



COMDTINST 1650.6A  
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COMMANDANT INSTRUCTION 1650.6A

Subj: CDR RAY EVANS OUTSTANDING COXSWAIN TROPHY

Ref: (a) U. S. Coast Guard Boat Operations and Training (BOAT) Manual, Volume I,  
COMDTINST M16114.32 (series)  
(b) Medals and Awards Manual, COMDTINST M1650.25 (series)

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Instruction is to establish policies, procedures, and standards for the administration of the CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy.
2. ACTION. Area and district commanders, commanders of maintenance and logistics commands, commanding officers of headquarters units, assistant commandants for directorates, Chief Counsel, and special staff offices at Headquarters shall ensure compliance with the provisions of this instruction. Internet Release Authorized.
3. DIRECTIVE AFFECTED. CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy, COMDTINST 1650.6, is canceled.
4. BACKGROUND. The trophy's namesake, CDR Ray Evans, is one of the most celebrated heroes in Coast Guard history. CDR Evans received the Navy Cross, as a Signalman First Class, for his gallant efforts while fighting along side fellow coxswain Douglas Munro on September 27, 1942 at Point Cruz on Guadalcanal. CDR Evans provided covering fire for and evacuated elements of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, who were under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller. CDR Evans remained at his post for the entire operation and, with every other member of his crew killed or wounded, he maintained control of the boat with one hand on the wheel and continued to fire his automatic machine gun with the other, until the last boat cleared the beach. Only those who displayed extreme acts of combat heroism and other distinguished service were awarded the Navy

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Cross. CDR Evans demonstrated exemplary performance and superior technical, professional, leadership, and seamanship abilities while operating his Higgins boat.

5. DISCUSSION. The intent of the CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy is to recognize exemplary coxswains. Only those coxswains who demonstrate sustained superior performance, proficiencies and leadership should be nominated for the CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy. Nominees must reflect our Core Values of Honor, Respect, and Devotion to Duty and be a role model whom his or her crew members strive to emulate. The award nominee's activities shall have occurred during the designated calendar year. The CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy winner will hold the distinction for one year.
6. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. All nominees must be:
  - a. Active duty or reserve; E-3 (with designator) through E-6.
  - b. Coxswain certified in accordance with reference (a).
  - c. Assigned to a Boat Forces unit during the entire eligibility period. For the purpose of this Instruction, eligible Boat Forces units shall include Sectors (Stations, Aids to Navigation Teams, Marine Safety Units, and Sector Field Offices), Maritime Safety and Security Teams, Maritime Security Response Teams, Strike Teams, Port Security Units, and Cutters.
  - d. In compliance with Coast Guard weight standards.
  - e. No non-judicial punishment, no civil convictions, have a mark of "Satisfactory" in Conduct, and no mark less than four on their Enlisted Performance Evaluation Form (CG-3788) during the entire eligibility period.
7. SELECTION CRITERIA. The award recipient will be the candidate who possesses the strongest combination of the following criteria:
  - a. Leadership.
  - b. Proficiencies.
  - c. Performance of Duty.
8. NOMINATIONS. The Office of Boat Forces will solicit nominations during the month of February each year. All nominations shall be submitted by the nominee's commanding officer/officer in charge to the Office of Boat Forces via the chain of command using the format provided in enclosure (2). Nominations shall not exceed three pages.
9. SELECTION PROCESS: The Office of Boat Forces will convene a selection panel in March.
  - a. The selection panel will consist of representatives from the Office of Boat Forces, Boat Forces Center, and National Motor Lifeboat School, the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, and the Boatswain's Mate Rating Force Master Chief.

- b. The panel will select an award recipient based on the criteria in paragraph seven of this instruction.
  - c. The selection panel will select the award recipient and forward the recommendation to the Office of Boat Forces by 30 March.
10. CEREMONY. The Office of Boat Forces will announce the CDR Ray Evan Outstanding Coxswain Trophy award recipient via message in April. An award ceremony will be held at an appropriate time and location, as soon after the announcement as practical.
- a. Travel expenses for the award recipient, as well as travel for their spouse, will be funded by the Office of Boat Forces.
  - b. The award recipient will receive a miniature plaque which depicts an original lifeboat with a brief inscription.
  - c. The award recipient will have their name inscribed on a large bronze and wooden plaque permanently displayed at the Boat Forces Center in Yorktown, Virginia, and Coast Guard Headquarters.
11. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. This instruction will be incorporated into the next change of reference (b). Questions should be directed to the Office of Boat Forces, Commandant (G-RCB-1).
12. ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECT AND IMPACT CONSIDERATIONS. Environmental considerations were examined in the development of this Instruction and have been determined to be not applicable.
13. FORMS/REPORTS. None.

R. D. Sirois /s/  
Assistant Commandant for Response

Encl: (1) CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy Nomination Format  
(2) Navy Cross Citation to Signman Ray Evans

U.S. Department of  
Homeland Security

United States  
Coast Guard



Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge  
(Unit)

Unit Address  
City, State, Zip  
Phone:  
Fax:

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Date

## MEMORANDUM

From: x. x. xxxx, BMx  
(Unit Abbreviation)

Reply to  
Attn of: xxxxxx xxxxxxx

To: COMDT (G-RCB-1)  
Thru: (1) (Unit Abbreviation)  
(2) (Unit Abbreviation)

Subj: NOMINATION OF BMx xxxxxxx xxxxxxx FOR THE 20xx CDR RAY EVANS  
OUTSTANDING COXSWAIN TROPHY

Ref: (a) CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy, COMDTINST 1650.6A

1. It is my distinct pleasure to nominate BMx xxxxxxx xxxxxxx for the 20xx CDR Ray Evans Outstanding Coxswain Trophy.
2. BMx xxxxxxx meets the eligibility requirements as outlined in reference (a):
3. BMx xxxxxxx is an exemplary coxswain as demonstrated by:
  - a. Leadership.
  - b. Proficiencies.
  - c. Performance of Duty.
4. Summary of Action.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

WASHINGTON

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the NAVY CROSS to:

RAYMOND J. EVANS, CHIEF SIGNALMAN  
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

for services as set forth in the following

CITATION:

“For extraordinary heroism as a member of the crew of a Higgins boat assisting in the rescue of a group of Marines surrounded by enemy Japanese forces on a beachhead of Guadalcanal, Solomons Islands, on September 27, 1942. Although he knew that his boat was to be used for the purpose of drawing enemy fire away from other craft evacuating the trapped Marines, Evans, with utter disregard for his own personal safety, volunteered as a member of the crew. Gallantly remaining at his post during the entire evacuation and with every other member of his crew killed or wounded, he maintained control of the boat with one hand on the wheel and continued to fire his automatic machine gun with the other, until the last boat cleared the beach. By his great personal valor, skill and outstanding devotion to duty in the face of grave danger, he contributed directly to the success of his mission by saving the lives of many who otherwise might have perished.”

For the President

/S/ Frank Knox  
Secretary of the Navy