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STREAMERS AND DISTINGUISHING AND POSITIONAL FLAGS FOR JOINT COMMANDS

References:

- a. Title 10, United States Code, Section 4594
- b. DOD 1348.33-M, September 1996

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes policy for the authorization of distinguishing flags and streamers for joint commands and flags for designated positions in accordance with references a and b.

2. Cancellation. CJCSI 1120.01A, 1 November 1998, is canceled.

3. Applicability. This instruction applies to the Joint Staff, combatant commands and permanently established joint commands or activities reporting to or through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

4. Policy

a. Positional Flags

(1) Positional flags are authorized to indicate the official status or rank of certain civilian and military officials of the federal government.

(2) Positional flags within the joint arena will be 4'4" X 5'6" and are authorized for the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

b. Distinguishing Flags

(1) Distinguishing flags are symbolic of the spirit and history of the joint organization for which it is authorized. Joint activities commanded by officers in the grade of O-5 or higher are authorized distinguishing flags.

(2) Flag size will be 4'4" X 5'6" for combatant commands; 3' X 4' for other authorized joint activities as defined above.

c. Streamers

(1) Joint activities that have been awarded a unit commendation or participated in designated military campaigns may display a streamer to recognize Service or campaign participation.

(2) Silver and bronze stars will be used on campaign or battle streamers to denote engagements of a campaign, and numerals on unit award streamers to denote the total number approved.

(3) A joint activity that is not authorized a distinguishing flag will not be awarded a streamer. Further, these activities are authorized only those campaign streamers for action in which the activity directly participated.

(4) Since entitlement to streamers is keyed to campaign participation and unit awards earned, individual units will make determination of eligibility at the local level. Before award of a campaign streamer, campaign participation credit will be verified and recorded by the combatant command historical office or the Historical Office.

(5) Service units that are assigned to a joint task force or joint activity that has been awarded a Joint Meritorious Unit Award (JMUA) are permitted to carry a JMUA streamer in accordance with existing DOD regulatory guidance and Service policies. Service units must be assigned either permanently or for short-term operational requirements in excess of 30 days.

d. Authorization. Unless permanently established under a permanent joint manpower document, joint task forces are not authorized to carry distinguishing flags.

e. Displaying Distinguishing Flags. Joint activities authorized to display distinguishing flags may request assistance from the Institute of Heraldry in designing and preparing manufacturing drawings for flags or seals. The Institute of Heraldry will provide specifications and drawings required for the manufacture of streamers.

5. Definitions

a. Permanently established commands or activities are those that are organized under a permanent joint manpower document or the

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Joint Duty Assignment List as opposed to joint task forces that are organized for operations of a temporary nature.

b. The term "joint" connotes activities, operations or organizations in which elements of more than one Service of the same nation, as reflected in joint manpower documents or the Joint Duty Assignment List, perform joint missions under the auspices of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or the commander in chief of a unified command. Supporting elements of such activities composed of one Military Service will not be considered elements of a joint activity.

6. Responsibilities. Responsibilities are established in paragraph 4.

7. Summary of Changes. This instruction:

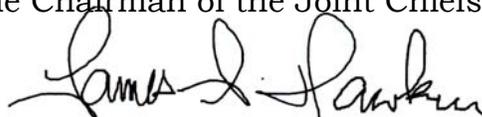
a. Adds references.

b. Corrects the Internet site to obtain copies.

8. Releasability. This instruction is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. DOD components (to include the combatant commands), other federal agencies, and the public may obtain copies of this instruction through the Internet from the CJCS Directives Home Page--http://www.dtic.mil/cjcs_directives. Copies are also available through the Government Printing Office on the Joint Electronic Library CD-ROM.

9. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon receipt.

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