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II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE  
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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
IIMEFO 7042.1C  
SSEC  
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II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE ORDER 7042.1C

From: Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force  
To: Distribution List

Subj: COMMANDING GENERAL II MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE AWARD OF  
TROPHIES, MEDALLIONS AND OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES IN RECOGNITION  
OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C 1125 and 5 U.S.C. 4503  
(b) SECNAVINST 3590.4A  
(c) MCO 7042.6C  
(d) MCO 4400.15

Encl: (1) Coin Purchase Request Package Requirements  
(2) Coin/medallion accountability log

1. Situation. Reference (a) authorized the Secretary of Defense to use appropriated funds to purchase medals, trophies, badges, medallions ("Command/Commander coins") and similar devices for award to members, units or agencies of an Armed Force for excellence in accomplishments or competitions related to that Armed Force, and provide badges or buttons in recognition of special service, good conduct, and discharge under conditions other than dishonorable. The Secretary of Defense authorized the Secretaries of Military Departments to further delegate this authority to senior service commanders. The Secretary of the Navy, by reference (b), authorized Marine Corps General Officers in command to approve the use of appropriated funds for these purposes and set forth policies concerning the program. The Commandant of the Marine Corps provided additional guidance in reference (c).

2. Cancellation. II MEFO 7042.1B.

3. Mission. To establish Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force (CG, II MEF) policy for awarding trophies, medallions ("Command/Commander coins") and similar devices to individual U.S. Military personnel, Department of Defense (DoD) Civilians and units for excellence in accomplishments and competitions contributing to the effectiveness of II MEF missions and operations.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent

(a) The CG, II MEF will determine and authorize expenditures for those individuals and subordinate units that excel in designated areas of competition related to the mission of II MEF. Although not all inclusive, the following is a sample list of competition categories:

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(1) Marine of the Month; Quarter; Year.

(2) High Rifle Marksman of the Quarter; Year.

(3) High Pistol Marksman of the Quarter; Year.

(4) Highest Physical Fitness Test Score for the Year.

(5) School Honor Graduate

(6) Civilian of the Quarter; Year.

(7) Annual Award competitions that sponsor trophies, plaques, etc. to the individual or unit winner, such as the best Field Mess Competition (Major General W. P. T. Hill Memorial Award Program).

(b) Appropriated funds may be used to purchase devices such as trophies, medals, badges, plaques, and medallions ("coins") in recognition of those accomplishments designated by CG/DCG II MEF for special recognition. The nominal value for purposes of this order is \$50.00 or less for each individual item. The value of each individual coin shall not exceed \$10.00.

(c) Items purchased under this Order can be presented to active duty, reserve and DoD civilian personnel. All items purchased with Operations and Maintenance, Marine Corps (O&M,MC) funding are not authorized for foreign personnel, contractors or non-DoD civilians.

(d) The accomplishments and award categories will be of such nature that they are above and beyond that expected of an individual or unit in the normal performance of duty. These awards should relate to the II MEF mission.

(e) Awards may be on a one-time basis in those instances where the accomplishments are unique, clearly contribute to effectiveness and efficiency, and is not covered by another command's award's program.

(f) The medallions ("coins") should contain the name of the command presenting the award. Medallions ("coins") purchased with appropriated funds may not contain the name of any individual commander. Prior to purchase, cognizant fiscal and contracting personnel will be consulted to ensure compliance with applicable orders.

(g) Commands may only purchase enough medallions ("coins") to meet the bona fide need of the command for each fiscal year. The annual purchase quantity of medallions ("coins") is limited to maximum of 10% of the estimated on-hand unit strength for the fiscal year.

(h) Items not considered appropriate awards (i.e., useful in nature) such as cash, watches, athletic shoes, functional weapons, etc., will not be purchased or awarded under the provision of this Order.

(i) Costs of trophies and similar devices purchased in accordance with this program will be funded by CG, II MEF operation and maintenance funds.

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(j) Official Representation Funds (ORF) are inappropriate for this program. Commands requiring ORF should contact II MEF Protocol Officer for guidance.

(k) Commands will receive an audit/review of this program annually. Any unauthorized purchases or issuances found will require personal reimbursement/restitution to the U.S. Treasury.

(l) Commands, when approved to expend appropriated funds under this Order, will purchase one single design/style of coin at the Commander's discretion. Commanding General/Officers can authorize the senior enlisted representative to issue the same coins on behalf of the Commanding General/Officer and in accordance with the command awards order. Senior enlisted are not authorized to use appropriated funds to purchase separate and distinct coins.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) CG, II MEF has delegated approval authority to subordinate Commanding Generals. Per references (b) and (c), Commanding Officers will seek prior approval from the first General Officer in the Chain of Command to use appropriated funds for the command awards program using the format in enclosure (1).

(b) Per reference (d) and utilizing enclosure (2) or other similar means, commanding officers will maintain complete accountability of all items purchased, issued (including issue date, issue event, person receiving item), and on-hand remaining quantities.

(c) Commanders are allowed to use personal funds to increase the purchase quantity in order to obtain personally-owned mementos that can be issued without any restrictions.

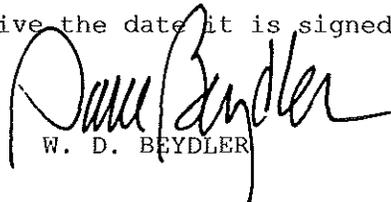
(d) Prior to Transfer of Authority, all awards covered by this order need to be accounted for and turned over to the successor Commanding Officer. All items unable to be transferred must be turned in to the unit's supply officer and disposed of according to unit standard operating procedures.

5. Administration and Logistics. Documentation will be maintained in one location and contain all required approvals, purchase requests, delivery receipts and acceptance, vendor invoices, payment vouchers and issuance/accountability documentation.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all II MEF organizations.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date it is signed.

  
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DISTRIBUTION: A, B

1. All package requests to purchase coins must include the following documentation:

- (a) Commanding Officer Letter of Justification
- (b) Vendor Quote(s)
- (c) Proposed Coin Design (Front and Back)
- (d) Troop to Task List or T/O
- (e) Published Copy of Command Awards Program
- (f) Previous medallion ("coins") inventory/issuance log if applicable

Enclosure (1)

