. A watch is presented and the recipient's name will be engraved on a plaque located in the Aerospace Engineering Department. The recipient is determined by the Aerospace Engineering Department.

MERRILL F. COLLIER LEADERSHIP AWARD

Midshipman of the graduating class who served the brigade with distinction in the rank of Midshipman Lieutenant Commander or higher, received perfect grades in aptitude and conduct during their Naval Academy careers, and is recommended by his or her Company Officer. While not a requirement for

selection, consideration is given to candidates with prior enlisted service in the Navy and Marine Corps. The candidates' names are determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS. The winner is determined by a board as directed by the Chairman of the Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department.

NATIONAL LADIES AUXILIARY, JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES PRIZE

Midshipman of the graduating class who is selected as outstanding Second Regiment Commander. The prizes are binoculars and a plaque. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

NATIONAL SOCIETY, UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS OF 1812 PRIZE

Member of the graduating class who stands highest in order of merit among those to be commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps. The prizes are a watch and a plaque. Recommended recipient is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS PRIZE

Midshipman of the graduating class who is selected as outstanding Brigade Executive Officer. Prizes are binoculars and a plaque. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

NAVAL LEADERSHIP PRIZE (CAPTAIN MALCOLM E. WOLFE)

Midshipman selected as outstanding Brigade Commander. Prizes are a \$300.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a dress sword. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

NEW YORK YACHT CLUB EXCELLENCE AT SEA AWARD

Presented to a Midshipman of the graduating class for excellence in academics and performance in Naval Academy sail or power craft. The recipient's name will be engraved on a trophy displayed in the Hall of Fame in the Robert Crown Sailing Center. A sword will be presented to the Midshipman at the Prizes and Awards ceremony. The recipient's name will be provided by the Director Naval Academy Sailing.

PERUVIAN NAVAL MEDAL OF HONOR TO MERIT

Presented to the Midshipman of the graduating class who stands first in order of merit. The award is a medal provided by the Peruvian Navy. The recipient's name is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS.

RABBI ROSENBLATT AWARD

Presented to a Midshipman of the Jewish faith who has demonstrated exemplary leadership in Jewish religious activities. The award of a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond and an assortment of books will be presented at a special ceremony. The recipient's name will be provided by the Naval Academy Rabbi.

RAMSEY AWARD

Presented to the Color Company Commanders for the fall and spring semesters. The prize is a sword and is presented at a special ceremony.

REAR ADMIRAL DRAPER L. KAUFFMAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented to the Midshipman of the second class who consistently meets the spirit of Admiral Kauffman: volunteerism, service without expectation of reward or recognition, and resolute focus on mission accomplishment. The award itself is a wrist watch presented early in the subsequent fall semester to the Midshipman whose name is also inscribed on a perpetual plaque mounted in Luce Hall. Reference (c) provides additional guidance for this award. Company officers are asked to screen both the nominator and nominee for eligibility.

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY'S TROPHIES FOR EXCELLENCE IN SMALL ARMS FIRING

Presented by the Navy Department to the Midshipman of the graduating class who has demonstrated outstanding proficiency in the use of the service rifle (SECNAV Rifle Trophy) and to the foremost pistol shot of the graduating class (SECNAV Pistol Trophy). Award for each is a Remington model 720 rifle or suitable substitute. Names are provided by the Director, Division of Professional Development.

SENATOR MARGARET CHASE SMITH LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD

Presented to the first class female Midshipman who is determined to have the highest level of conscience-driven leadership, dedicated service to the great good, personal independence and integrity, while displaying the highest standards of professionalism and personal conduct as a role model. The award is a dress sword. The recipient is selected by a board held in April and chaired by the Deputy Commandant, where Battalion Officers will brief their nominee's records along with any other significant contributions and achievements. Reference (d) provides additional guidance for this award.

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA PRIZE

Presented to the Midshipman who has demonstrated outstanding leadership capabilities as Brigade Executive Officer. Prizes are a gold medal, binoculars, and a plaque. The recipient is determined by the Commandant.

STEWART WIGHT HANNAH MEMORIAL TROPHY

The name of one of the two Color Company Commanders will be engraved on a trophy which will be retained and prominently displayed in Mitscher Hall. He or she will also receive a framed company guidon with blue border.

**NOTE:** The Midshipman Activities Officer determines the recipients of the previous award and the Forrestal Award. Each Color Company Commander will receive one award.

THE ORDER OF THE FOUNDERS AND PATRIOTS OF AMERICA; ADMIRAL DEWEY AWARD

Presented to that Midshipman of the graduating class who stands highest in the professional courses in Naval Weaponry and who excels in the weapons phase of at-sea training. The prize is a dress sword. The recipient's name is provided by the Weapons and Systems Engineering Department.

URUGUAYAN NAVAL AWARD

Member of the graduating class who stands highest in academic courses in leadership, has received perfect grades in conduct and aptitude, has demonstrated outstanding leadership in practical drills, and is recommended by his Company and Battalion Officer. Prizes are a medal and diploma. The candidates' names are determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS. The winner is determined by a board as directed by the Chairman of the Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department.

U.S. NAVAL INSTITUTE AND LIEUTENANT TIBBALS MEMORIAL AWARD

Member of the graduating class who achieves the highest standing for the four year course among those who, before entrance, served on active duty in an enlisted status in one of the armed services of the United States. The prize will consist of an engraved plaque, a 3-year membership in the Naval Institute and two Naval Institute Press books. The recommended recipient is determined by the Aptitude Office using data contained in MIDS.

USAA AND NAVY LEAGUE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

Presented to two Midshipmen of the graduating class who best exemplify excellence in community service and combine outstanding leadership, professionalism, and sustained support and participation. Reference (e) provides guidance and a separate time line for this award.

**PLAN OF ACTION AND MILESTONES**

- 9 Apr - The Leadership, Ethics, and Law Department Awards Coordinator has provided Company Officers a list of First Class Midshipmen eligible to receive the Uruguayan Naval Award. Company officers will forward nominations to their Battalion Officer.
- Company Officers forward their qualified nominations for the Senator Margaret Chase Smith to their Battalion Officers.
- Company Officers forward their qualified nominations for the RADM Draper L. Kauffman Award to Battalion Officers.
- Company Officers forward their qualified nominations for the Merrill F. Collier Award to Battalion Officers.
- 16 Apr - Company Officers forward their qualified nominations for the Alumni Association Award to Battalion Officers.
- Battalion Officers will forward nominations for Midshipmen eligible to receive the Uruguayan Naval Award to Lieutenant Walter Point, Leadership, Ethics, and Law, Luce Hall Room 219.
- Battalion Officers will forward nomination for the Senator Margaret Chase Smith Leadership Award Lieutenant Walter Point, Leadership, Ethics, and Law, Luce Hall Room 219.
- Battalion Officers will forward no more than five nominations for the RADM Draper L. Kauffman Award to Lieutenant Walter Point, Leadership, Ethics, and Law, Luce Hall Room 219.
- Battalion Officers will forward nominations for the Merrill F. Collier Award to Lieutenant Walter Point, Leadership, Ethics, and Law, Luce Hall Room 219.
- 18 Apr - Names of Midshipmen to receive internal awards determined by  
-18 May academic departments are provided to the Aptitude Office for conduct and aptitude grade screening.
- 23 Apr - Battalion Officers will forward their nominations for the Alumni Association Award to the Aptitude Office.
- 17 May - Awards based on preliminary grades are determined by the Aptitude Office.
- 24 May - Prizes and Awards Ceremony.