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SUBMARINE PATROL INSIGNIA QUALIFICATIONS

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1. Types of Submarine Patrol Insignias

a. There are two types of submarine patrol insignias awarded to members, Submarine Combat and ballistic missile submarine (nuclear-powered) (SSBN) Deterrent. The awarding of each insignia is based on the completion of a successful patrol as defined below.

b. The determination of whether a patrol is successful is made by the type or task force commander under whose command the submarine operated.

2. Submarine Combat Patrol Insignia

a. Authorization for the **Submarine Combat Patrol insignia** is given to members regularly assigned to submarine duty on or after 7 December 1941, who completed one or more wartime combat patrols designated as successful for the following reasons:

(1) the submarine sank or assisted in sinking at least one enemy vessel, or

(2) the submarine accomplished a combat mission of comparable importance.

b. The insignia represents completion of one successful patrol.

(1) A **gold star** mounted on the insignia indicates an additional successful patrol.

(2) A **silver star** mounted on the insignia indicates a total of five successful patrols.

NOTE: This insignia may be awarded to personnel prior to qualification in submarines in time of war.

3. **SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia**

a. Authorization for the **SSBN Deterrent Patrol insignia** is given to members regularly assigned to submarine duty and who completed one or more SSBN deterrent patrols.

b. The insignia represents completion of one successful patrol.

(1) A **gold star** mounted on the insignia indicates an additional successful patrol.

(2) A **silver star** mounted on the insignia indicates a total of five successful patrols.

NOTE: This insignia may be awarded to personnel prior to qualification in submarines.

4. **Service Record Entry.** A service record entry is made for each member upon authorization to wear these insignias. Additional entries will be made for each succeeding successful patrol.

5. **Wearing Both Insignias.** Personnel eligible for the Submarine Combat Patrol insignia and the SSBN Deterrent Patrol insignia may wear only one at a time, according to their personal desires.