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**SUBJECT:** Single Manager Responsibility for Joint Military Diving Technology and Training (MDT&T)

- References:**
- (a) DoD Directive 3224.4, "Single Manager Responsibility for Joint Service Military Diving Technology and Training (MDT&T)," July 18, 1996 (hereby canceled)
  - (b) DoD Instruction 5025.01, "DoD Issuances Program," August 1, 2016, as amended
  - (c) DoD Directive 5111.1, "Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD(P)), December 8, 1999
  - (d) DoD Directive 5000.01, "The Defense Acquisition System," May 12, 2003
  - (e) through (h), see Enclosure 1

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Instruction:

1.1. Reissues Reference (a) as a DoD Instruction in accordance with the guidance in Reference (b) and the authority in Reference (c).

1.2. Establishes policy and consolidates responsibilities for DoD diving technology and training, including diving research and development, joint acquisition programs for diving tools and equipment, diving procedures, and common-type diver training in accordance with Reference (c).

## 2. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

2.1. This Instruction applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (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").

2.2. This Instruction does not modify existing responsibilities and authorities for diving operations, team training, safety and equipment certification, nor does it affect the responsibilities of the Military Departments and the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) to satisfy their unique requirements, except as provided in paragraph 4.2.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Instruction, the following terms apply:

3.1. common-type training. The training in diving procedures conducted at DoD-approved diving schools that are applicable to two or more Military Departments and the USSOCOM in the normal execution of their assigned missions. Training that is unique to the USSOCOM, regardless of the Military Department affiliation of the trainees, is not included.

3.2. diving tools and equipment. Diving-specific tools and equipment developed for use by qualified diving personnel. Excluded are tools and equipment that are developed for unique diving applications by or for a single Military Department or USSOCOM.

3.3. joint acquisition programs. Any DoD acquisition system, subsystem, or technology program that involves formal management or funding by more than one DoD Component during any phase of its life cycle.

### 4. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

4.1. A Joint MDT&T Program shall be established and maintained to:

4.1.1. Improve the effectiveness and economy of diving activities throughout the Department of Defense by eliminating duplication of diving technology and training efforts.

4.1.2. Ensure that the Department of Defense has the required emergency and wartime diving technology and training.

4.2. A Single Manager for diving technology and training shall be assigned within the Department of Defense and shall manage and administer the Joint MDT&T Program.

### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict, under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, shall:

5.1.1. Serve as the DoD proponent for military diving matters.

5.1.2. Serve as the OSD point-of-contact (POC) for the Single Manager of the Joint MDT&T Program Board, the Military Departments, the USSOCOM, and the Secretary of the Navy on military diving matters.

5.1.3. Coordinate Joint MDT&T issues with other offices in the OSD having collateral or related responsibilities.

5.2. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics and the DoD Chief Information Officer shall take part in the identification and review of research, development, and acquisition programs pertaining to military diving.

5.3. The Secretary of the Navy shall:

5.3.1. Serve as the DoD Executive Manager for Joint MDT&T.

5.3.2. Designate and oversee a flag officer or civilian equivalent as the Single Manager for Joint MDT&T to assist the Executive Manager in coordinating and implementing the Joint MDT&T Program.

5.3.3. Prepare, in collaboration with the other Military Departments and Commander, USSOCOM, Joint diving plans for the expansion of training and the use of military diving technology and training resources during a war or national emergency, consistent with allocations approved by the Secretary of Defense.

5.3.4. Ensure that the Single Manager for Joint MDT&T:

5.3.4.1. Prepares and submits to the Secretary of Defense, through the Secretary of the Navy, annual plans and programs in support of Joint MDT&T.

5.3.4.2. Serves as the primary POC in the Department of Defense for military diving technology and training.

5.3.4.3. Develops and maintains joint diving research and development programs, joint acquisition programs for diving tools and equipment, diving procedures, and common-type training.

5.3.4.4. Oversees all common-type training for divers in the continental United States for foreign military students.

5.3.4.5. Encourages the development of state-of-the-art technologies, uses rapid prototyping capabilities, and emphasizes streamlined procurement procedures, including procurement of commercial items consistent with the requirements of DoD Directive 5000.01 and DoD Instruction 5000.2 (References (d) and (e)), the FAR (Reference (f)), and the DoD FAR Supplement (Reference (g)).

