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NUCLEAR WEAPONS SECURITY (NWS) INSIGNIA

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References	(a) NAVPERS 15665J, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (b) SECNAVINST 5510.35D
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1. **Policy.** Officer and enlisted Service members meeting eligibility requirements are authorized to wear the nuclear weapons security (NWS) qualification insignia prescribed per reference (a). To be eligible, Service members must be:

a. Permanently assigned to Strategic Weapons Facility (SWF), Atlantic or Strategic Weapons Facility, Pacific and perform duties directly contributing to the security and safety of naval nuclear weapons;

b. Assigned a mission associated with a Marine Corps security force battalion at an SWF;

c. Personal Reliability Program (PRP)-certified and remain eligible for a period of 12 months (temporary decertification due to non-disciplinary issues should not be held against the Service member); and

d. Qualified in the senior post or watch station consistent with their current pay grade and duties assigned.

2. **Authorization to Wear NWS Insignia**

a. Authorization to wear the NWS insignia will continue as long as the Service member maintains eligibility for the PRP per reference (b) or is administratively transferred from the SWF Program for reasons that are not disqualifying or decertifying (e.g., permanent change of station or retirement from active duty).

b. In cases where eligibility for the PRP is removed for disciplinary action and or the Service member's inability to meet all PRP suitability factors per reference (b), continued authorization to wear the insignia is prohibited and the NWS designator must be removed.

c. In cases where eligibility for PRP is removed as a result of a physical or mental health disqualification, Service members are authorized to wear or continue to wear the insignia and retain the NWS designator, if recommended by their commanding officer and favorably endorsed by Strategic Systems Programs Command, Washington DC.

3. **NWS Insignia.** The insignia represents completion of 12 months of fully-qualified service to the NWS mission.

a. Enlisted Service members will wear a silver NWS insignia and officers will wear a gold NWS insignia. Enlisted Service members who are subsequently commissioned are required to successfully complete officer qualifications consistent with their rank and duties assigned before being eligible to wear the gold NWS insignia. The NWS insignia is classified as a qualification insignia and does not take precedence over earned warfare insignias when worn.

b. A gold star mounted on the insignia indicates an additional year of qualified service to the NWS mission.

c. A silver star mounted on the insignia indicates 5 years of fully qualified service to the NWS mission.

4. **Award of NWS Insignia.** Upon completion of the eligibility requirements for the NWS insignia, the following (permanent) [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) Administrative Remarks service record entry must be made:

"(Date). (Service member's name) has demonstrated expertise in the area of nuclear weapons security (NWS), having completed all requirements for the NWS insignia, and is authorized to wear the NSW insignia."

5. **Removal of NWS Insignia.** For personnel who have their PRP eligibility removed, the following (permanent) [NAVPERS 1070/613](#) service record entry must be made:

“(Date). Disqualified for nuclear weapons security (NWS) duties by reason of (state reason). (Service member’s name) is not recommended for return to duties involving NWS.”