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1. References:

a. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5100.01 (Functions of the Department of Defense and Its Major Commands), December 21, 2010.

b. U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command Pamphlet 350-70-16 (Army Training and Education Proponents), 6 December 2011.

c. Executive Summary, 22 Jan 15, subject: (CSA) DAIG Special Inspection XVIII Airborne Corps AR 15-6 Investigation Report Corrective Actions Brief.

2. Effective immediately, the Commanding General (CG), XVIII Airborne Corps is designated as the Army lead for the conventional airborne force. In collaboration with responsible Army agencies and commands, the CG will assist and advise in the determination, development and implementation of requirements for doctrine, organization, training, materiel, leadership and education, personnel and facilities (DOTMLPF) for present and future Army conventional airborne organizations. As the Army lead for conventional airborne forces, the CG, XVIII Airborne Corps will ensure the effectiveness of airborne static line operations and the aerial delivery of supplies and equipment by providing oversight, evaluation, inspection and assessment of applicable capabilities for compliance with established collective and critical leader tasks, tactics, techniques, procedures and standing operating procedures. The Army lead will facilitate unity of effort across the Army by establishing and chairing an Army Airborne Board.

3. As the Army lead, the CG, XVIII Airborne Corps will serve as the principal advisor to the Chief of Staff of the Army for the operations of conventional airborne forces. In coordination with unit parent commands and Army Service Component Commands, the CG will advise on best practices and oversee and advocate for airborne units. Designation as the Army lead for conventional airborne forces does not usurp the command authorities of an airborne unit's parent chain of command for readiness and enforcement of training standards for airborne operations.

4. The CG, XVIII Airborne Corps is also designated as the Chairman of the Army Airborne Board. The purpose of the Board is to help the CG, XVIII Airborne Corps

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execute the roles and responsibilities as the Army lead for conventional airborne forces and to create unity of effort in addressing DOTMLPF issues across the conventional airborne force. The Board will present recommendations through the appropriate Army command, agency or organization to the Department of the Army for review, disposition and implementation.

5. This directive does not usurp current DoD and Training and Doctrine Command proponent responsibilities for static line and military free-fall parachuting and aerial delivery of equipment and supplies.

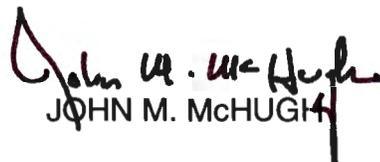
a. U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center is the proponent for military free-fall training and procedures and the Military Free-Fall Jumpmaster Course.

b. The CG, U.S. Army Maneuver Center of Excellence is the DoD proponent for static line parachuting techniques and training.

c. The CG, U.S. Army Sustainment Center of Excellence is the DoD proponent for the airdrop of supplies and equipment.

6. The CG, U.S. Army Special Operations Command is responsible for inspecting, evaluating and assessing unique airborne procedures and operations for Special Operations Forces, including Army conventional long-range surveillance units training in military free-fall and double-bag static line parachute systems.

7. This policy is effective immediately and applies to the Active Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States and U.S. Army Reerve. The proponent for this policy is the Army Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7.


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