5.3.4.6. Chairs the Joint MDT&T Program Board.

5.3.4.7. Appoints the Chair for the Military Technical Acceptance Board (MTAB).

5.3.4.8. Appoints the Chair for the Technical Training Acceptance Board (TTAB).

5.4. The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, shall:

5.4.1. Conduct diving-related research, development, and acquisition programs; develop diving procedures; and conduct diver training that satisfies Military Department-unique or Special Operations Forces (SOF)-unique requirements. Those activities shall be coordinated with the Executive Manager for Joint MDT&T to ensure they do not duplicate Joint MDT&T Program activities.

5.4.2. Encourage the development of state-of-the-art technologies, use rapid prototyping capabilities, and emphasize streamlined procurement procedures, including procurement of commercial items consistent with the requirements of References (d), (e), (f), and (g).

5.4.3. Designate, from each Military Department and the USSOCOM, a civilian or military representative to be a member of the Joint MDT&T Program Board. That representative also shall be responsible for identifying Military Department or SOF diving requirements and shall assist in programming to fulfill those requirements. According to section 167 of title 10, United States Code (Reference (h)), the USSOCOM shall program and fund only SOF-unique diving requirements and programs.

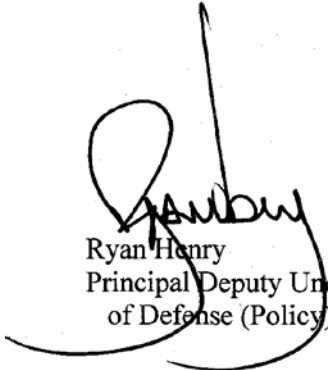
5.4.4. Designate, from each Military Department and the USSOCOM, a civilian or military representative to be a member of the MTAB.

5.4.5. Designate, from each Military Department and the USSOCOM, a civilian or military representative to be a member of the TTAB.

6. RELEASABILITY. **Cleared for public release.** This Instruction may be obtained from the DoD Issuances Web Site at <http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives>.

7. SUMMARY OF CHANGE 1. The changes to this issuance are administrative and update organizational titles and references for accuracy.

8. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Instruction is effective May 23, 2008.



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Enclosures – 2

- E1. References, continued
- E2. Responsibilities of MDT&T Boards

E1. ENCLOSURE 1

REFERENCES, continued

- (e) DoD Instruction 5000.2, "Operation of the Defense Acquisition System,"  
January 7, 2015, as amended
- (f) Chapter 1, Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Federal Acquisition Regulation  
(FAR)
- (g) Chapter 2, Title 48, Code of Federal Regulations, Defense Federal Acquisition  
Regulation Supplement
- (h) Title 10, United States Code

E2. ENCLOSURE 2

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MDT&T BOARDS

E1.1. The Joint MDT&T Program Board shall be comprised of representatives from each of the Military Departments and USSOCOM and shall:

E1.1.1. Convene, as required.

E1.1.2. Serve as the POC for military diving requirements and issues.

E1.1.3. Undertake resolution of Joint MDT&T requirements and issues for the diving community.

E1.1.4. Provide guidance to the MTAB and the TTAB. Forward the Military Departments' and the USSOCOM's diving requirements to the MTAB and the TTAB.

E1.1.5. Receive and act on recommendations from the MTAB and the TTAB.

E1.1.6. Submit recommendations for changes to the common-type training curriculum, through the Single Manager, to the Director of Naval Training, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, for approval.

E1.1.7. Negotiate the annual program content and budget. Joint diving acquisition programs shall be funded.

E1.2. The MTAB shall be comprised of members from each of the Military Departments and the USSOCOM and shall:

E1.2.1. Convene, at the direction of the MTAB Chair.

E1.2.2. Develop joint research, development, and acquisition programs and diving procedures meeting the common requirements of the Military Departments and the USSOCOM.

E1.2.3. Present proposed joint diving research, development, and acquisition programs and diving procedures to the Joint MDT&T Program Board.

E1.3. The TTAB shall be comprised of members from each of the Military Departments and the USSOCOM and shall:

E1.3.1. Convene, at the direction of the MTAB Chair.

E1.3.2. Provide input and recommended changes to the common-type training curriculum to the Joint MDT&T Program Board.