COMBAT CENTER ORDER 5750.2A

From: Commanding General
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Subj: COMMEMORATIVE NAMING PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5030.12H
    (b) MCO 5750.1H

1. Situation. In accordance with the references, this Order sets procedures and standards governing the administration of the Commemorative Naming Program and delineates the responsibilities of the tenant commands and the Commemorative Naming Review Board (CNRB), for the naming of streets and facilities aboard Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, California.

2. Cancellation. CCO 5750.2.

3. Mission. This Order establishes procedures and guidance for commanders, staff members, and individuals involved in the nomination and execution of the Commemorative Naming Program for the Combat Center. The purpose of the program is to recognize and pay tribute to heroic and distinguished deceased Navy and Marine Corps personnel and others who have made significant contributions to the benefit of the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

4. Execution
   a. Commander’s Intent and Concept of Operations
      (1) Commander’s Intent. This Order provides instructions and requirements for the development of a comprehensive Commemorative Naming Program for the naming of streets and facilities as a primary means of honoring tradition, building esprit, and transmitting Marine Corps heritage and history to other Marines and Sailors.
      
      (2) Concept of Operations. Commemorative naming of installation buildings, facilities, streets, parks sites, and other property is appropriate in honor of deceased Marines or personnel of other military organizations who have tangible evidence of individual achievement proven to foster military virtue and have also died in service with Marine Corps units. The names of nominees shall be collected and researched by tenant unit commanders and submitted to the Installations’ CNRB prior to approval by the Commanding General (CG), and forwarded to the Director of Marine Corps History (HDR) and the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) for concurrence and approval.

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b. Coordinating Instructions

(1) When a commemorative naming request is received, a CNRB shall be appointed. The CNRB shall be comprised of the Chief of Staff (COS), MAGTF Training Directorate, AC/S Installation Support Directorate (ISD), Director Government External Affairs (GEA), and the Public Works Officer (PWO).

(2) The naming request should include acceptable explanatory and supporting documentation. This may include but is not limited to, the individual Marine and/or Unit Award Citation(s), biographical data, official photographs, newspaper clippings and/or articles, reports, copies of letters, and official correspondences.

(3) Names of nominees will be selected to honor deceased members of the United States Navy and Marine Corps who have made significant contributions to the benefit of these organizations. It may be appropriate to honor persons other than Navy and Marine Corps personnel; however, preference should be given to the names of deceased Navy and Marine Corps personnel recognized for heroic achievements. Preference will also be given to nominees who were assigned to a tenant command/activity aboard the installation or had made substantial contributions to the installation.

(4) Naming requests by tenant commands/activities shall be forwarded initially through the originator's chain of command. Favorable (recommending approval) endorsements from the tenant commands/activities chain of command are essential before any action will be taken by the CNRB.

(5) Upon receipt of the naming request and endorsement(s), the Public Works Division (Planning Branch), ISD, will conduct a review of the package for proper formatting and content prior to submission to the CNRB. Upon submission, each member of the CNRB will review the naming request package and provide a recommendation for the CG's endorsement.

(6) Once the CG makes a decision and provides a recommendation, the Commemorative Naming package will be forwarded to the HDR and to the CMC for final approval.

(7) Facilities will be selected with special consideration being given to age, condition and expected future life span, use and utilization pertaining to Installation Master Plans and updates. Once named, the name of a facility or property will not be changed unless the original name becomes manifestly inappropriate.

(8) To avoid potential embarrassment or disappointment, commands must avoid discussing a nomination with the next of kin. No public disclosure of any nomination will be made prior to HDR and CMC approval.

(9) Upon HDR and CMC approval, the CG will make every reasonable effort to contact the next of kin or descendants to obtain concurrence and to invite their participation in the dedication ceremony.

(10) Director GEA will be responsible to furnish the following information to the HDR upon completion of any Commemorative Naming action ceremonies:

(a) Activity/agency responsible.
(b) Description of property named and exact name given.
(c) Location of property (map or verbal description).
(d) Name and grade of individual commemorated.
(e) Date of naming, along with still photographs, motion picture/video coverage, brochures, correspondences, and newspaper clippings concerning the ceremony.

(11) Tenant units commanders whose nominees are not selected as candidates for the Commemorative Naming Program may apply to the CNRB to have the names of their nominees etched on the granite "decade" obelisks at Heritage Park Complex.

5. Administration and Logistics. Directives issued by this Headquarters are published and distributed electronically. Electronic versions of Combat Center directives can be found at https://www.29palms.marines.mil/Staff-Offices/Adjutant-Office/Orders/.

6. Command and Signal
   a. Command. This Order is applicable to all Commanding Officers, ACs/S, Division Directors, Officers-in-Charge, Special Staff Officers, activities, and units that fall under the cognizance of the CG, MAGTFTC, MCAGCC.
   b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

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Commander

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