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USNA INSTRUCTION 5060.6

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Subj: MEMORIAL HALL HONOREES

Ref: (a) DODI 1300.18
(b) USNAINST 11100.7
(c) SECNAV Manual 5210.1

1. Purpose. To provide guidelines for those alumni to be honored in Memorial Hall.
2. Cancellation. None.
3. Background. Memorial Hall is accorded special status at the Naval Academy; dedicated to the virtues of "Sacrifice and Valor" and is the "sanctuary of sanctuaries" where USNA remembers our honored dead and the unique contributions Naval Academy alumni have made to the nation. In 1999, at the request of VADM John R. Ryan (56th Superintendent), the Special Memorials Committee was created under the leadership of Col John W. Ripley (USMC, Ret) "to identify all categories of loss for Naval Academy alumni, and to make recommendations to the Superintendent, U.S. Naval Academy for the proper recognition and memorialization of such losses." The Committee's 2000 and 2001 recommendations, approved by the Superintendent, served as foundational guidance for the renovation of Memorial Hall (completed in 2004) and subsequent alumni memorialization.
4. Policy
 - a. Eligibility. Memorial Hall is primarily dedicated to Valor and Sacrifice. In determining the qualifications for inclusion in Memorial Hall, the following parameters shall be followed:
 - (1) Individuals honored in Memorial Hall must be USNA alumni. Individuals are considered alumni upon taking the Oath of Office on Induction Day at the start of Plebe Summer. There is no requirement that alumni graduate from USNA.
 - (2) Sacrifice. Recognizing that USNA alumni are called to duty with an expectation of sacrifice, categories of loss memorialized in Memorial Hall include those Killed in Action (KIA), Missing in Action (MIA), and Operational Losses in the performance of one's duty. Defined further:
 - (a) KIA. Per reference (a), a hostile casualty, other than the victim of terrorist activity, who is killed outright or who dies as a result of wounds or other injuries before reaching a medical treatment facility.

(b) MIA. Per reference (a), a hostile casualty, other than the victim of a terrorist activity, who is not present at his or her duty location due to apparent involuntary reasons and whose location is unknown.

(c) Operational Loss. An individual lost in the performance of duty as a member of any service while forward deployed, training, or preparing to deploy. The operational aspect is meant to distinguish between those losses in a domestic, non-duty status such as traffic and travel accidents, illnesses resulting in death, or accidents in general that are not as a result of performance of duty in service to the country.

(2) Valor. Those alumni who distinguish themselves through conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty; specifically recognized as recipients of the Medal of Honor, whether while living or posthumously.

(3) Service. A category that takes into consideration lifetime accomplishments and provides a basis for recognition. Existing displays in Memorial Hall honoring service to country shall remain; but future recognition for service will be considered elsewhere on the Yard as recommended by the Memorial Oversight Committee.

b. Those USNA alumni who meet the eligibility requirements of paragraph (4.a.) will be memorialized via the following Memorial Hall displays:

(1) Killed in Action Memorial. The center-front display case recognizes alumni KIA and MIA, listed by war.

(2) Operational Loss Panels. Displayed throughout Memorial Hall, these panels recognize Operational Losses, KIAs and MIAs listed by graduating Class. Those individuals lost during the most recent year will be honored on a panel in the center-right of Memorial Hall; their names will be engraved permanently on the panel representing their Class at year's end.

(3) Medal of Honor Display. Dedicated to those USNA alumni who have been awarded the Medal of Honor.

(4) Individual Memorial Displays. There are numerous existing displays honoring individual or small groups of USNA alumni, most memorialized for valor. Future memorials for valor within Memorial Hall will be considered by the Memorial Oversight Committee.

(5) Policy and instructions governing the use of Memorial Hall and other USNA facilities are delineated in reference (b).

5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per reference (c).

6. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Flag Secretary will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, DoD, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire 5 years after the effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 5-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.



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