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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
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Subj: STANDARDIZATION OF MILITARY AND ASSOCIATED TERMINOLOGY

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 5025.12, Standardization of Military and Associated Terminology, August 14, 2009
(b) Joint Publication 1-02, Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms
(c) CJCSI 5705.01D, Standardization of Military and Associated Terminology
(d) CJCSI 5711.01C, Policy on Action Processing
(e) MCO 5600.48C
(f) CJCSM 5210.01A, Joint Doctrine Development Process, December 29, 2014
(g) MCRP 1-10.2, Marine Corps Supplement to the Department of Defense Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms
(h) SECNAV M-5210.1
(i) SECNAVINST 5211.5E
(j) 5 U.S.C. 552a

1. Situation. In accordance with reference (a), it is Department of Defense policy on terminology to improve communications and mutual understanding within the Department of Defense (DoD), with other federal departments and agencies, and between the United States and its international partners through the standardization of military and associated terminology.

2. Cancellation. MCO 5200.17D.

3. Mission. In accordance with reference (a) it is DoD policy that:

a. DoD components use reference (b) as the primary terminology source when preparing correspondence, to include policy, strategy, doctrine, and planning documents.

b. DoD components use the terminology and approval criteria in Enclosure 2 of reference (a) when considering terms for inclusion in reference (b). Additional information on the criteria for including terminology in reference (b) can be found in the preface of reference (b) and in reference (c).

c. Reference (a) does not restrict the use of and publication of terms and definitions for unique functional areas or unilateral use by individual DoD components. Any military or associated terms or definitions that involve DoD-wide applicability or usage across functional boundaries may be nominated for inclusion in reference (b) if appropriate.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. The United States Marine Corps fully supports the standardization of military and associated terminology in accordance with references (a) and (c).

(2) Concept of Operations. The Marine Corps shall coordinate terminology issues and participate in DoD/NATO terminology meetings and/or working groups as required in accordance with references (c) and (d), and with Service policy in reference (e).

b. Responsibilities

(1) Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations (DC PP&O)

(a) Act as the lead to consolidate and coordinate Joint Staff action package (JSAP) positions on terminology issues for the Marine Corps through the Joint Action Control Office (JACO) (PLJ PP&O) in accordance with references (d), (e), and (f).

(b) Ensure all terminology issues are addressed in the review of joint publications and allied joint publications in accordance with references (e) and (f).

(2) Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration (DC CD&I)/Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command (CG MCCDC)

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(a) Designate a Service Terminologist within the Doctrine Control Branch in accordance with reference (c).

(b) Oversee Marine Corps terminology issues relating to Service doctrine publications and input to joint actions.

(c) Develop, coordinate, and report terminology positions for the Marine Corps through the Service Terminologist to the JACO (PLJ PP&O) in accordance with references (d) and (e).

(d) Coordinate and consolidate input on terminology issues within joint and allied publications from DC CD&I/CG MCCDC subordinate commands and the Marine Corps operating forces as required in accordance with reference (e).

(e) Maintain reference (g) for Marine Corps-unique terminology as a supplement to reference (b).

(3) All Other Headquarters Marine Corps Entities

(a) Participate in any relevant terminology issues as tasked via JSAP or the Department of Navy (DON) TRACKER from PLJ PP&O in accordance with reference (e).

(b) Develop, coordinate, and report terminology positions specific to their mission area that may have DoD-wide applicability to PLJ PP&O.

(c) Develop, coordinate, and report terminology positions specific to their mission area that may have Marine Corps-wide applicability to DC CD&I/CG MCCDC.

(4) Marine Corps Operating Forces

(a) Participate in any relevant terminology issues as tasked via DON TRACKER or message from DC CD&I/CG MCCDC in accordance with reference (e).

(b) Develop, coordinate, and report terminology positions that may have DoD-wide applicability through DC CD&I/CG MCCDC.

c. Coordinating Instructions. All tasking will be via DON TRACKER unless directed otherwise. DC CD&I/CG MCCDC coordinates tasking via DON TRACKER and through messages as required.

5. Administration and Logistics

a. Records created as a result of this Order shall be managed according to National Archives and Records Administration approved dispositions per reference (h) to ensure proper maintenance, use, accessibility and preservation, regardless of format or medium.

b. Privacy Act. Any misuse or unauthorized disclosure of Personally Identifiable Information (PII) may result in both civil and criminal penalties. The DON recognizes that the privacy of an individual is a personal and fundamental right that shall be respected and protected. The DON's need to collect, use, maintain, or disseminate PII about individuals for purposes of discharging its statutory responsibilities will be balanced against the individuals' right to be protected against unwarranted invasion of privacy. All collection, use, maintenance, or dissemination of PII will be in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (reference (i)) and implemented per reference (j).

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Total Force.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.


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