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SUBJECT: Award of Trophies and Similar Devices in Recognition of Accomplishments

- References:
- (a) DoD Directive 1348.19, subject as above, May 9, 1967 (hereby canceled)
 - (b) Public Law 89-529, "To amend title 10, United States Code, to Authorize the Award of Trophies for the Recognition of Special Accomplishments Related to the Armed Forces and for Other Purposes," August 11, 1966 (Title 80, United States Code, Statute 339)
 - (c) DoD Instruction 5120.16, "Department of Defense Incentive Awards Program: Policies and Standards," July 15, 1974

A. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) and implements reference (b) by delegating authority and establishing policies for awarding trophies and similar devices to military members and units of the Department of Defense for excellence in accomplishments or competitions related to the Armed Forces.

B. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), the Military Departments, the Joint Staff, the Defense Agencies, and DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components"). The term "Military Services," as used herein, refers to the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

C. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

1. The authority granted to the Secretary of Defense by reference (b) to use appropriated funds to purchase trophies and similar devices to be awarded to military members and units of the Armed Forces under his jurisdiction is hereby delegated to the Secretaries of the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), and the Directors of Defense Agencies. That authority may be redelegated to the following:

- a. Senior Service Commanders.
- b. Commanders of Unified and Specified Commands.
- c. Heads of elements of the Joint Staff for directly related accomplishments.

2. Cash prizes, awarded under reference (c), are specifically excluded from this authority.

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D. POLICY

The implementing documents (see section E., below) shall be uniform, insofar as practicable, and shall conform to the following:

1. Accomplishments and competitions recognized under this Directive, including intramural sports and athletic competitions, officially shall be established and announced, and generally shall be of a continuing nature, although awards may be made on a one-time basis where the accomplishment is as follows:

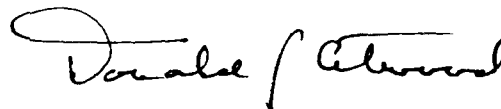
- a. Unique.
- b. Clearly contributes to increased effectiveness or efficiency.
- c. Not covered in implementing Instructions.

2. Coordination should be accomplished in the selection process to prevent one individual or unit from receiving two awards for an achievement when other candidates are equally qualified.

3. Military Service-wide and Defense Agency-wide trophies and similar devices should be displayed appropriately.

E. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive is effective immediately. Forward one copy of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel) within 120 days.



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