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JOINT TRAINING FOR US PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NATO COMMANDS AND THE NATO DEFENSE COLLEGE

1. **Purpose.** To establish policy concerning the joint training of US personnel assigned to NATO commands and the NATO Defense College.
2. **Cancellation.** CJCSI 1210.01A, 15 April 1998, and CJCSI 1210.01A, 25 November 2001, are canceled.
3. **Applicability.** This instruction applies to the Joint Staff, Services, National Defense University (NDU), NATO commands, and the NATO Defense College.
4. **Policy.** It is the policy of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that all US field grade officers attend the NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course (NSOOC) at NDU before their assignment to an international military post within NATO. In addition, US officers selected to attend the NATO Defense College will complete NSOOC prior to attendance. Subject to the availability of funds and Service approval, other officers, enlisted personnel (E7 and above), and civilian personnel whose duties are directly NATO related may seek enrollment at the discretion of the NSOOC Director.
5. **Definitions**
 - a. **NATO Commands.** All NATO organizations to which US military officers are assigned. This includes the NATO strategic commands, regional commands, component commands, joint commands, Canada-Regional Planning Group, International Military Staff and reporting agencies, and other US elements at NATO agencies and military commands.

b. US Field Grade Officer or US Officer. A military officer of the US Services in the grade of O-4, O-5, or O-6.

6. Responsibilities. The Joint Staff, Services, and senior US representative at NATO commands are responsible for executing NSOOC attendance requirements as established under the authority of this instruction. NDU is responsible for providing the program of instruction to attendees.

7. General Guidance

a. Procedures for scheduling joint training at NSOOC are prescribed by NDU.

b. The Services may waive attendance at NSOOC for officers assigned to consecutive NATO assignments.

c. The Services may waive attendance at NSOOC in other circumstances if the senior US representative at the gaining NATO command or the senior US faculty advisor at the NATO Defense College concurs. A copy of this waiver will be sent to the Director of NSOOC at NDU.

8. Summary of Changes

a. Revises both CJCSI 1210.01A, dated 15 April 1998, and CJCSI 1210.01A, 25 November 2001, published with numbering error and classified SECRET Intentionally Blank paper.

b. Adds the new NATO military command structure terminology.

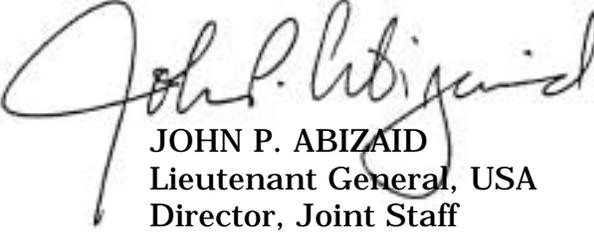
c. Clarifies NDU roles as the program provider and Services responsibilities for attendee identification and the assignment process.

d. Adds the requirement for the Services to obtain the senior US representative at the gaining NATO command or the senior US faculty advisor at the NATO Defense College concurrence on NSOOC waiver attendance.

9. 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

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



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