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## COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 5726.10B

Subj: Policy for Naming of Cutters and Shore Facilities

1. PURPOSE. This Instruction clarifies policy governing the naming of cutters and prominent institutional facilities. It is not the intent of the instruction that previously named facilities be renamed. This instruction is directed to all floating and shore units.
2. DIRECTIVES AFFECTED. COMDTINST 5726.10A is cancelled.
3. BACKGROUND.
  - a. Cutters have traditionally been named for geographic locations, flowers/trees, Indian tribes, winds, bays, islands, points, capes, tools/nautical terms, etc.
  - b. Facilities have generally been named to honor the memory of heroic or distinguished officers and enlisted personnel of the Service. Such names have been used to designate barracks, halls, recreational facilities, classroom buildings, wings, rooms, training facilities, housing units, maintenance buildings, streets, etc.
4. DISCUSSION.
  - a. Coast Guard ships and facilities to be considered for naming are:
    - (1) Cutters: All ships 65 feet and over.
    - (2) Major institutional facilities: barracks, mess halls, administration buildings, classroom buildings, streets, athletic facilities, waterfront facilities, air fields, hangars, supply depots, etc.

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4. b. Categories that will be considered are:

- (1) CUTTERS shall be named for geographic locations; famous battles; other service ships that were manned by Coast Guard personnel; flowers/trees; birds; lakes; Indian tribes; Greek gods; winds; bays; rivers; action words; famous past cutters; islands; points; capes; Secretaries of the Department under which the Coast Guard was serving at the time of their tenure; former Commandants; Coast Guard heroes or other very distinguished Coast Guard personnel; tools; nautical gear (e.g. vice, bitt, chock, anvil, etc.).
- (2) BUILDINGS shall be named after individuals who have historical significance to the Coast Guard. They include but are not limited to Coast Guard people who are firsts/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; lifesaving medal winners.
- (3) OUTDOOR FACILITIES (streets, circles, lanes, parking lots, athletic facilities, waterfront facilities, air fields, hangars, etc.) shall be named for Coast Guard cutters, historically significant people, famous battles, nautical terms, lighthouse, light stations, lifesaving stations, or noteworthy rescues.
- (4) Other categories of names that a nominating official substantiates as appropriate may be considered by the board.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. The Commandant has appointed a standing board to make recommendations for cutter names, to review nominations for facility names, and to recommend sponsors for ship commissionings. It is the responsibility of this board to review all nominations and make recommendations to the Commandant for final approval.
- b. Commandant (G-CP) chairs the board consisting of representatives from Commandant (G-C-5), (G-CMCPO), (G-Nd), (G-Od), (G-Ed), (G-CP/Historian), and (G-CP-3).

6. PROCEDURES.

- a. District commanders and commanding officers of Headquarters units shall forward to Commandant (G-CP-3) nominations of names for facilities at least 90 days prior to the anticipated date of the dedication ceremony.
- b. The standing board will prepare nominations for names of all new classes of cutters, review all nominations of names for facilities and provide its recommendations to the Commandant for final approval.
- c. Commandant (G-CP-3) will provide assistance in researching a name if desired. Sufficient lead time (6- 12 months) is required, since in many instances considerable historical research is needed.

7. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, unit commanding officers and Commander, CG Activities Europe shall ensure that nominations are submitted as described above.

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