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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 5726.10C

Subj: POLICY FOR NAMING OF CUTTERS AND SHORE FACILITIES

1. PURPOSE. This instruction clarifies and updates the policy governing the naming of cutters and prominent institutional facilities. This instruction is directed to all floating and shore units who are naming, renaming, or dedicating cutters or shore facilities.
2. ACTION. Area, district and sector commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, Commander Deployable Operations groups, commanding officers of headquarters units, and deputy/assistant commandants for directorates, Judge Advocate General, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this Instruction. No paper distribution will be made of this Instruction. Internet release authorized.
3. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. The Policy for Naming of Cutters and Shore Facilities, COMDTINST 5726.10B is cancelled.
4. BACKGROUND. Cutters and facilities are highly visible and represent the Coast Guard in a public setting. It is important to ensure that names of cutters and facilities will convey a proper representation of the Coast Guard. The naming process is significant and lengthy to ensure that only the most suitable of names are chosen to represent the Coast Guard and its core values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty.
5. DISCUSSION.
 - a. Naming procedures for both cutters and shore facilities:
 - (1) Naming Board: The Commandant has appointed a standing board to make recommendations and review all nominations to the Commandant for final approval. Commandant (CG-0922) chairs the board consisting of representatives from

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Commandant (CG-7), (CG-4), (CG-09223), (CG-09224), (CG-005), (CG-00B). It is the responsibility of this board to review all nominations and make sound recommendations to the Commandant for final approval for both cutters and shore facilities.

- (2) Names of individuals will not be considered unless they meet the following criteria:
 - (a) The actions of the individual must reflect Honor, Respect, Devotion to Duty, and must be in keeping with the highest traditions of the Coast Guard.
 - (b) The individual must be considered a distinguished Coast Guard person or someone who had a great influence on Coast Guard history.
 - (c) The individual must be deceased with sufficient time lapsed to ensure that the name will withstand the “test of time.”

b. Coast Guard cutters naming policy:

- (1) Cutters: All ships 65 feet and over. Cutters shall be named after significant geographic locations; distinguished service members and key persons shaping Coast Guard history; Secretaries of the department under which the Coast Guard has served or is serving; important events throughout Coast Guard history; other service ships that were manned by Coast Guard personnel; famous past cutters; flowers/trees; birds; lakes; Indian tribes; Greek gods; winds; bays; rivers; islands; points; capes; tools; nautical gear (e.g. vice, bitt, chock, anvil, etc.).
- (2) The board may consider other categories of names that a nominating official substantiates as appropriate.
- (3) Commandant (CG-751), the Office of Cutter Forces, will be designated as the sponsor for all cutters. The sponsor office shall send a memo to the chair of the board informing the board of new cutters and new classes of cutters that will come online. The board shall be informed of a new cutter as soon as possible in order for the board to ensure they have sufficient time to have a name approved. The sponsor office can bring recommendations of names or themes to the board or solicit the board to research and develop recommendations for the Commandant’s approval. Names must be approved prior to the sponsor for the cutter being named and the keel laid. Sufficient lead-time (12-24 months) is required, since in many instances considerable historical research is needed.
- (4) The standing naming board appointed by the Commandant may invite the sponsor office or other appropriate party as an additional member to sit in on and participate in discussion; however, these members will not be allowed to vote.

c. Major institutional facilities naming policy:

- (1) Any and all types of buildings to include: barracks, mess halls, administration buildings, hangars, athletic facilities, supply depots, auditoriums, etc., shall be forwarded for review of the standing board. Upon review, the standing board will make recommendations to the Commandant for final approval.
 - (2) Interior compartments are not required to go before the board for approval. Examples of these include: class rooms, wings, halls, miscellaneous rooms, etc. Naming these compartments, while they do not require Commandant approval, is still a matter that should be researched thoroughly to ensure they are named after deserving members who meet the heroic or distinguished requirements.
 - (3) Buildings shall be named after individuals who have historical significance to the Coast Guard. They include but are not limited to Coast Guard personnel who are first, lasts; those who died in action/line of duty; war heroes; people who had a significant impact on Coast Guard history; Lifesaving, Lighthouse and Revenue Cutter Service personnel; persons who have earned lifesaving medals.
 - (4) Outdoor facilities, (street, circle, lanes, parking lots, moorings, athletic facilities, athletic fields, waterfront facilities, air fields, etc.) shall be named for Coast Guard cutters, historically significant people, famous battles, nautical terms, lighthouses, light stations, lifesaving stations, or noteworthy rescues. The board has delegated to unit and/or installation commanders the authority to name outdoor facilities.
 - (5) The board may consider other categories of names that a nominating official substantiates as appropriate.
 - (6) District commanders and commanding officers of Headquarters units shall forward to Commandant (CG-09223) via the chain of command nominations of names for facilities to arrive at least 90 days prior to the anticipated date of the dedication ceremony. Nomination packages must include a request to Commandant to name a facility. This request shall include the anticipated date of the dedication ceremony along with a detailed description how the name being requested meets the requirements outlined above. An example request can be obtained by contacting Commandant (CG-09223).
 - (7) Commandant (CG-09224), the Office of the Coast Guard Historian, will provide assistance in researching a name if desired. Sufficient lead-time (3-6 months) is required, since in many instances considerable historical research is needed.
6. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this Instruction and have been determined to be not applicable.

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7. FORMS/REPORTS. None.

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& Public Affairs