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MCJROTC Policy Letter 1-21

From: Director, Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training
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Subj: AWARD POLICY FOR MCJROTC AND MCNDCC CADETS

Ref: (a) Marine Corps Order 1533.6E

1. Effective immediately, the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC) program is implementing a revised award policy for MCJROTC and Marine Corps National Defense Cadet Corps' (MCNDCC) cadets. The MCJROTC program shall permit units to bestow only those awards authorized and approved by the participating school or district and conforming to the Marine Corps' core values to MCJROTC or MCNDCC cadets and for wear on their program uniforms in accordance with reference (a).
2. MCJROTC program will not accept awards displaying the confederate flag in any form or symbols of the confederacy, nor accept awards from individuals wearing confederate uniforms while presenting awards. This policy does not prohibit the school hosting an MCJROTC or MCNDCC unit or an individual student from accepting an award from these organizations or associations, as long as the school or student does not accept the award on behalf of the MCJROTC program or while the cadet is wearing an MCJROTC uniform.
3. MCJROTC and MCNDCC units may accept awards from any veterans and military service organizations listed on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' Directory of Veterans Service Organizations located on the va.gov website.
4. For any other awards offered to MCJROTC and MCNDCC cadets, such as awards from civic organizations and affinity groups, the unit's Senior Marine Instructor (SMI) and Marine Instructor (MI), shall review the award for conformance with Marine Corps' core values and request approval from their respective school's

administration. After review, if the SMI or MI still questions the foundation or fundamentals of the award, then they shall request clarification and authorization from their Region Director.

5. Region Directors shall monitor policy enforcement and notify the MCJROTC program Deputy Director and Operations Manager of potential award issues generating legal or public affairs attention.

6. This guidance will remain in effect until the MCJROTC program updates reference (a).

7. The instructor point of contact for questions regarding implementation of this policy should be directed to the instructor's Region Director.

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