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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Directive 2018-05 (Army Flyovers for Public Affairs Missions)

1. References. A list of references is in the enclosure.
2. The public display of Army aviation units and assets contributes to Army recruitment, public engagement, and the demonstration of national pride. Accordingly, a process for submitting requests for flyovers in the civilian domain that are compliant with applicable policy and regulatory guidance has been reinstated.
3. All requests for flyover support will use Department of Defense Form 2535 (Request for Military Aerial Support.)
 - a. Command public affairs offices will forward all flyover support requests to the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs (OCPA) for concurrence no later than 30 days before the requested event. This timeline will ensure the appropriate use of resources, tracking of funding, and deconfliction with other Department of Defense support for community outreach activities.
 - b. Senior commanders and State Adjutants General may approve mission execution for aircraft under their command only after they receive concurrence from OCPA. This authority cannot be further delegated.
4. Department of Defense Instruction 5410.19 (Public Affairs Community Relations Policy Implementation) defines a flyover as a "straight and level flight, usually limited to one pass, by no more than four military aircraft of the same type from the same Military Service over a predetermined point on the ground at a specific time and not involving aerobatics or demonstrations." For Army flyovers in support of public affairs missions, the following constraints apply and may not be waived:
 - a. The event or observance must be of sufficient size and significance (at least 5,000 spectators) to justify the use of Army aircraft;
 - b. Event sponsors must formally recognize the unit and individual crewmembers supporting the event or observance during the event or observance;
 - c. Units will complete flyovers during daylight hours only (that is, between local official sunrise and sunset); and

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d. Units will not attach or suspend flags, banners, streamers, or external loads from Army aircraft during the flyover mission.

5. Before submitting a request for flyover support through command channels, the senior commanders or State Adjutants General, as applicable, will certify that the request fully complies with Army and Department of Defense policy. I delegate to the Vice Chief of Staff, Army the authority to suspend a command's authority to approve flyovers for failure to comply with the Army's flyover policies.

6. This directive supersedes Army Directive 2017-27 (Army Aircraft Use for Public Affairs Missions) and Army Regulation (AR) 360-1 (The Army Public Affairs Program), paragraph 7-11d. OCPA is the proponent for this policy and will ensure that the provisions of this directive are incorporated into the next revision of AR 360-1 and the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Outreach Plan.

7. This directive does not alter the procedures for obtaining approval of aerial demonstrations other than flyovers (for example, aircraft performance record demonstrations, static displays, parachute team demonstrations, aerial insertion demonstrations, aerial infiltration and exfiltration demonstrations, and aerial reviews), which are set forth in AR 360-1, chapter 7.

8. The policy is effective immediately and is applicable to the Regular Army, Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and U.S. Army Reserve.

9. This directive is rescinded upon publication of the revision to AR 360-1.



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REFERENCES

- a. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5410.18 (Public Affairs Community Relations Policy), November 20, 2001, Certified Current as of May 30, 2007.
- b. DoD Instruction 5410.19 (Public Affairs Community Relations Policy Implementation), November 13, 2001.
- c. Memorandum, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, November 17, 2015, subject: DoD Public Affairs Outreach Guidance for Fiscal Years 2016-2017.
- d. Memorandum, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, January 28, 2016, subject: Amendment to Implementation Guidance for Authorized Public Affairs Outreach Activities in Fiscal Years 2016-2017.
- e. Army Directive 2017-27 (Army Flyovers for Public Affairs Missions), 30 Oct 2017 (hereby rescinded).
- f. Army Regulation 95-1 (Flight Regulations), 11 March 2014.
- g. Army Regulation 360-1 (The Army Public Affairs Program), 25 May 2011.
- h. Memorandum, SAPA-ZA, undated, subject: Chief of Public Affairs Fiscal Years 2016-17 Community Outreach Plan Guidance.
- i. Department of Defense Form 2535 (Request for Military Aerial Support), December 1, 2016.

Enclosure