

Army Sea Duty Ribbon - "ASDR"

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Although it took over 4 years of effort, the Army Transportation Corps, Marine Division is proud to have it's very own Sea Duty Ribbon. This is the first Non-Campaign Ribbon approved by the Army in over 20 years. This ribbon will be retroactively awarded to those having served as far back as 1952. At that time, the Army Transportation Corp was preparing the first heavy boat companies for deployment to Korea.

The original requirements set out by Awards HRC required active duty soldiers to have a 2 years cumulative sea duty time and those who were ARNG or USAR to have either 2 – 25 day deployments or a single 90 day deployment with two creditable years in a water transportation unit. Class "A" or "B" craft. Provisions for a posthumous award also exist.

The Office of the Chief of Transportation (OCOT) recognized this omission shortly after the approval was signed. A waiver was submitted to the "Chief " Marine Qualifications Division by the 458th Transportation / 458th PBR. After careful review, the OCOT made the following decisions:

- 1 Issue 'Honorary' ASDR's to veterans not meeting current award criteria having served with a Water Transportation Units a minimum underway time of 90 Days.
- 2 "Combat Zone" or wording there of will be placed into the current regulation language for the initial award, two years for subsequent award.
- 3 Military Policemen who served upon PBR's as crew will be treated as Transporters within the 458th Transportation Co. (PBR)
- 4 Issued Honorary Award, to be submitted for full award after the new language is signed off and finally added to their DD215.

So now you can Celebrate! This includes all you who served as crew in the 1099, 1098 and 1097th. If you were assigned crew and served your tour you earned it ! Lark5, Mike boats, LCU's & PBR's are all included in this agreement by the principles of the OCOT Qualifications.

I would be remiss not to mention the enthusiasm and selfless service of the OCOT. Thank you for the freedom you provide us, the loyalty to us old soldiers who were once sailors.

To Submit a request for the award, use your DD214, orders, diplomas, awards with a brief letter describing where you served, type vessel etc. DON't Forget you SSN or service number.

Send to:

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