



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY TRAINING AND DOCTRINE COMMAND  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority to Approve U.S. Army Awards of Meritorious Service Medal and Below

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 600-8-22 (Military Awards), 25 June 2015.
- b. Memorandum, HQ TRADOC, ATBO-BP, 6 Jan 2015, subject: Delegation of Authority to Approve U.S. Army Awards of Meritorious Service Medal and Below.

2. This memorandum supersedes reference 1b.

3. Effective date of this delegation, I delegate peacetime award approval authority in accordance with reference 1a to the Deputy Commanding General/Chief of Staff (DCG/CoS) and DCG, Futures to approve U.S. Army awards commensurate with the DCG rank as specified in AR 600-8-22. This authorization will not be further delegated.

4. This delegation will be limited to approval of award recommendations as follows:

- a. Award of the Meritorious Service Medal and below to U.S. Army personnel (except for general officers) assigned or attached to your respective organization.
- b. Award of the Meritorious Service Medal and below for permanent change of station, service, or achievement to U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force personnel below brigadier general assigned or attached to your respective organization.
- c. DCG/CoS is delegated award approval authority for subordinate organizations other than Army Capabilities Integration Center.

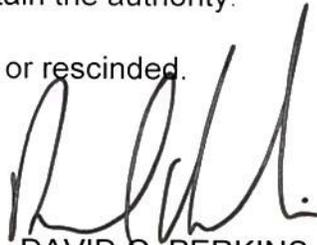
5. This authority will not include approval authority of the following award recommendations:

- a. Department of Defense awards (Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, or Joint Service Achievement Medal).
- b. U.S. Army awards for allied/foreign military personnel.

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6. This delegation authority will not include approval of the Army Commendation Medal as a downgrade for the Soldier's Medal. The decision to support or downgrade a Soldier's Medal award recommendation will remain with the CG, TRADOC.
7. With each change of command at this headquarters, this approval authority will be submitted to the new TRADOC Commanding General for his consideration to delegate peacetime awards approval authority or retain the authority.
8. This policy is effective until superseded or rescinded.



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