NROTC UNIT, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTION 1650.1

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, Arizona State University

Subj: HONORARY SEA DEVIL AWARD

Encl: (1) Example of Award Plaque

1. Purpose. To publish policy and procedures for nomination and recognition of individuals as honorary members of the Sea Devil Battalion.

2. Background. Since its commissioning, ASU NROTC has benefited from the material efforts and contributions of members of the university and local community. This award and the title of Honorary Sea Devil, granted as an expression of gratitude, is intended to recognize those individuals whose contributions have had positive long-term impact on the Sea Devil Battalion and its midshipmen as they work towards their commissioning as Navy and Marine Corps officers.

3. Policy. Criteria for awarding honorary membership is broad but must rise to a level of significant impact determined by the battalion staff and the active duty staff to warrant special and lasting recognition. An example of such impact was the tireless dedication and efforts of the first recipients of the award, Captain(ret) John and Mrs. Mary Sentz, who were the community catalysts behind creation of a NROTC unit at Arizona State University, as well as the benefactors of the annual Sentz Commissioning Sword Award for a graduating Navy Option midshipman. The intent is that this award be rare, perhaps less than once per year, due to the high threshold of impact intended to be recognized.

   a. Nomination for Award. Nominations for induction as Honorary Sea Devils must include the name, contributions and impact of nominees. Nominations may be made in the following ways:

      (1) By midshipmen via the battalion chain of command; ultimately endorsed by the Battalion Commanding Officer for submission to the Battalion Officer (Marine Officer Instructor).
(2) By staff/faculty members to the Executive Officer.

(3) By the Commanding Officer.

b. Determination of Award. Nominations will be vetted in a board process by the staff/faculty with a vote and recommendation of the appropriateness of award to the CO. The XO shall oversee this process. The CO shall make the final award determination.

c. Award Notification and Presentation. Initial notification of the award should be by the CO via a personal letter to the recipients. Names of recipients and their induction date will be added to the perpetual plaque displayed in the Department of Naval Science Lobby. The award should be presented by the Battalion Commanding Officer in front of the battalion during a scheduled lab period. The award will be in the form of a plaque as depicted in enclosure (1). It should include a photo that personalizes the award and reflects the contributions of the awardees. The verbiage on the award plaque shall be:

Honorary Sea Devil(s)  
For Their Dedicated Support  
Res, non verba  

Names of Individual(s)  
Inducted  
Month, Year

Note: Res, non verba translates roughly to: Deeds, not words.

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Honorary Sea Devils
For Their Dedicated Support
Res, non verba

CAPT John D. & Mrs. Mary J. Sentz
Inducted
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