SUBJECT: Support of the Headquarters of Combatant and Subordinate Unified Commands

References: See Enclosure 1

1. PURPOSE. This Directive:
   
   a. Reissues DoD Directive (DoDD) 5100.3 (Reference (a)).

   b. Pursuant to section 165 of title 10, United States Code (Reference (b)), establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for the administrative and logistical support of Combatant Command headquarters and subordinate unified command headquarters.

   c. Provides a DoD-wide definition of Combatant Command Support Agent (CCSA).

2. APPLICABILITY. This Directive:

   a. Applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to collectively as the “DoD Components”).

   b. Includes the U.S. Element of the North American Aerospace Defense Command (USELEMNORAD), although not a Combatant Command, for headquarters administrative and logistical support purposes only and in accordance with the “Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada on the North American Aerospace Defense Command” (Reference (c)).

   c. Includes the theater special operations commands (TSOCs) listed in Enclosure 3 as subordinate unified commands.
3. **DEFINITIONS.** See Glossary.

4. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy that:

   a. Administrative and logistical support for the Combatant Command headquarters, the USELEMNORAD headquarters, and the subordinate unified command headquarters shall be provided by the CCSA as designated in this Directive, unless otherwise specified. The responsibilities of the Secretaries of the Military Departments as CCSAs for those commands are found in Enclosure 2.

   b. The allocation of resources to the Combatant Command headquarters, the USELEMNORAD headquarters, and the subordinate unified command headquarters shall conform to the Combatant Command business rules published in Chapter 1 of Volume 2A of DoD 7000.14-R (Reference (d)), and to DoDD 5105.21 (Reference (e)) and DoDD 5205.12 (Reference (f)).

   c. If changes in law or policy result in a change of support responsibility, the losing Military Department shall continue to provide, to the extent permitted by law, funded support to the supported Combatant Command, USELEMNORAD, or subordinate unified command until such time as the Secretary of Defense transfers the resources to the gaining Military Department. The losing and gaining Military Departments and the supported Combatant Command shall coordinate to recommend the baseline resources to be transferred.

   d. Disputes concerning the support of these headquarters shall be elevated through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense for resolution.

   e. Arrangements for administrative and logistical support of the headquarters of other joint activities established within a particular Combatant Command shall be resourced through agreements developed between the Combatant Command and other DoD Components or as otherwise directed.

   f. Existing inter-Service support agreements, memorandums of agreement, and memorandums of understanding shall be revised to incorporate the provisions of this Directive to take effect within 1 year of the publication of this Directive.

5. **RESPONSIBILITIES.** See Enclosure 2.

6. **RELEASABILITY.** Cleared for public release. This directive is available on the Directives Division at http://www.esd.whs.mil/DD/.
7. **SUMMARY OF CHANGE 1.** The changes to this issuance are administrative and update organizational titles and references for accuracy.

8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Directive is effective February 9, 2011.

William J. Lynn III  
Deputy Secretary of Defense

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REFERENCES

(b) Sections 165 and 167 of title 10, United States Code
(f) DoD Directive 5205.12, “Military Intelligence Program (MIP),” November 14, 2008
(g) DoD Directive 5100.01, “Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Components,” December 21, 2010
(h) DoD Instruction 4000.19, “Interservice and Intragovernmental Support,” April 25, 2013
(i) DoD Instruction 5100.73, “Major DoD Headquarters Activities,” December 1, 2007, as amended
(j) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Guidance for Developing and Implementing the Special Operations Forces Program and Budget,” December 1, 1989
(k) Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, “DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms,” current edition

1 Copies may be requested from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs.
ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, while performing their duties as CCSAs in accordance with Enclosure 3:

   a. Shall provide or arrange for the administrative and logistical support of the headquarters of the Combatant Commands, the USELE MNORAD, and the subordinate unified commands.

   b. Shall program and budget to fund, without reimbursement, the administrative and logistical support required by the supported headquarters of the Combatant Commands, the USELE MNORAD, and the subordinate unified commands, in accordance with References (b) and (d) and DoDD 5100.1, DoD Instruction 4000.19, and DoD Instruction 5100.73 (References (g), (h), and (i), respectively).

   c. May designate their subordinate commands to provide or arrange for the administrative and logistical support of the headquarters of the Combatant Commands, the USELE MNORAD, and the subordinate unified commands.

   d. Shall resolve disputes concerning the support of these headquarters in coordination with the Commanders of the Combatant Commands. Unresolved disputes shall be forwarded through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense for resolution.

2. CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. In addition to the organizations listed in Enclosure 3, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall maintain, in coordination with the Deputy Chief Management Officer, a listing of all other joint activities established within a particular Combatant Command. This list will record the DoD Component providing administrative and logistical support to the headquarters of each Combatant Command, subordinate unified command, and other joint activities, along with the associated source documents that authorized the organization and its support relationship.

3. COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS AND THE COMMANDER, USELE MNORAD. The Commanders of the Combatant Commands and the Commander, USELE MNORAD, shall:

   a. Identify their requirements to the applicable Secretary of the Military Department designated in Enclosure 3 or the Secretary’s designated subordinate command and coordinate for the required administrative and logistical support.

   b. Resolve disputes concerning the support of their headquarters in coordination with the applicable Secretary of the Military Department. Unresolved disputes shall be forwarded through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the Secretary of Defense for resolution.
4. COMMANDER, U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND (USSOCOM). In addition to the responsibilities in section 3 of this enclosure, the Commander, USSOCOM, in accordance with section 167 of Reference (b) and Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum (Reference (j)), shall program and budget for the special operations-peculiar support of the USSOCOM headquarters, TSOC headquarters, and other joint special operations commands established within the Combatant Commands for which funds have been transferred from the Military Departments to Major Force Program 11.
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administrative and logistical support. For the purposes of this Directive, professional, technical, administrative, logistical, and/or base operating support (to include necessary infrastructure) that is performed in, or provided directly to, the headquarters of a Combatant Command, USELEMNORAD, or subordinate unified command to perform the headquarters assigned mission effectively, and as otherwise directed.

Combatant Command Support Agent. The Secretary of a Military Department to whom the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense has assigned administrative and logistical support of the headquarters of a Combatant Command, USELEMNORAD, or subordinate unified command. The nature and scope of the CCSA responsibilities, functions, and authorities shall be prescribed at the time of assignment or in keeping with existing agreements and practices, and they shall remain in effect until the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense revokes, supersedes, or modifies them. (Approved for inclusion in the next edition of the DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms (Reference (k)).)

Service-common. Equipment, material, supplies, and services adopted by a Military Service for use by its own forces and activities. These include standard military items, base operating support, and the supplies and services provided by a Military Service to support and sustain its own forces, including those assigned to the Combatant Commands. Items and services defined as Service-common by one Military Service are not necessarily Service-common for all other Military Services. See also special operations-peculiar.

special operations-peculiar. Equipment, material, supplies, and services required for special operations missions for which there is no Service-common requirement. These are limited to items and services initially designed for, or used by, special operations forces until adopted for Service-common use by one or more Military Service; modifications approved by the Commander, USSOCOM, for application to standard items and services used by the Military Services; and items and services approved by the Commander, USSOCOM, as critically urgent for the immediate accomplishment of a special operations mission. See also Service-common.

subordinate unified command. Defined in Reference (k).

theater special operations command. The subordinate unified command established by a Combatant Commander to plan, coordinate, conduct, and support joint special operations. (Approved for modification in the next edition of Reference (k).)