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SUBJ/UPDATE TO CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS DELEGATION OF AWARDING AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY AWARDS//

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NARR/REF A IS NAVADMIN 122/23, UPDATE TO CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS DELEGATION OF AWARDING AUTHORITY FOR MILITARY AWARDS.

REF B IS SECNAV INSTRUCTION 1650.1J, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY MILITARY AWARDS POLICY.

REF C IS SECNAV M-1650.1, NAVY AND MARINE CORPS AWARDS MANUAL.//

RMKS/1. Reference (a) is hereby amended as stated below.

2. The purpose of this NAVADMIN is to update the Chief of Naval Operations' (CNO) delegation of awarding authority for Navy and Marine Corps Achievement and Commendation Medals with combat "C" device (N1 and C1) in accordance with references (b) and (c).

Authority to adjudicate N1 and C1 personal military decorations (PMD) may be further delegated in writing by the following Commanders, not lower than an O6 Commander or commanding officer within their respective administrative or operational chains of command:

- a. Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command
- b. Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet
- c. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe / Naval Forces Africa
- d. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command
- e. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command
- f. Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command
- g. Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command

3. Delegated Awarding Authority Limitations.

a. In line with reference (a), personnel shall be authorized to receive a PMD with the combat "C" device during a meritorious period in which they also qualified for the Combat Action Ribbon (CAR) or would have qualified were it not for the limit of one CAR per operation. In these cases, the summary of action must contain, at a minimum, the date of action for which the awardee qualified for the CAR.

b. Commanders may also delegate N1 and C1 authority to O6 commanders and commanding officers to recognize personnel who did not qualify for the CAR but did perform combat actions in line with requirements contained in references (b) and (c). Commanders electing to further delegate this specific authority must provide additional guidance to subdelegated awarding

authorities to ensure consistent application of requirements in references (b) and (c).

4. Awards for foreign military personnel, civilians, CARs, combat PMDs with valor devices or extraordinary heroism, and combat PMDs of higher precedence are not delegable beyond authorities listed in reference (b).

5. Sub delegation of N1 and C1 authority must be issued in writing and provided to the parent delegation authority for situational awareness. For example, if Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces delegates N1 and C1 authority in writing to a carrier strike group, the carrier strike group commander must provide further N1 and C1 delegations to their subordinate O6 Commanders and commanding officers to U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

6. This delegation of award approval authority remains effective until rescinded by future correspondence.

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8. ADM Daryl Caudle, 34th Chief of Naval Operations sends.//

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