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BRIGADIER GENERAL ROBERT G. BALLANCE AWARD

1. Purpose. To establish procedures for the annual recognition of an outstanding officer serving in the field of logistics within Marine Forces Reserve.

2. Background. Each year, Marine Forces Reserve, in association with the Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association (MCROA), will recognize an outstanding Reserve component officer serving in the field of logistics within Marine Forces Reserve. The award honors BGen Robert G. Ballance, USMC (deceased) who served in a variety of logistics billets during World War II and saw action in Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Peleliu, and Okinawa. He championed the concept of forward logistics, creating a system of overlapping supply dumps to expedite amphibious operations. In the concluding billet of his career he served as Assistant Director of Marine Corps Reserves.

3. Eligibility. To be nominated, a candidate must:

a. Be a commissioned officer (Reserve component) in the grade of warrant officer 1 through major and be serving within Marine Forces Reserve. At the time of nomination, the nominee must be serving with the nominating unit and must have served the previous 12 months, on a continuous basis, with the nominating unit.

b. Have a Primary or Secondary MOS of 0402, 0430, 3002, 1302, 2102, 2110, 2120, 2125, 2340, 3102, 3302, 3404, 6002, 6302, 6502, or 6602.

c. Have not been a previous recipient of the award.

4. Award Criteria. A nominee must exemplify those characteristics expected of an outstanding Marine Officer. Criteria for selection will, at a minimum, include:

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a. Demonstrated initiative and innovation in achieving measurable resource savings while promoting mission accomplishment. Resource savings includes any savings of time, money, equipment, supplies, labor, or personnel measured in dollars.

b. Accomplishments that have occurred within the past three years.

c. Any additional criteria deemed applicable by the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve.

5. Action. Commanding Officers/Inspector-Instructors/Site Commanders and Officers In Charge of Selected Marine Corps Reserve (SMCR) units, Mobilization Training Units (MTU), and Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) detachments may, per the provisions of this Order, nominate candidates for the subject award on an annual basis. Procedures are as follows:

a. The Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) G-4, Marine Forces Reserve, will publish a naval message soliciting nominations and identifying requirements for the award no later than 1 September annually.

b. Commanding Officers/Inspector-Instructors/Site Commanders and Officers In Charge of Reserve units and IMA detachments will submit nomination packages via the chain of command to the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve (G-4) no later than 1 November annually. All nominations will include a letter from the nominating officer and an endorsement from the commanding officer.

c. The AC/S G-4, Marine Forces Reserve, will be responsible for convening a selection board, to be comprised of the AC/S G-4 and one representative from each Major Subordinate Command (MSC). The selection board will select the recipient of the award from the list of nominees and forward that name to the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve no later than 1 December annually.

d. The Commander, Marine Forces Reserve, will publish the results of the selection board via naval message and notify the MCROA national headquarters no later than 15 December annually.

e. The MCROA will invite the selected officer to the MCROA annual conference which is normally held in April. The MCROA will sponsor full registration for the officer and, if applicable, accompanying spouse.

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f. Local commands/commanders are responsible for orders and funding for their recipients and any other representative(s) authorized to travel to awards ceremonies.

7. Award. The officer selected as the "BGen Robert G. Ballance Award" recipient will be recognized with a plaque during the annual MCROA convention.



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