



## Navy Announces New Combat Meritorious Advancement Program

A Combat Meritorious Advancement Program has been established providing commanders the opportunity to advance junior enlisted Sailors who display uncommon valor and extraordinary leadership while engaged in, or in direct support of, combat operations.



Nominations must be submitted within one year of the meritorious action or performance in combat. Meritorious action from the previous year is eligible.

The following actions are examples of situations that may warrant consideration under this program:

- Sailors actively participating in ground action or operations against an armed opponent.
- Sailors actively involved in offensive or defensive engagements against hostile seaborne watercraft (e.g., members directly involved in visit, board, search and seizure operations as part of a boarding party or defense of an offshore oil facility).
  - Active ordnance clearing, removal, or render-safe operations.
  - Active involvement in anti-terrorism/force protection missions where armed engagement with an opposing force occurs.

More information on the Combat Meritorious Advancement Program, including specific eligibility requirements, can be found in Naval Administrative Message 077/05 at [www.bupers.navy.mil/navadmin/nav05/nav05077.txt](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/navadmin/nav05/nav05077.txt).