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GROUP ORDER 7042.1

From: Commanding Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group  
To: Distribution List

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Subj: MEDALLION (COINS) AWARDS PROGRAM

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. 1125  
(b) DoD Directive 1348.19  
(c) SECNAVINST 3590.4A  
(d) MCO 7042.6C

1. Situation. Reference (a) authorizes the Secretary of Defense to use appropriated funds to purchase medals, trophies, badges, and similar devices for awards to members, units, or agencies of an Armed Force. The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy, by references (b) and (c), authorizes Marine Corps general officers in command to approve the use of appropriated funds for the purpose of an awards program. The Commandant of the Marine Corps further delegates this authority and issues policy and guidance in reference (d). This order provides Commanding Officer, I Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group [I MHG] policy and guidance on the subject of coins as awards.

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2. Mission. Establish and implement the medallion (coin) awards program for I MHG in order to promote and enhance excellence in mission performance.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. To recognize individuals who excel in designated areas of competition related to the mission and encourage high standards of performance among Marines of this command by the presentation of a group medallion (coin). As a recipient of a coin, the Group Commander affirms the outstanding work and effort that an individual has demonstrated in the performance of his or her duties.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) Accomplishments being recognized must be of such nature that they are above and beyond that expected of an individual or unit in the normal performance of duty, and the accomplishment must be related to the mission of I MHG.

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(b) Established awards for I MHG:

1. Marine/NCO/Sailor of the month, quarter, year.
2. Civilian Marine of the month, quarter, year.

3. High PFT/CFT, semi-annual.
4. Honor graduate of resident PME.
5. High Rifle/Pistol Marksman of the quarter.

(c) Medallions (coins) may also be presented on a one-time/unscheduled basis only in those instances where the accomplishment is unique and clearly contributes to increased effectiveness or efficiency of I MHG mission requirements.

(d) An individual or unit may not receive two awards for the same achievement or accomplishment.

(e) I MHG will use a medallion awards program logbook to track the distribution and purpose of the awards presented. This logbook will be managed and maintained by the I MHG S-1 awards section.

(f) Appropriated funds may be used to purchase medallions (coins) to be presented as awards recognizing the recipient's significant accomplishments.

(g) Awards purchased with appropriated funding (O&M, MC) must be applied to active duty, reserve, and civilian Marines.

(h) Awards purchased with appropriated funding (O&M, MC) cannot be applied to contractor personnel or key volunteers.

b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Coins must contain the name of the command presenting the award, but may not contain the name of any individual commander.

(2) The amount purchased must meet the bona fide need for the applicable fiscal year.

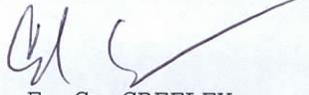
(3) Medallions (coins) used as motivational tools, morale boosters, or mementos for VIPs may not be purchased with appropriated funds.

4. Administration and Logistics. Questions concerning this order should be addressed to the I MHG Comptroller.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is effective the date signed.

b. Signal. This Order is applicable to I MHG.

  
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