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COMMANDANT NOTICE 1020

Subj: ENLISTED RATING BADGES AND JRR RATING CHANGES

Ref: (a) Uniform Regulations Manual, COMDTINST M1020.6(series)

1. PURPOSE. This Notice provides policy guidance on enlisted rating badges following the Joint Rating Review (JRR) merger. This Notice also provides information to all members (active duty and reservists) on a supplementary uniform payment to compensate for this uniform change.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarter units, assistant commandants, Chief Counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall give this Notice widest dissemination. Internet release is authorized.
3. DISCUSSION.
  - a. On 1 July 2003, the Joint Rating Review (JRR) mergers will take place. Over 2400 members will change their rating badges following the merger. BM will use the current BM insignia, ET will use the current ET insignia, OS will use the current RD insignia, and IT will use the current TT insignia. These changes will be included in a future change to reference (a).
  - b. The Coast Guard will reimburse those members actually changing their rating badge for the cost of one rating badge at the Uniform Distribution Center's (UDC) 2003 Prices. Purchases can be made from the UDC or local exchange; however, reimbursements will be at UDC prices just as clothing maintenance allowance is based on UDC prices. Members may obtain ordering information at the UDC website <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/g-wp/udc> or by calling (800)874-6841. Members may begin purchasing new rating badges at any time. Current UDC prices for each rating badge is as follows:

Paygrade	BM Rating	ET Rating	IT Rating	OS Rating
E-9	\$21.20	\$21.20	\$21.20	\$21.20
E-8	\$19.27	\$19.27	\$19.27	\$19.27
E-7	\$17.75	\$17.75	\$17.75	\$17.75
E-6/5/4	\$ 2.90	\$ 3.35	\$ 1.10	\$ 2.00

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	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
A	2	2	2		2	2	1		1	1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1					
B		8	10	2	1	1	5	5	5	1	1	3	1	5	2	1	2	10	1	1	5		3		1	
C	5	3	1	3	1	1	2	1	3		2	2	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
D	2	1	1	3	1	1		1	1				1						1	1						
E	1							1					1	1		1										
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Members will be authorized to wear new rating badges beginning 1 May 2003. Discontinued rating badges (FT/QM/TC) will no longer be authorized for wear after 30 June 2003. Legacy rating badges will remain on sale for purchase as keepsakes until 1 August 2003.

- c. Members will be reimbursed according to their paygrade on 1 July 2003. Designated members will be paid at the E-4 prices. Human Resources Service and Information Center (HRSIC) will credit a member's pay account in an amount equal to the UDC purchase price for one new rating badge. For example: A QM1 is merging into the BM rating and is also scheduled to advance to E-7 on 1 July 2003. On 1 July 2003, the member will merge, advance and become a BMC on the same date. He or she will then be reimbursed for a BMC rating badge (\$17.75). Members can expect to receive reimbursement for their new rating badge in their 1 August pay.
- d. For additional information contact LT Seaton, JRR Staff, (202)493-0176, or your Rating Force Master Chief.

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