

# 17th Brigade – STARFLEET Marine Corps

## Order in Chaos

### Award Specifications

Here you will find the ribbon images and specifications for each of the awards issued at the Brigade level and below.

#### BRIGADE VALOR AWARDS



**CROSS OF VALOR** (a.k.a. Brigade Marine of the Year)

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: Annual (one award per brigade issued each year)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Deidre Rickard Ribbon

This award is given to the marine, officer or enlisted, that most exemplifies the spirit, image and attitude of the SFMC within a particular brigade—the one who sets the standard for personal conduct, appearance, motivation, dedicated service and esprit de corps for which all STARFLEET Marines in that brigade strive.



**SWORD OF VALOR** (a.k.a. Brigade Leader of the Year)

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: Annual (one award per brigade issued each year)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Bisig Ribbon

This award is given to the Marine who most exemplifies the personal and professional standards and leadership valued by the Brigade. This individual, through their actions and words, has provided the highest standard of guidance and leadership to their fellow Marines, setting a standard of excellence for other leaders to follow.



**SHIELD OF VALOR** (a.k.a. Brigade Volunteer of the Year)

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: Annual (one award per brigade issued each year)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Kelly Ribbon

This award is given to the Marine who has made the most significant personal impact in community service efforts within the Brigade. This effort does not necessarily have to be on behalf of a SFMC campaign effort, but financial donations are specifically excluded as the basis for eligibility.

Volunteering your time and hard work counts; simply writing a check doesn't. Candidates for this award should be chosen from marines in a particular brigade who have received the Community Service Citation within the past year.



**STAR OF VALOR** (a.k.a. Brigade NCO of the Year)

Issuing Authority: Brigade SGM

Frequency: Annual (one award per brigade issued each year) This award is given to the Marine who most exemplifies the personal and professional standards of leadership valued by the NCO

Corps of a Brigade. This Marine NCO has made a significant personal impact in community service efforts throughout their area, and through their actions and words, have provided the highest standard of guidance and leadership to their fellow Marines, setting a standard of excellence for other NCOs to follow.



#### LEGION OF VALOR (a.k.a. Brigade Unit of the Year)

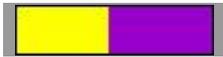
Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: Annual (one award per brigade issued each year)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Matt Copple Ribbon

This award is given to the Brigade unit that most exemplifies the spirit, image and attitude of the STARFLEET Marine Corps within that Brigade. This unit should set the standard for conduct, appearance, motivation and activity for which all units in the Brigade strive.

### BRIGADE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



#### COMET

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: As Needed This award is given to any SFMC member who saves another person from imminent harm without risking his/her own life in the process. This award is to be used when it is not clear whether the harm that would have been done to the victim was of an "immediate and potentially fatal" nature, as required by the Gold and Silver Nebula Awards. Imminent harm is defined as the probable serious injury if action by the Marine had not occurred.

Severe injury is defined as broken bones, need for surgery, higher than normal pain and suffering (more than a few days of soreness or minor ache).

Actions which prevent a person from minor aches and pains (i.e., plant falling on arm/leg, falling less than 7 feet from a ladder or other height (unless it is readily apparent that broken bones or other injuries would probably result), etc...) are excluded from consideration of this award as they are defined as serious injuries.

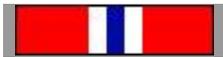
Dependent upon the medical condition of the person saved (diabetes, brittle bones, etc.), some ordinarily excluded actions would qualify a marine for this award; such medical condition information, therefore, should be included in the nomination.



#### BRIGADE SERVICE COMMENDATION

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: As Needed (one award per marine per year maximum) This award is given to recognize marines who have rendered exceptional service to a particular brigade by demonstrating consistently outstanding performance over time. To be eligible for this award, a marine must have served in an official capacity for a period of at least six months.



#### BRIGADE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: As Needed

SFMC Ribbon Name: Strasser Ribbon This award is given to recognize marines who have rendered exceptional service to a particular brigade by performing a particular task or service to a high standard of excellence. Such accomplishment should be of regional significance and affect or influence favorably on the brigade as a whole.



### MERITORIOUS UNIT CITATION

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC (for BN and below) COFORCECOM (for BDE or above)  
Frequency: As Needed

SFMC Ribbon Name: Malotte Ribbon This award is given to an MSG, a BDE staff, or other marine unit which exemplifies meritorious service either by demonstrating consistently outstanding performance over time, or by performing a particular task or service to a high standard of excellence. Receipt of this award neither recommends a unit for, nor precludes a unit from, receiving additional unit recognition such as the Legion of Valor.

## BRIGADE SERVICE AWARDS



### HONOR GUARD

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC  
Frequency: As Needed (one award per marine per year maximum)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Ted Tribby Ribbon Members of the STARFLEET Marine Corps who serve on SFMC Color Guards, Honor Guards or Drill Teams at public events (STARFLEET or other events) are eligible for this award. Recipients of this award have spent time and effort in close order drill, other parade skills, and are deserving of special recognition.



### GREAT BARRIER EXPEDITION

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC  
Frequency: As Needed (two awards per marine per year maximum)  
This award is given to Marines who have undertaken extreme or lengthy travel on behalf of the SFMC. The two important criteria are “extreme or lengthy” and “on behalf of the SFMC.” The former requires a judgment call by the Brigade OIC. A possible standard might be 5 hours travel time, for example. The latter is more exact: Taking a long road trip to attend a convention with other members of your chapter, for example, does not qualify. Doing so because you are going to present a class or demonstration (as a Marine) would qualify.



### COMMUNITY SERVICE CITATION

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC  
Frequency: As Needed (one award per marine per year maximum) This award is authorized to recognize Marines who have made a significant personal impact in a community service effort. This effort does not necessarily have to be on behalf of a SFMC campaign effort for the current year, however, financial donations are specifically excluded as the basis for eligibility—volunteering your time and hard work count, simply writing a check does not.



### JOINT SERVICE RIBBON

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC  
Frequency: As Needed (two awards per marine per year maximum)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Kinne Ribbon  
This award is given to marines for participation in events with other Science Fiction oriented fan organizations, to include other Star Trek-related fan organizations other than SFI. This may be cooperative or competitive, and must be done while obviously participating as a STARFLEET Marine. Participation as a marine can be shown by wearing a SFMC uniform, a unit cap or shirt, or by obviously being associated with others who are wearing an SFMC uniform. Marines who are

also members of the same fan organization are not eligible. This award combines and replaces Organian Service, Wolf 359, Bajoran Campaign, Andorian Campaign, Klingon Service and Romulan Service ribbons.



#### EMBASSY DUTY

Issuing Authority: Brigade OIC

Frequency: As Needed (two awards per marine per year maximum) This award is given to marines for participation at a STARFLEET function, such as the annual International Conference or a Regional Summit. The key word here is participation, not attendance. The Marine must have done more than simply attend (i.e., served on a panel, worked on the Security detail, etc.) Likewise, the Marine must have attended as a Marine for the entire time.

#### UNIT AWARDS



#### LEADERS COMMENDATION

Issuing Authority: Unit OIC

Frequency: As Needed (one award per marine per year maximum)

SFMC Ribbon Name: Murphy Ribbon This award is given by a Unit OIC to a marine under his command who exemplifies meritorious service either by demonstrating consistently outstanding performance over time, or by performing a particular task or service to a high standard of excellence. Receipt of this award neither recommends the marine for, nor precludes him from, receiving additional recognition such as the Cross of Valor.