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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 1210.01, 30 July 1993, is 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 the National Defense University 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 (E-7 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 combined headquarters and, as appropriate, subordinate combined headquarters and agencies of Allied Command Europe, Allied Command Atlantic, Canada-US Regional Planning Group, 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, NDU, and senior US representatives at NATO commands are responsible for carrying out the requirements established under the authority of this instruction.

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 the second of two consecutive NATO commands or have attended one of the following schools within the last 4 years:

- (1) NATO Defense College
- (2) Royal College of Defence Studies
- (3) Royal College of Air Warfare
- (4) Norwegian National Defense College
- (5) Norwegian Army Staff College
- (6) German Command and Staff College
- (7) Italian Centre of Higher Defence Studies
- (8) Italian Naval War College
- (9) Canadian National Defence College
- (10) Canadian Forces Command and Staff College
- (11) Hellenic Air War College

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.

8. Summary of Changes

- a. Revises CJCSI 1210.01.
 - b. Removes reference CM-1618-93, dated 23 March 1993.
 - c. Deletes Allied Command Channel which no longer exists.
 - d. Changes the affected group from NATO headquarters to NATO commands to allow for additional NATO activities that are not headquarters.
 - e. Makes NSOOC a prerequisite for prospective students at the NATO Defense College.
 - f. Adds a line which addresses attendance at NSOOC by personnel other than field grade officers.
 - g. Removes initial tour only requirement and makes NSOOC a requirement for all field grade officers reporting to NATO commands with the exception of those officers that are enroute to the second tour of two consecutive tours within NATO or who have attended one of the schools listed in the instruction within the past 4 years.
9. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon receipt.

For the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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