

1. PURPOSE: This policy describes the procedures for the Military Police Regimental Association Awards Program.

2. BACKGROUND: The MPRA's Order of the Marechausee was officially established in 2000 and the Order of the Vivandieres in 2005. The awards are to recognize exceptional dedication, competence, and contribution to the Military Police Corps Regiment over an extended period. The Marechausee awards were created with Gold, Silver and Bronze levels of recognition. The first Marechausee award was presented on September 29, 2000 and the first Vivandieres award was presented on January 1, 2006.

3. APPLICABILITY: The MPRA's mission is to promote the history and preserve the traditions of the Military Police Corps Regiment while supporting Military Police leadership, Soldiers and families Army wide. The awards recognize a high degree of professionalism, standards of integrity and morality and esprit de corps consistent with the long-standing history and traditions of our Regiment. It is the policy of the MPRA to practice equal opportunity regarding the awards program. All considerations will be made without regard to race, creed, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability or any other circumstance prohibited by statute.

4. DEFINITIONS:

a. Nominee: Must be a current MPRA member and have rendered 10 years of significant support or service to the Regiment for the Bronze award, 20 years for the Silver award and a very distinguished American for the Gold award. The nominee must have demonstrated exceptional dedication, competence, and contribution to the Military Police Corps Regiment in accordance with award time in service guidelines. There are no time or service requirements for the Vivandieres award.

b. Requestor: For the Bronze and Silver awards must be a current MPRA standard member. The Gold award is selected by the Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, Regimental Command Sergeant Major and Regimental Chief Warrant Officer.

c. Endorser: Must be a Military Police Colonel, Deputy Commandant, Military Police Nominative Command or Staff Sergeant Major or above and a current MPRA standard member.

d. Approval Authority: The Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, Regimental Command Sergeant Major and Regimental Chief Warrant Officer.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. The Executive Director oversees the program.

b. The Executive Assistant facilitates the processing of each award. This includes verifying membership status, preparing the staffing packet, processing payment, ordering the engraved medal and the shipping of the award.

6. PROCEDURES:

- a. Nominations packets are submitted to the MPRA by mail or electronic methods.
- b. Nominations are approved by the Chief of the Military Police Corps Regiment, Regimental Command Sergeant Major and Regimental Chief Warrant Officer.
- c. Nominations must be substantiated based on firsthand knowledge or documented research of the nominee's exceptional dedication, competence, and contribution to the Regiment.
- d. Nomination packets must contain an application, a narrative, endorsement by the personnel identified in paragraph 4(c) and \$35.00, \$50.00 or \$70.00 payment to MPRA (cost of the medallion and certificate).
- e. Only nominations for individuals will be accepted.
- f. The MPRA encourages all its members to help promote these unique Regimental awards that recognize outstanding and deserving members of our Regiment.

7. AWARD CEREMONY AND WEAR:

Presentation of the awards should be conducted during very special events such as formal dinners and similar affairs. It should be conducted in a fashion to military award presentations. It should be presented by the highest ranking Military Police Officer or Command Sergeant Major available. The Chief of the Regiment reserves the right to present the awards in the USAMPS footprint. Requests for a non-Military Police to present the award must be sent to the Regimental leadership and receive prior approval from the Chief of the Regiment.

Army Regulation 670-1 defines a badge as an award to an individual for identification purposes or for attaining a special skill or proficiency. Also, included are badges of civic and quasi-military societies of the United States and international organizations of a military nature. These include badges of organizations originally composed of members who served in a U.S. force during the Revolutionary War; the War of 1812; the Mexican War; the Civil War; the Spanish-American War; the Philippine Insurrection; and the Chinese Relief Expedition of 1900. These also include badges (such as medallions) issued by military (regimental) associations. The badges are worn only while the wearer is attending meetings or functions of such organizations, or on occasions of

ceremony (as authorized by the commander). Personnel will not wear these badges to and from such meetings or events.

Department of the Army Pamphlet 670-1 further states that it is worn with the neckband ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar, with the medal hanging over the necktie.

Army Blue and White Mess Uniform: The Medal will be worn with the ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. The medal should hang at the full length of the ribbon.

Army Service and White Mess Uniform: The medal will be worn with the ribbon around the neck, outside the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. The medal will hang over the four-in-hand necktie near the collar and above the top button of the coat or just under the bow tie or neck tab near the collar and above the top button of the coat.

Civilian Attire:

Men will wear the Medal around their neck with the ribbon over the shirt collar and inside the coat collar. Whether it is worn with a bow tie or necktie, the medal should hang at the full length of the ribbon. When the necktie is worn, the medal will hang over the tie.

Women will wear the Medal around their neck with the medal hanging the full length of the ribbon.

Authorized foreign neck decorations are always worn beneath the Medal of Honor.

Approved by the National Board of Directors.

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