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Subj: UNITED STATES NAVY MARKSMANSHIP TEAM (USNMT) AND NAVY
DISTINGUISHED MARKSMAN PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 3591.1 (Series)
(b) NAVPERS 15665I U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations
(c) OPNAVINST 3590.26A (draft)
(d) Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) Competition Rules

1. Purpose. Establish policy for the Navy Marksmanship Team and rules for earning Navy Excellence-in-Competition (EIC), Distinguished Marksman and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badges.
2. Applicability. This instruction applies to all Navy personnel, active, reserve and retired. All naval personnel participating in USNMT sponsored competition must be qualified for such activities per reference (a).
3. U. S. Navy Distinguished Badge Program. Distinguished badges are the highest individual awards authorized for Navy marksmanship. Individuals that meet the qualification criteria will be awarded the appropriate badge for wear on their uniform in accordance with ref (b). Specific program guidelines are listed below:
 - a) The USNMT OIC is responsible for management of the Distinguished program and shall liaison with the CMP to ensure compliance with applicable rules.
 - b) Navy competitors are limited to six EIC matches per calendar year, per discipline, provided one of the six matches is a CMP National Match.
 - c) In addition to the annual Fleet and All Navy matches, and in the interest of maximum participation for sailors, the OIC may approve fleet concentration EIC matches. The matches will not be scheduled concurrent with the Fleet and All Navy competitions. They will be conducted as a "Fleet" match for EIC awards. Other than EIC badges, no other awards will be given. Requests to conduct fleet concentration matches will be approved by the appropriate fleet match director and the USNMT OIC. Matches that will be open to civilian participation must be approved by the CMP.

4. Qualification Criteria for Navy Distinguished Badges

a. Navy Distinguished Marksman or Navy Distinguished Pistol Shot badge will be awarded when a member has earned a total of 30 EIC credit points in a match where at least two pistol or three rifle stages are fired and the below requirements are met.

1.) The member must earn at least one gold or silver EIC award from a Fleet or All Navy Rifle match, Interservice match, or national level EIC match.

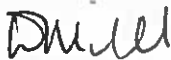
2.) The member must have earned no less than 20 of the 30 total EIC credit points at Fleet or All Navy match, Interservice match, or National EIC match and be in an active/reserve/retired Navy status. Note: EIC points for Navy members at the national level will be awarded based on bronze (6), silver (8) and gold (10) and not the standard civilian 10 points for any national medal. Additionally, the four introductory points earned at any CMP sanctioned Small Arms Firing School (SAFS) may count toward the above 30 point requirement. Only SAFS conducted at the national matches may count toward the above 20 point requirement.

b. Retired Navy personnel may continue to compete and earn EIC credit points toward Navy distinguished designation regardless of previous EIC points awarded. During a Navy sponsored match they must indicate at check-in that they want to compete in the "Navy" category vice the "other competitors" category. They must also adhere to rules in 4.a. above.

c. EIC credit points held by non-distinguished military and civilian personnel who become Navy members may be transferred and applied toward a Navy Distinguished Designation. They must meet the eligibility requirements listed in paragraph 4.a. (while in the Navy) to qualify for a U.S. Navy Distinguished Badge.

d. Individuals meeting the criteria for earning a distinguished designation per this enclosure are responsible for submitting a letter with supporting EIC award letters to the USNMT distinguished program coordinator to receive official recognition. Instructions can be found at www.usnmt.org.

e. U.S. Navy active or reserve component personnel will compete in the service category at all CMP sanctioned EIC matches per references (d).



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