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PERSONAL FOR RIVER SQUADRON AND RIVER DIVISION  
COMMANDERS

Subj: Awards Guidance

1. Within the PER Force there has been an understandable inconsistency in end of tour award recommendations. Several of you have not been recommending awards high enough, when compared to the others. Of course, every Division Commander will not view the submission of award recommendations in the same light. However, in order to establish greater consistency and to afford appropriate recognition for PER officers and enlisted men the following, based on experience over the past 2 1/2 years, is provided.

<u>Individual</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Award</u>
Patrol Officer Boat Captain	Over 100 patrols and over 20 firefights	Bronze Star Medal
Patrol Officer Boat Captain	Under 100 patrols and less than 20 firefights	Navy Commendation Medal
Crewmember	Over 200 patrols and over 30 firefights exemplary service	Bronze Star Medal
Crewmember	Over 150 patrols and over 10 firefights	Navy Commendation Medal
Crewmember	Over 100 patrols and slight action	Navy Achievement Medal

2. The foregoing is purely a guideline based on an average of the recommendations forwarded to and approved by CINCPACFLT. Variation from this guideline -- both up and down -- is certainly warranted when superior or sub-standard performance is the case. Accordingly, Commanders are to note the guidelines, but not rely on them completely. There is room for discretion, especially in the area of number of firefights.

3. In all cases, some mention of specific action is desired.

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