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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: Secretary of the Navy (NDBDM)


Subj: DRILL INSTRUCTOR RIBBON (DIR) AND MARINE SECURITY GUARD
RIBBON (MSGR)

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1650.1F, Navy and Marine Corps Awards
Manual

Encl: (1) DIR Criteria
(2) MSGR Criteria

1. In accordance with the reference, enclosures (1) and (2) are forwarded, recommending approval.

2. Following your approval of the Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon on 7 June 1995, I have carefully reviewed other special assignments that warrant consideration. As a result, I firmly believe that duty as Marine Drill Instructors and Marine Security Guards meets the stringent and exacting requirements that merit approval.


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CRITERIA FOR MARINE CORPS DRILL INSTRUCTOR RIBBON

1. Purpose. To establish criteria for the Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon (MCDIR).

2. Eligible Personnel. Marines possessing the 8511 MOS who have served in an 8511 billet are eligible to receive the MCDIR. In addition, Marines in the following billets are eligible to receive the award:

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| Recruit Training Battalion - | Commanding Officer Executive Officer S-3 Officer Sergeant Major |
| Recruit Training Company - (Less Headquarters Company) | Commanding Officer Executive Officer First Sergeant Series Commander |
| Officer Candidate Company - | Commanding Officer Executive Officer First Sergeant Company Gunnery Sergeant Platoon Commanders |

3. Award Criteria

a. Drill Instructor. Marines assigned to drill instructor duty (MOS 8511) will be eligible to receive the ribbon upon completion of a successful tour of duty. A Marine who extends beyond the basic tour of duty will be eligible for the award upon completion of the extension period. Marines returning for subsequent tours as a drill instructor will be eligible for subsequent awards upon completion of each tour.

b. Additional Billets. Marines assigned in those billets listed in paragraph 2 above will be eligible to receive the ribbon upon completion of a successful assignment.

c. Posthumous Awards. The DIR may be awarded posthumously without regard to period of service.

4. Definitions. For the purpose of determining eligibility for this award, the following definitions will apply:

a. Drill Instructor. Duty performed in an 8511 MOS billet as set forth by the Table of Organization.

b. Prescribed Tour of Duty

(1) Drill Instructor

The Marine's projected detachment date from drill instructor duty is considered the end of a qualifying tour of duty. Personnel who transfer prior to their original projected rotation date are authorized to receive this award if they completed a minimum of 20 months (for those who received their 8511 MOS before December 1996) or 30 months (for those who received their 8511 MOS after December 1996) on drill instructor duty. Personnel who were transferred due to "Relief For Cause" or "Relief for Good of the Service" from Drill Instructor Duty are not eligible for this award.

(2) Those Marines serving in the additional billets as outlined in paragraph 2 above are required to serve a total of 18 cumulative months in those billets in order to be eligible for the ribbon.

c. Successful Tour. For the purpose of this instruction, a successful tour is defined as completing the prescribed tour of duty as outlined in paragraph 4b.

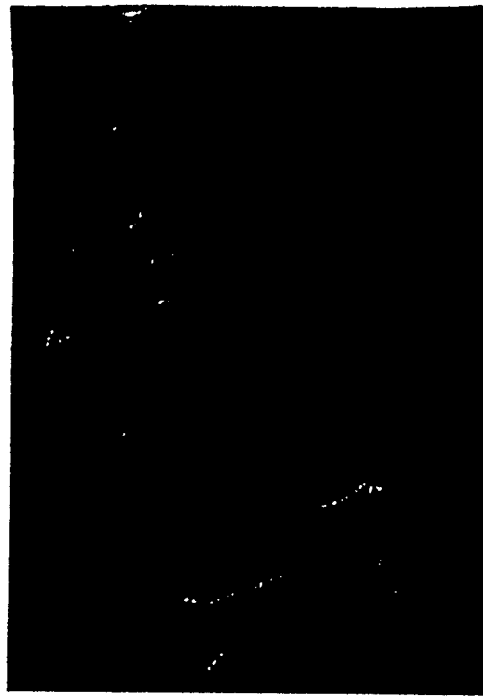
5. Waivers. Request for waiver of eligibility criteria or questions regarding a successful tour of duty should be sent to the commanding general of the respective Marine Corps Recruit Depot for decision.

6. Precedence and Subsequent Awards. The MCDIR will be worn after the Marine Corps Recruiting Ribbon (MCRR) and before the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. Second and subsequent awards will be denoted by 3/16" bronze stars. The award consists of a ribbon bar only. No citation or certificate will be issued.

7. Retroactive Awards. The MCDIR will be awarded retroactive to 1 January 1973, reflecting the establishment of the all volunteer force. (The purpose of utilizing the date of 1 January 1973 as the effective date is to coincide with the effective date of the MCRR).

8. Awarding Authority. Authority to award the MCDIR is delegated to commanding officers.

9. Proposed Design. The recommended design is included as Attachment (A).



CRITERIA FOR THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD RIBBON

1. Purpose. To establish criteria for the Marine Security Guard Ribbon (MSGR).

2. Eligible Personnel. Marines possessing MOS 8151 who are serving with the Marine Security Guard Battalion (MSGBN) or previously served with the MSGBN in in MOS 8151 billets are eligible to receive the Marine Security Guard Ribbon (MSGR). Marines who served at a lettered company headquarters within MSGBN are also eligible to receive the ribbon. Personnel serving at Headquarters, MSGBN are not eligible.

3. Award Criteria

a. Marines assigned to Marine Security Guard duty (MOS 8151) will be eligible to receive the ribbon upon completion of 24 months service at a foreign service establishment. Subsequent awards will be made for every 24 months served, either consecutively or cumulatively.

b. Marines who served successful tours at a lettered company headquarters within MSGBN are eligible to receive the ribbon upon completion of 24 months service. Subsequent awards will be made for every 24 months served, either consecutively or cumulatively.

c. Posthumous awards may be awarded without regard to period of service.

d. Marines transferred early for the good of the Marine Corps must serve a minimum of 12 months on the program before qualifying for the award.

e. Personnel relieved "for cause" from the duty will not be eligible for the ribbon.

4. Definition. For the purpose of determining eligibility for this award, the following definition will apply:

Marine Security Guard Duty. Duty performed at a Department of State overseas post in an 8151 billet after graduation from the Marine Security Guard School at MSGBN headquarters. This includes Company D located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

5. Precedence and Subsequent Awards. The MSGR precedence will be after the DIR and before the Armed Forces Service Medal. Second and subsequent awards will be denoted by 3/16" bronze stars. A 3/16" silver star will be worn in lieu of the sixth award. The award consists of a ribbon bar only. No citation or certificate will be issued.

6. Retroactive Awards. The MSGR will be awarded retroactive to 28 January 1949, the date the first MSGs departed Washington, DC for their overseas assignments. One award is authorized for the period 28 January 1949 to 15 August 1974, regardless of qualifying periods.

7. Awarding Authority. Authority to award the MSGR is delegated to commanding officers.

8. Action by Commanding Officers. For those individuals currently serving on MSG duty, commanding officers will ensure they have met all criteria set forth above and will record an entry in the Marine's service record book denoting the issuance of the award. For those personnel not currently on MSG duty, commanding officers shall determine eligibility from the member's service record and, if eligible, award the Ribbon.

9. Waivers. Requests for waivers will be submitted to Commanding Officer, MSGBN.

10. Proposed Design. The recommended design is included as Attachment (A).

