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COMMAND AT SEA INSIGNIA: QUALIFICATIONS

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References	(a) 32 C.F.R (b) OPNAVINST 5400.45 (c) OPNAVINST 1412.14 (d) NAVPERS 15665I, U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (e) OPNAVNOTE 5450 N131/N1 of 30 October 2020 (f) OPNAV (N13) Policy Decision Memorandum for Shared Captain Command Apportionment Plan (g) OPNAV (N13) Policy Decision Memorandum for Shared Commander Command Apportionment Plan (h) OPNAV (N13) Policy Decision Memorandum for Shared Early Command Apportionment Plan
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1. **Purpose.** This article establishes criteria for eligibility to wear the command at sea insignia. The command at sea insignia was established to recognize the responsibility placed on unrestricted line officers who are in command of, or have successfully commanded afloat, deploying, and or operational units defined as sea-going commands under the operating forces of the Navy and Marine Corps per reference (a) and delineated in reference (b).

2. **Authorization.** Per references (a) and (c), administratively screened and selected unrestricted line officers in the grade of captain and junior are authorized to wear the command at sea insignia immediately upon assumption of command and upon successful completion of a normal tour (6 months minimum) and may continue to wear the insignia in the manner prescribed in reference (d). Flag officers who earned the command at sea insignia as a captain or junior may wear the insignia in the "post tour" position (left side) as described in reference (d). Letters of authorization are not required.

3. **Commands Authorized.** Commanding officers (CO) of the following operational units are authorized to wear the command at sea insignia:

All commissioned surface ships including rotational patrol craft crews, mine countermeasure ship crews, and littoral combat ship crews (excluding floating dry-docks)
All commissioned submarines including rotational ballistic missile and guided missile submarine crews and commands involved in undersea rescue of submarines
All ship and submarine divisions, squadrons, and groups including the following: development squadrons and groups; service squadrons and groups; logistics squadrons and groups; maritime squadrons and groups; and undersea, surface and aerial unmanned systems commands
All aviation squadrons and wing commanders including: operational squadrons, operational wings, type wings, fleet replacement squadrons, and the Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron, excluding: training squadrons, training wings, test and evaluation squadrons, and test and evaluation wings
Coastal and riverine squadrons and groups, assault craft units, beach master units, and naval beach units and groups
Special warfare teams, squadrons, and groups
Explosive ordnance disposal units and groups
Space shuttle and space station mission commanders
All COs of surface ship and submarine pre-commissioning units

4. **Not Eligible.** The following personnel are not eligible to wear the command at sea insignia:

- a. Restricted line and Staff Corps officers,
- b. Officers temporarily succeeding to command without Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) orders directing relief during the temporary absence of the CO,
- c. Officers removed from command via detachment for cause, unless having previously completed an eligible command tour,
- d. Officers assigned to billets designated "officer in charge," or previously assigned to billets which were redesignated "CO" after detachment, or

e. Inactive duty reservists assigned as "prospective commanding officers" of Navy Reserve training ship/Navy Reserve force crews.

5. **Command Submission.** The command review board (CRB) is convened annually or as required by the Chief of Naval Personnel (CHNAVPERS) per references (c) and (e). The CRB will be convened to address, validate, or approve all CO billets.

a. The major CRB is convened as part of the CRB to specifically address those O-6 command billets designated as major commands.

b. CHNAVPERS will update and publish reference (e) annually based on the results of the major CRB.

c. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) Director, Military Personnel Plans and Policy Division (OPNAV N13) will update and publish references (f) through (h) annually based on the results of the CRB.

d. OPNAV Head, Officer Plans and Policy Branch (OPNAV N131) is the point of contact for all CO billet submissions and questions.