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To: Judge Advocate Division

Subj: POLICY GUIDANCE FOR ALIGNMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF JUDGE
ADVOCATE DIVISION INDIVIDUAL MOBILIZATION AUGMENTEE
DETACHMENT

Encl: (1) JA DIV IMA DET Alignment Planning Guidance V2.5 CAO 28 Nov 2023
(2) JAD IMA Det REORG V3.2 CAO 28 Nov 2023

1. This memorandum memorializes my decision to align BICs and Authorized Manning (paychecks) for Judge Advocate Division's Individual Mobilization Augmentee Detachment (IMA Det) in support of Force Design and Military Justice Reform.
2. The Deputy Director for Community Management and Oversight is the principal officer charged with the operation, employment, and oversight of our IMA Det. All IMA Det manpower management actions will be executed by the Branch Head, Judge Advocate Division for Plans and Innovation (JPI).
3. The alignment of our IMA Det will begin on 1 December with a completion goal of 31 January, 2024. JPI will notify each current IMA Det member of their status, ensuring those members who have participated satisfactorily over the past year are permitted to serve in a billet until reaching their previously established MSAT. Certain alignment efforts will have minimal impact on current IMA Det members, with a shift in job title and reporting chain but no substantive change in day-to-day work. Other alignment efforts will involve an entirely new duty assignment, job title, and reporting chain. Regardless, all necessary closeout fitness report evaluations will be completed in a timely manner in accord with the timelines provided below and reflect the directed alignment. All future fitness reports will utilize only the updated billet titles reflected on Enclosure (2).
4. Effective 1 December 2023, the Reserve Legal Support Branch (RLS), its Director billet, and JRS, JFA, JRO, and JLA Branches are disestablished. Current Reserve Branch Heads will submit Change of Reporting Senior (CH) Marine Reported on Worksheets and ensure completion of fitness report responsibilities, as appropriate.
5. Effective 1 December 2023, the following Reserve Branches JRJ, JRT, JRD, and JRV, and NJS and TJAGLCS Detachments are disestablished and BICs aligned as follows:
 - a. JRJ. IMA Det members assigned to the trial judiciary are designated as Detachment A and assigned for administration under Judge Advocate Division's Military Justice Litigation Support

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Section (JMJ-L). Detachment A members remain under the operational control and are evaluated pursuant to the rules governing the Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary. IMA Det members assigned to the appellate judiciary are designated as Detachment B and assigned for administration under Judge Advocate Division's Military Justice Litigation Support Section. Detachment B members remain under the operational control and are evaluated pursuant to the rules governing the Navy-Marine Court of Criminal Appeals.

b. JRT. IMA Det members assigned to Appellate Government are designated as Detachment E and assigned for administration under Judge Advocate Division's Military Justice Litigation Support Section. Detachment E members serve under the operational control of and are evaluated by the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Military Law) and the Director, Appellate Government Division. IMA Det members assigned to the Trial Services Organization are designated as Trial Services Organization – Reserve Section under the administrative and operational control of the Chief Trial Counsel of the Marine Corps.

c. JRD. IMA Det members assigned to Appellate Defense are designated as Detachment F and assigned for administration under Judge Advocate Division's Military Justice Litigation Support Section. Detachment F members serve under the operational control of and are evaluated by the Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy (Military Law) and the Director, Appellate Defense Division. IMA Det members assigned to the Defense Services Organization are designated as Defense Services Organization – Reserve Section under the administrative and operational control of the Chief Defense Counsel of the Marine Corps.

d. JRV. IMA Det members assigned to the Victims' Legal Counsel Organization are designated as Victims' Legal Counsel Organization – Reserve Section under the administrative and operational control of the OIC, Victims' Legal Counsel Organization.

e. NJS Detachment. IMA Det members assigned to the NJS Detachment are designated Naval Justice School Detachment and aligned under Legal Education and Training – Reserve Section. This detachment is under the administrative and operational control of Judge Advocate Division's Branch Head for Legal Education and Training (JET).

f. TJAGLCS Detachment. IMA Det members assigned to the TJAGLCS Detachment are designated The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School Detachment and aligned under Legal Education and Training – Reserve Section. This Detachment is under the administrative and operational control of Judge Advocate Division's Branch Head for Legal Education and Training (JET).

6. Effective 1 December 2023, and unless otherwise aligned, IMA Det members currently performing duties with Judge Advocate Division's Civil and Administrative Law Branch (JCA), Military Personnel Law Branch (JPL), and International and Operational Law Branch (JAO) are aligned into their respective "Reserve Section" (e.g. JCA-Reserve) and under the administrative and operational control of the Judge Advocate Division Branch Head.

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7. Judge Advocate Division Deputy Directors and Branch Heads, Chief Trial Counsel, Chief Defense Counsel, and OIC, VLCO, for all IMA Det members assigned to their respective reserve sections and detachments:

- a. Set requirements, issue tasks, and ensure full employment;
- b. Develop 90-day drill plans and provide monthly updates on participation;
- c. Serve as either the Reporting Senior or Reviewing Officer for all O-6 and O-5 reserve fitness reports. AC RSs are authorized to write on MROs of same grade; and
- d. Serve as the approval authority for reserve participation outside of the JAD IMA Det.
- e. Support SJA to CMC Reserve 44XX Annual Training events.

8. JPI Branch Head:

- a. Provide the leaders identified in paragraph (7) above, with BICs and IMA Det personnel aligned within their unit. BIC, Billet Title, Marine, MSAT, and Anniversary Date, at a minimum.
- b. Advertise IMA Det opportunities reflecting the alignment.
- c. Identify and drop from the JA Div IMA Det personnel who have not participated satisfactorily or those who expended drills outside of JA Division requirements without approval of the leaders identified in paragraph (7) above.
- d. Through the JPI-Reserve Section Head, monitor to ensure all IMA Det members are completing satisfactory drill periods and all administrative requirements. Coordinate any necessary remedial actions with JPI-Reserve and the JAD Deputy Director or Branch Head as appropriate.

9. Additional guidance for the establishment of new sections and detachments in the JA Division IMA Det will be provided via separate correspondence. For awareness, and as reflected in the enclosures, the Deputy Director for Military Justice will supervise JMJ-R and the new Military Justice Litigation Support – Reserve Section (JMJ-L) and its detachments. The JCA Branch Head will supervise JCA-R and the new Investigation Support Detachment. The initiation of operations by new JMJ-L detachments and the Investigation Support Detachment are conditioned on completion of appropriate training by assigned members and the establishment of operating procedures.

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