

Department of the Army, DoD

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October 1, 1964. Retroactive award requests will be submitted to the Commander, USAJFKSWCS, ATTN: AOJK-GPB (C/21 SWTG LNO), Fort Bragg, NC 28310. Retroactive requests for veterans must be forwarded to the National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: NRPMA-M, 9700 Page Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

(e) *Revocation.* The SODB and the SODSB may be revoked by the Commander, USAJFKSWCS or the CG, USA HRC, based on the recommendation of the field commander (COL and above). If the commander believes the individual has exhibited a pattern of behavior or duty performance that is inconsistent with expectations of the Army, or the qualified service member does not continuously demonstrate enhanced degrees of confidence, commitment, competency and discipline, then the badge may be revoked. Award of the SODB and the SODSB may be revoked for any of the following conditions:

(1) Dismissal, dishonorable discharge, or conviction by courts-martial for desertion in time of war.

(2) Failure to maintain prescribed standards of personal fitness and readiness to accomplish missions commensurate with position and rank.

(3) Upon relief or release for cause.

(f) *Description.* (1) SODB. A silver badge 1½ inches (2.86cm) in height consisting of a diver's head in full gear in front of two crossed Sykes-Fairbain Commando daggers points up. Around either side of the diver's head is diving shark with tail fin behind the dagger point.

(2) SODSB. A silver badge 1½ inches (2.86cm) in height consisting of a diver's head in full gear in front of two crossed Sykes-Fairbain Commando daggers points up. Around either side of the diver's head a diving shark with tail fin behind the dagger point. Over the mouth piece is a star surrounded by a wreath of laurel.

§ 578.84 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badges.

(a) *Badges authorized.* There are three types of explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) badges authorized for award. They are the Basic, Senior, and Master.

(b) *Badge approval authority.* Commanding generals of divisions and higher commands; commanders of separate groups or equivalent headquarters exercising operational control of EOD personnel or units, Commandant, U.S. Army Ordnance Missile & Munitions Center & School, and a commander of an EOD Control Group, or units may approve awards of all levels of badges.

(c) *Basic eligibility criteria.* Eligibility requirements for each badge are provided below.

(d) *Description.* A silver badge, 1¾ inches in height, consisting of shield charged with a conventional, drop bomb, point down, from which radiates four lightning flashes, all in front of and contained within a wreath of laurel leaves. The Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge is the same as the basic badge except the drop bomb bears a 7/32 inch silver star. The Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge is the same as the Senior Badge except a star, surrounded by a laurel wreath, is added above the shield.

§ 578.85 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge—Basic.

(a) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer or enlisted soldier may be awarded the badge if he or she meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

(1) Successful completion of conventional render safe qualification as prescribed for the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) course of instruction (minimum requirement).

(2) Assigned in a TOE or TDA EOD position for which basic EOD course is a prerequisite.

(3) Service in a position in paragraph (a)(2) of this section must be satisfactory for a period of 18 months for the award to be permanent.

(4) Officers must have a special skill identifier of 91E, and enlisted personnel must hold the military occupational specialty 55D.

(b) *Who may award.* See § 578.84 of this part.

§ 578.86 Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

(a) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer or enlisted soldier

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may be awarded the badge if he or she has:

(1) Been awarded the basic Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge and effective May 1, 1989, has served 36 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or table of distribution (TD) EOD position following award of basic badge.

(2) Effective May 1, 1989, has served 36 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD EOD position following award of the basic badge. Prior to May 1, 1989, must have served 18 months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD EOD position following award of the basic badge.

(3) Been recommended for the award by immediate commander.

(4) Current explosive ordnance disposal qualifications at the time of recommendation for the award.

(b) *Who may award.* See § 578.84 of this part.

§ 578.87 Master Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

(a) *Eligibility requirements.* Any commissioned officer, or enlisted soldier may be awarded the badge if he or she meets, or has met, all the following requirements:

(1) Must have been awarded the Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

(2) Sixty months cumulative service assigned to a TOE or TD officer or non-commissioned officer EOD position since award of Senior Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badge.

(3) Must be recommended for the award by immediate commander.

(4) Explosive ordnance disposal qualifications must be current at the time of recommendation for the award.

(b) *Who may award.* See § 578.84 of this part.

§ 578.88 Pathfinder Badge.

(a) *Eligibility criteria.* (1) Successful completion of the Pathfinder Course conducted by the U.S. Army Infantry School.

(2) Any person previously awarded the Pathfinder award for completion of Pathfinder training is authorized award of the Pathfinder Badge.

(b) *Badge approval authority.* The Pathfinder Badge may be approved by the Commandant, U.S. Army Infantry School.

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(c) *Description.* A gold color metal and enamel badge $1\frac{3}{16}$ inches in height and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width, consisting of a gold sinister wing displayed on and over a gold torch with red and gray flames.

§ 578.89 Air Assault Badge.

(a) *Basic eligibility criteria.* The basic eligibility criteria consist of satisfactory completion of—

(1) An air assault training course according to the TRADOC standardized Air Assault Core Program of Instruction.

(2) The standard Air Assault Course while assigned or attached to 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) since April 1, 1974.

(b) *Badge approval authority.* Badge approval authority is as follows:

(1) Commanders of divisions and separate brigades.

(2) The Commander, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

(c) *Description.* An oxidized silver badge $\frac{3}{4}$ inch in height and $1\frac{1}{32}$ inches in width, consisting of a helicopter, frontal view, superimposed upon a pair of stylized wings displayed and curving. The wings suggest flight and together with the helicopter symbolize individual skills and qualifications in assault landings utilizing the helicopter.

§ 578.90 Aviation Badges.

(a) *Badges authorized.* There are three degrees of Aviation Badge (formerly the Aircraft Crew Member Badge) authorized for award, Basic, Senior and Master.

(b) *Badge approval authority.* Commanders exercising jurisdiction over the individuals' personnel records will make permanent award of these badges. Permanent award of these badges based upon wounds or combat missions will be referred to Commander, USA HRC (see § 578.3(c) for address). Request for award of the Senior and Master Aviation Badges that cannot be resolved at the MPD/PSC will be forwarded to the Commander, U.S. Army Aviation Center, ATTN: ATZQ-AP, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5000.

(c) *Special policy.* (1) The retroactive date for these badges is January 1, 1947.