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<b>1534-060</b>	<b>Strategic Sealift Officer Program Warfare Insignia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Changed abbreviation SSOWI to SSOW in accordance with Navy Uniform Regulations</li><li>• Clarified eligibility</li><li>• Updated the designator for Strategic Sealift Officer</li><li>• Removed PHA and PFA from personnel qualifications</li><li>• Removed requirement for 12 days of ADT at MSC under Service Requirements</li></ul>

## RESPERSMAN 1534-060

### STRATEGIC SEALIFT OFFICER PROGRAM WARFARE INSIGNIA

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<b>References</b>	(a) OPNAVINST 1534.1E Strategic Sealift Officer Program (SSOP) (b) RESPERSMAN 1534-020 Strategic Sealift Readiness Group (SSRG) Required Participation (c) RESPERSMAN 1534-040 Strategic Sealift Officer Program Selected Reserve (SELRES) and Voluntary Training Unit (VTU) Membership (d) RESPERSMAN 1534-050 Physical Readiness Standards Compliance Requirements for Members of the Strategic Sealift Readiness Group (SSRG) (e) BUPERSINST 1001.39F Administrative Procedures for Navy Reservists (f) NAVPERS 15665J United States Navy Uniform Regulations
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1. Purpose. To issue information and amplifying guidance under reference (a) for the demonstrated recognition of professional expertise of personnel trained in strategic sealift operations who are authorized to wear the Strategic Sealift Officer Warfare (SSOW) insignia. Only those officers who have completed the requirements outlined in references (a) through (e) will be eligible to wear the SSOW insignia.

#### 2. Eligibility

a. Per reference (a), eligibility to qualify for the SSOW insignia is limited to commissioned officers in the special duty restricted line designator of 1665 Strategic Sealift Officer (SSO).

b. The following officers in an active status, per reference (e), are eligible to wear the SSOW insignia:

(1) SSOs who graduated before 10 June 2011 possessing active United States Coast Guard (USCG) Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMC).

(2) SSOs who received a commission on or after 10 June 2011 and before 1 April 2013 who have completed the SSO Ensign Post Commissioning Indoctrination (PCI) Course and possess active USCG MMC.

(3) SSOs who received a commission on or after 1 April 2013, completed the SSOW insignia Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) and possess an active USCG MMC.

c. Officers who have transferred to the retired reserve status are authorized to continue to wear the SSOW insignia if it was previously awarded.

### 3. Prescribed Wear.

a. Wear of the SSOW insignia is stipulated in reference (f).

(1) The former Merchant Marine Reserve (MMR) insignia is not an authorized Navy qualifications designation insignia and shall not be worn on a Navy uniform.

(2) Previously qualified MMR SSOs shall remove and replace the MMR insignia with the SSOW insignia on all Navy uniforms. The only exception for the wear of the MMR insignia is for individuals who retired prior to 10 June 2011, per reference (f).

### 4. Ineligible Officers

a. Midshipmen.

b. SSOs without an active USCG MMC. Members who fail to retain an active USCG MMC and are subsequently transferred to an inactive status will be notified of the revocation of authority to wear the SSOW insignia.

c. United States Merchant Service (USMS) personnel who do not meet one of the criteria in paragraph (2).

5. SSOW Insignia PQS. The PQS is a requirement for all members of the Strategic Sealift Officer Program (SSOP) who commissioned on or after 1 April 2013.

a. The SSOW Insignia PQS must be completed within five years of commissioning. SSOs who fail to complete the PQS within the prescribed time will be ineligible for subsequent Active Duty for Training (ADT) and will be reassigned to an inactive status or may be administratively separated, per reference (a).

b. The SSOW Insignia PQS consists of three sections, which include USCG documentation, fundamental, and service requirements. Officers should complete all fundamental requirements before starting the service requirements.

#### (1) USCG Documentation Requirements.

(a) Hold a current unlimited tonnage/horsepower, oceans, third mate or third assistant engineer USCG MMC.

(b) Possess a current "Standards for the Training and Certification of Watch-standers" (STCW) endorsement from the USCG.

(2) Fundamental Requirements.

(a) Complete SSO PCI course.

(b) Complete Military Sealift Command (MSC) 101 on Navy eLearning (NEL) (most current version).

(c) Complete Navy Reserve Fundamentals on (NEL) (most current revision).

(d) Complete Primary Professional Military Education Blocks 1-7 on NEL (most current version).

(3) Service Requirements. There are two ways to fulfill this requirement:

(a) SSO must:

1. Upgrade USCG MMC by one grade to Second Mate or Second Assistant Engineer.

2. Complete an additional two weeks of ADT, after completing PCI course.

(b) SSO must:

1. Hold USCG MMC in accordance with paragraph 5.a.

2. Complete 24 cumulative days of ADT after completing PCI Course.

c. PQS submission responsibilities.

(1) SSOs will submit the following to the SSOP Office for qualification consideration:

(a) All Fundamental Required NEL Certificates.

(b) Qualifying ADT orders.

(c) USCG MMC and STCW.

(2) SSOP Office will review documentation for Additional Qualification Designation (AQD) - SSOW (TP1) and PERS-911 will enter the "TP1" AQD designation into the SSO's Officer Summary Record indicating qualification has been obtained.

d. Per reference (a), the SSOP Manager has the authority to change the SSOW Insignia PQS as required. All questions regarding the SSOW insignia are to be directed to the SSOP Office via email at CNRFC\_N14\_OPS-training@navy.mil.