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NAVSEA INSTRUCTION 8500.1C

From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

Subj: REWARDS FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO RECOVERY OF LOST MINES,
TORPEDOES AND MOBILE TARGETS; POLICY FOR

Ref: (a) NAVCOMPT Manual, Paras. 046380-4 and 046380-5
(b) Title 10 United States Code, Section 7209

1. Purpose. To set forth policy regarding rewards for information leading to the recovery of lost mines, torpedoes, mobile targets and major components thereof.

2. Cancellation. This instruction cancels and supersedes NAVSEA Instruction 8500.1B of 6 September 1983.

3. Background. Provision is made in reference (a), pursuant to existing statutory authority, for payment of monetary rewards for the recovery of lost mines, torpedoes and mobile targets. This authority is set forth in reference (b). To encourage the recovery of these weapons and major components thereof, the policy of the Naval Sea Systems Command in regard to the payment of recovery rewards is set forth herein. Major components are major sections of the weapon, such as mine cases, exercise heads, battery compartments and mine mechanism compartments. Not included are minor assemblies or components such as depth mechanisms, gyros, stabilizers, and clock delay mechanisms.

4. Authorization

a. Under the provisions of reference (a), the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command hereby authorizes Commanding Officers to offer:

(1) Up to \$100 for information leading to the recovery of lost non-self-propelled mines.

(2) Up to \$500 for information leading to the recovery of lost self-propelled mines, non-expendable targets, or torpedoes.

(3) Up to \$250 for information leading to the return of major components of the weapons systems specified in subparagraph 4a(2) above.



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5. Action

a. Funds will be made available for use by the following shore activities in payment of the subject rewards:

(1) Mines and mine components - Naval Surface Warfare Center Coastal Systems Station Dahlgren Division (NAVSURFWARCEN COASTSYSTA) Panama City, Florida.

(2) Non-expendable targets and torpedoes - Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NAVUNSEAWARCEN) Keyport, Washington.

b. Requests for reward funding shall be forwarded by message to either NAVSURFWARCEN COASTSYSTA or NAVUNSEAWARCEN, depending on whether material recovered relates to mines, targets or torpedoes. The circumstances for the reward requirement, including the amount needed, shall be stated in each request. Annual funding for rewards will not be issued to activities other than NAVSURFWARCEN or NAVUNSEAWARCEN.

c. NAVSURFWARCEN and NAVUNSEAWARCEN shall issue detailed instructions concerning disposition of recovered mine, target or torpedo material as occurring.

d. The message requesting a reward shall be in the following format:

(1) Registry number of weapon or component.

(2) Time and location of recovery.

(3) Type and name of craft locating/recovering weapon or component.

(4) Name, address and telephone number of person locating/recovering weapon or component.

(5) Point of contact at the Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) receiving weapon or component.

(6) Condition of recovered item (not applicable unless it can be shown that person locating/recovering item willfully caused damage).

6. Reward Notice

a. As stipulated in reference (a), the offer of a reward must be published before a reward can be paid. Commanding Officers must publish the offer of a reward by posting an annual notice on the bulletin boards of public buildings and other appropriate locations. The standard phraseology for this notice is as follows:

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"The Department of the Navy of the United States of America hereby offers a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the recovery of a lost self-propelled mine, torpedo, or mobile target (other than expendable targets); up to \$100 for information leading to the recovery of a lost non-self-propelled mine; or up to \$250 for information leading to the recovery of major components thereof. All information concerning the location of lost mines, torpedoes, mobile targets, or major components shall be communicated to the (name and address of activity), or any available Navy or Coast Guard activity. This offer will expire on September 30, _____ (current fiscal year).

Warning: Persons engaged in fishing, trawling or any other activity off the coasts of the United States are warned that both non-explosive and explosive ordnance may be present in the waters subjected to fishing, or trawling. Non-explosive ordnance such as practice mines and torpedoes will normally be painted either bright orange or white with bright-orange stripes. Any item which cannot be readily identified by sight as a non-explosive ordnance item MUST BE TREATED AS AN EXPLOSIVE ITEM. Should any mine or torpedo (explosive or non-explosive) be brought to the surface of the water, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO BRING IT ON BOARD OR ALONGSIDE. If possible, release the object immediately and radio the nearest Coast Guard or Navy activity giving position as accurately as possible. If the object cannot be released, or freed by cutting the net or line, the following actions are advised: (1) stream object as far aft as possible; (2) notify the nearest Coast Guard or Navy activity and stand by for instructions or help; (3) position crew at forward end of vessel keeping deck house between themselves and object astern; (4) maintain steerageway as necessary to stay in the area until help or instructions arrive."

b. The preceding does not preclude the inclusion by the Commanding Officer of any other information which in his opinion is appropriate and might facilitate the return of subject equipment.

7. Any claim regarding reimbursement for personal injury or damage to equipment associated with the subject matter of this instruction is an item of separate cognizance and should be reported immediately to the appropriate Navy legal office and the Admiralty Claims Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy.



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