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SMALL CRAFT INSIGNIA

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References	(a) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. Qualifications as a Result of Service in the Republic of Vietnam Under Combat

a. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Surface Warfare Division (N96) authorized the small craft insignia for junior officers and senior petty officers who served as officers in charge (OIC) of riverine or coastal craft, under combat conditions, in the Republic of Vietnam.

b. Personnel who served for a minimum of 6 months as OIC, patrol officers (commissioned or enlisted), river section leaders, boat officers, or petty officers in charge (POIC) of the following craft are eligible to wear the insignia:

Patrol Boat River (PBR)
Patrol Boat Fast (PCF)
Strike Assault Boats (STAB)
Sea-Air-Land (SEAL) Support Craft: (Heavy SEAL Support Craft (HSSC), Medium SEAL Support Craft (MSSC), Light SEAL Support Craft (LSSC))
Minesweeping Craft
Harbor Defense Craft
Logistic Support Craft (Landing Craft, Utility (LCU); Landing Craft, Mechanized (LCM); Harbor Utility Craft (YFU))
River Assault Craft

c. U.S. Navy personnel who served as advisors to personnel in the Vietnamese Navy in an "in-charge" position and officers and enlisted Service members whose units were turned over to the Vietnamese Navy before they had acquired the requisite 6 months eligibility, as stated above, are authorized to wear the

insignia, provided the total operational time and advisory time on the craft equal 6 or more months.

2. **Eligible Units.** Those personnel who meet the criteria described above, and who served with the following units, were established as being authorized to wear the small craft insignia:

River Assault Flotilla (RIVFLOT) ONE: (River Assault Squadrons (RAS) 9, 11, 13, 15)
Coastal Squadron (COSRON) ONE
River Patrol Flotilla (RIVPATFLOT) FIVE
Naval Special Warfare Group, Vietnam
Mine Division (MIDIV) 112 and 113
Naval Support Activity (NSA) Danang and NSA Saigon
Inshore Undersea Warfare Group One
Naval Advisory Group, Republic of Vietnam (RVN)

3. **Eligibility Requirements Established after 1 October 1984.**

Members who served in an OIC or POIC billet for a minimum of 6 months and have completed the appropriate personnel qualification standard in one of the following platforms or units are authorized by the Chief of Naval Operations to wear the small craft insignia:

a. **Eligible Platforms:**

Logistical Support Craft (LCU, LCM, Maritime Prepositioning Force Utility Boat (MPFUB))
Seaborne Powered Target Craft (SEPTAR) (QST-33/35)
MKV Special Operations Craft (SOC)
Patrol Boat (PB, Patrol Bomber (PBM), Patrol Boat Riverine (PBR), Patrol Craft Inshore (PCF))
Strike Assault Boat (STAB)
Special Warfare Craft (SWCL)
Armored Troop Carrier (ATC)
Surface Effect Craft (Hydrofoil Research Ship (AGEH); Landing Craft, Air Cushion (LCAC); Patrol Craft Hydrofoil (PCH), Patrol Tugboat Hydrofoil (PGH), Surface Effect Ship (SES))
High Speed Boat (HSB)
Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) permanently assigned to support SEAL team operations or Helicopter Mine Countermeasures squadrons or high speed maneuverable seaborne target (HSMST) operations
Small Waterplane Area Twin Hull (SWATH) (MHS-1) assigned to support EOD Mobile Units
Inshore Boat Unit Patrol Boat (IBU PB) and Inshore Boat Unit Patrol Rib (IBU PR)
Modified Glacier Bay Catamaran submarine escorts and Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) submarine escorts

Special Operation Craft-Riverine (SOC-R) permanently assigned to support SEAL team operations
Harbor Security (HS) Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats (RHIB)
Naval Boat Police HS Boats attached to Naval Region Southwest

b. **Eligible Units:**

Naval Coastal Warfare Groups (NCWG)
Naval Coastal Warfare Squadrons (NCWS)
NCW Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare (MIUW) Units
Inshore Boat Units (IBU)
Harbor Defense Command Units (HDCU)
Mobile Security Squadrons (MSS) and Detachments
Riverine Groups and Squadrons
Assault Craft Units (ACU)

c. Personnel who qualified prior to 1 July 1992 while assigned to a yard patrol or craft of opportunity trainer craft are authorized to continue to wear the insignia.

NOTE: All "grandfather" periods for previous qualification have expired. No further "grandfather" qualification requests will be considered.

4. **Wearing Small Craft Insignia.** The small craft insignia will be worn as authorized in reference (a).