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From: Commander
To: Distribution List

Subj: MAJOR GENERAL HUGH W. HARDY AWARD

Encl: (1) Biographical Sketch

1. Purpose. To provide information and instructions on the subject award.

2. General. The Major General Hugh W. Hardy award is an award presented annually to the most outstanding Marine Forces Reserve Force level asset unit. The enclosure is a biographical sketch of Major General Hugh W. Hardy.

3. Eligibility. Any Force asset unit which reports directly to the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve (COMMARFORRES) is eligible for this award.

4. Award Criteria

- a. Mobilization Readiness.
- b. Unit Training Program and its effectiveness.
- c. Results of Inspections
 - (1) Last Commanding General's Inspection (CGI).
 - (2) Last Mobilization Operational Readiness Deployment Test (MORDT).
- d. Marksmanship requalification percentage (i.e., tested and passed).
- e. Physical Fitness Test percentage (last calendar year).
- f. Monthly drill attendance percentage (last calendar year).
- g. Annual Training (AT) attendance and performance to include, but limited to the number attending alternate AT and number attending additional AT.
- h. Participation in local community programs, to include Toys for Tots.

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5. Selection. The Commander, Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) will select the Major General Hugh W. Hardy award winner.

6. Presentation

a. Presentation will be made at a ceremony held at the Annual Marine Corps Reserve Officer's Association (MCROA) Convention by the President of the Association or his designated representative.

b. The Commander, MARFORRES will fund and issue temporary additional duty orders for the Inspector-Instructor and Active Duty Special Work orders for the Commanding Officer or Officer In Charge to attend the presentation ceremony.

c. The winning unit will be presented with a trophy inscribed with its name that will remain at the respective unit's site for one year, at which time it will be relinquished back to the MCROA for presentation to the next year's winning unit. At the time the trophy is relinquished, the previous year's winning unit will additionally receive a plaque which will remain permanently at the unit's site.

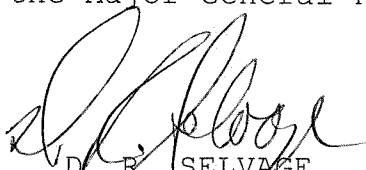
d. It is the responsibility of the winning unit to ensure that the trophy will be at the MCROA National Convention the following year.

7. Action

a. Nominations, with supporting documentation, will be submitted by letter to the Commander, MARFORRES (ADJ), to arrive no later than 1 February annually.

b. The Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S) G-1, MARFORRES will establish a board of senior officers to select the most outstanding Force asset unit.

c. The AC/S G-1, MARFORRES will inform the Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association National Headquarters no later than 1 March annually of the selection as the Major General Hardy award recipient.


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MAJOR GENERAL HUGH W. HARDY, USMCR, Retired

Major General Hugh W. Hardy was born on December 10, 1924, in Shattuck, Oklahoma. He graduated from Capitol Hill High School, Oklahoma City in 1942 and attended the Georgia School of Technology as a Marine Corps Reserve Class 111-D student, majoring in Engineering (1943-44) and graduated with a B.S. degree in Geological Engineering from the University of Oklahoma (1947).

He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve on December 2, 1942, was ordered to active duty with the Marine Corps unit at Georgia Tech (1943), and subsequently underwent recruit training at Parris Island, South Carolina (1945). He completed Platoon Commander's School, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina on November 10, 1945, and was commissioned a reserve second lieutenant prior to release to inactive duty.

General Hardy was mobilized with the Galveston, Texas, Company B, 14th Infantry Battalion, USMCR, in August 1950. Following an initial assignment to the 1st Replacement Draft at Camp Pendleton, California, he was ordered to Quantico, Virginia, in September and attended the First Special Basic Course. From January 1951 to March 1952, he served with the 2d Marine Division Camp Lejeune. During his period with the 1st Battalion, 8th Marines, he served with that unit in the Mediterranean as part of the 6th Fleet, U.S. Navy.

Following his release from active duty in March 1952, General Hardy served as Commanding Officer, 90th Special Infantry Company, Company Commander, "A" Co., Company Commander "H&S" Co., Battalion S-3, and Battalion Executive Officer, successively with the 6th Infantry Battalion, USMCR; Executive Officer, 1st Battalion, 23d Marines, USMCR; Instructor VTU 9-22, USMCR; Commanding Officer, 3d Amphibian Tractor Company, USMCR; Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, 23d Marines, USMCR; Officer Student with NROS, Navy Headquarters, Commander-in-Chief, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean, London, England; Training Officer, Administrative Officer and Executive Officer, VTU 8-22, USMCR; and Commanding Officer, 4th Staff Group, USMCR, Houston, Texas.

In 1970, General Hardy served as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, 21st Marine Expeditionary Brigade, during RESMEBEX-70 Operation HIGH DESERT.

ENCLOSURE (1)

During 1971 and 1972 he served as Commanding Officer of the 8th Staff Group, he commanded the 56th, 85th and 81st Marine Amphibious Units, USMCR, during exercises PINE CONE, D15EX-72, and CUTLASS SWEEP. Since his promotion to Brigadier General, he served in training assignments as Assistant Commanding General, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, California, and Assistant Division Commander, 4th Marine Division, FMF, USMCR, Camp Pendleton, California. As ADC, General Hardy served as the Exercise Director of RESMAULEX 2-75 for exercise HIDDEN WARRIOR and Commanding General, 5th Marine Amphibious Brigade during RESMABLEX 1-76, exercise LITTLE BROTHER. He also represented the Marine Corps at the Congress of Inter-Allied Reserve Officers (CIOR), in Copenhagen, Denmark in August 1976. He then served as a member on the Secretary of the Navy's Marine Corps Reserve Policy Board in 1977 and was President of that Board. He was then assigned as Deputy to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Development and Education Command at Quantico, Virginia.

From June 25 to August 15, 1980, General Hardy was temporarily assigned as Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. He then served as Special Assistant to the Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton. Prior to his retirement from the Marine Corps Reserve on December 1, 1982, the General's mobilization designated assignment was Commanding General, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, effective April 15, 1981. General Hardy was presented the Legion of Merit upon his retirement.

General Hardy wears the Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal with three bronze stars, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Marine Corps Reserve Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the Navy Occupation Service Medal with European clasp.

He was promoted as follows: First Lieutenant, November 10, 1948; Captain, June 25, 1952; Major, July 12, 1956; Lieutenant Colonel, July 1, 1964; Colonel, May 1, 1969; Brigadier General, May 1, 1973; and Major General on May 1, 1974.

General Hardy is employed by the GeoQuest Exploration, Inc., as a corporate officer, in Houston, Texas. He and his wife, the former Joyce Elaine Smith of Galveston, Texas, have four daughters: Mrs. Karyn E. Parker of Bethesda, Maryland; and Kathryn L., Karolyn L., and Kay L., of Houston, Texas.