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MEMORANDUM FOR UNITED STATES FORCES-AFGHANISTAN

SUBJECT: Delegation of Wartime Awards Approval Authority

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 600-8-22, Military Awards, 25 June 2015.
- b. U.S. Army Human Resources Command (AHRC) memorandum (approved 20 October 2015), subject: Delegation of Wartime Awards Approval Authority to the Senior Army Commander assigned to United States Forces-Afghanistan.
- c. Department of Defense Manual 1348.33, Volume 4, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: DoD Joint Decorations and Awards, 29 March 2018.
- d. United States Central Command Memorandum (approved 23 March 2017), subject: Delegation of Awards Approval Authority.

2. I delegate Wartime Army Awards Approval Authority as follows:

a. Scope: Limited to Commanders of units assigned to United States Forces-Afghanistan.

b. U.S. Army Lieutenant General (LTG) Commanders:

(1) U.S. Military. Silver Star (SS) and below, to include the Legion of Merit (LM) Bronze Star Medal (BSM) with Valor, BSM, Meritorious Service Medal (MSM), Air Medal (AM) with Valor, AM, Army Commendation Medal (ARCOM) with Valor, ARCOM, Army Achievement Medal (AAM), Purple Heart (Army only) and combat badges to U.S. Military assigned, attached or OPCON to their unit.

(2) U.S. Civilian. Superior Civilian Service Medal (SCSM), Meritorious Civilian Service Medal (MCSM), Civilian Service Commendation (CSCM), Civilian Service Achievement Medal (CSAM) to Department of the Army (DA) civilian personnel and the Meritorious Public Service Medal (MPSM), Joint Civilian Service Commendation Award (JCSCA), Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award (JCSAA) to Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel assigned, attached, or OPCON to their unit.

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(3) U.S. Joint Military. Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM), Joint Service Commendation Medal (JSCM), and Joint Service Achievement Medal (JSAM) to U.S. military personnel assigned or attached to their headquarters, serving in a CENTCOM JMD Billet.

(4) Foreign Military. Silver Star (SS) and below to include the BSM, MSM, ARCOM, AAM (excluding LM and PH) to personnel in ranks comparable to the grade of O-6 below (both at the time the act was performed and at the time the decoration is presented) who are assigned, attached, or OPCON to USFOR-A; provided requirements of paragraph 4 below have been met.

c. U.S. Army Major General (MG) Commanders:

(1) U.S. Military. BSM with valor and below, to include the MSM, AM with Valor, AM, ARCOM with Valor, ARCOM, AAM, Purple Heart (Army only) and combat badges to U.S. Military assigned, attached or OPCON to their unit.

(2) U.S. Civilian. MCSM, CSCM, CSAM to Department of the Army (DA) civilian personnel and the MPSM, JCSCA, JCSAA to Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel assigned, attached, or OPCON to their unit.

(3) U.S. Joint Military. DMSM, JSCM, and JSAM to U.S. military personnel assigned or attached to their headquarters, serving in a CENTCOM JMD Billet.

(4) Foreign Military. BSM and below to include the MSM, ARCOM, AAM (excluding PH) to personnel in ranks comparable to the grade of O-6 below (both at the time the act was performed and at the time the decoration is presented) who are assigned, attached, or OPCON to USFOR-A; provided requirements of paragraph 4 below have been met.

d. United States Marine Corps: No in-theater delegation exists for Marine Commanders to approve awards to Marine personnel under their command.

e. United States Navy: No in-theater delegation exists for Navy Commanders to award Department of the Navy awards to personnel under their command.

f. United States Air Force: The Commander of the 9th Air Expeditionary Task Force (9 AETF/CC) and the Commander of SOJTF-A are delegated the authority to approve Department of the Air Force awards for the MSM, PH, AM, Air Force Commendation Medal (AFCM) with Valor, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal (AFAM) with Valor, and the Air Force Achievement Medal to military personnel assigned, attached, or OPCON to their unit in accordance with COMUSAFCENT. Further delegation of awards authority to the 9 AETF Deputy Commander and Air

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Expeditionary Wing Commanders (AEW/CC), except for the PH is authorized. The 9 AETF/CC and AEW/CCs may award the DMSM, JSCM, and JSAM to U.S. military personnel assigned or attached to their headquarters, serving in a CENTCOM JMD Billet.

g. Further Delegation: Resides with aforementioned Commanders and must adhere to regulatory delegation guidance.

3. Disapproval/Downgrade Authority. U.S. Army MG Commanders/Deputy Commander and above are delegated disapproval authority for U.S. Army decorations, provided they have approval authority for the next lower level of award.

4. For foreign military personnel, commanders must coordinate with the appropriate concurrence granting institutions before awarding a decoration to foreign military personnel, in order to ensure that counterintelligence and biographic file checks are favorable. In accordance with AR 600-8-22, prior to issuing wartime awards and decorations to a member of another service permanently or temporarily assigned to the Army, the Army approval authority will obtain written concurrence from the other military service.

5. Not later than the 3th day of each month, direct reporting units producing awards for their units will provide monthly award reports and copies of citations for Purple Hearts and valorous awards to the USFOR-A J1.

6. The point of contact for this memorandum is the USFOR-A J1 EPS section at DSN: 318-481-3610, or email, centcom.bagram.usfor-a-j1.mbx.awards@mail.mil.

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