Enlisted Nuclear Weapons Security (NWS) Breast Insignia

1. **Policy.** Enlisted members meeting eligibility requirements assigned to a strategic weapons facility (SWF) who perform duties directly contributing to the security and safety of naval nuclear weapons are authorized to wear the nuclear weapons security (NWS) breast insignia, as prescribed in reference (a). Members must be:

   a. Permanently assigned to a SWF;

   b. Assigned a mission associated with the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion;

   c. Personal Reliability Program (PRP) certified/eligible for a period of 12 months (temporary decertification due to non-disciplinary issues should not be held against the service member); and

   d. Qualified in their senior post or watch station consistent with their current pay grade and duties assigned.

   (1) Authority to wear the NWS insignia shall continue as long as the member maintains eligibility for the PRP per reference (b).

   (2) Members whose eligibility for the PRP is removed for disciplinary and or administrative action, per reference (b), are no longer authorized to wear the insignia.
(3) Members whose eligibility for PRP is involuntarily removed as a result of a permanent physical disqualification are authorized to wear the insignia if recommended by the member’s commanding officer and approved by Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) (SP00M).

2. **Nuclear Weapons Security Breast Insignia.** The insignia represents completion of 12 months of fully qualified service to the nuclear weapons security (NWS) mission.

   a. A gold star mounted on the insignia indicates an additional year of qualified service to the NWS mission.

   b. A silver star mounted on the insignia indicates 5 years of fully qualified service to the NWS mission.

3. **When Insignia is Awarded.** Upon completion of the eligibility requirements for the NWS insignia, the following NAVPERS/613 Administrative Remarks service record entry shall be made:

   “(Date) (Service member’s name) has demonstrated his or her expertise in the area of nuclear weapons security, having completed all requirements for the NWS breast insignia, and is assigned the NWS designator”

4. **When Insignia is Removed.** For personnel who have their PRP eligibility removed, the following NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks service record entry shall be made:

   “(Date). Disqualified for nuclear weapons security duties by reason of (state reason). The enlisted designator (NWS) is hereby removed. (Service member’s name) is not recommended for return to duties involving nuclear weapons security.”