

Subpart A—Introduction

§ 507.1 Purpose.

This part prescribes the Department of the Army and the Air Force policy governing the manufacture, sale, reproduction, possession, and wearing of military decorations, medals, badges, and insignia. It also establishes the Heraldic Item Quality Control Program to improve the appearance of the Army and Air Force by controlling the quality of heraldic items purchased from commercial sources.

§ 507.2 References.

Related publications are listed in paragraphs (a) through (f) of this section. (A related publication is merely a source of additional information. The user does not have to read it to understand this part). Copies of referenced publications may be reviewed at Army and Air Force Libraries or may be purchased from the National Technical Information Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

- (a) AFI 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.
- (b) AR 360-5, Public Information.
- (c) AR 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia.
- (d) AR 840-1, Department of the Army Seal, and Department of the Army Emblem and Branch of Service Plaques.
- (e) AR 840-10, Heraldic Activities, Flags, Guidons, Streamers, Tabards and Automobile Plates.
- (f) AFR 900-3, Department of the Air Force Seal, Organizational Emblems, Use and Display of Flags, Guidons, Streamers, and Automobile and Aircraft Plates.

§ 507.3 Explanation of abbreviations and terms.

- (a) *Abbreviations.* (1) AFB—Air Force Base.
- (2) DA—Department of the Army.
- (3) DCSPER—Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.
- (4) DSCP—Defense Supply Center Philadelphia.
- (5) DUI—distinctive unit insignia.
- (6) ROTC—Reserve Officers' Training Corps.
- (7) SSI—shoulder sleeve insignia.
- (8) TIOH—The Institute of Heraldry.

(9) USAF—United States Air Force.

(b) *Terms*—(1) *Cartoon.* A drawing six times actual size, showing placement of stitches, color and size of yarn and number of stitches.

(2) *Certificate of authority to manufacture.* A certificate assigning manufacturers a hallmark and authorizing manufacture of heraldic items.

(3) *Hallmark.* A distinguishing mark consisting of a letter and numbers assigned to certified manufacturers for use in identifying manufacturers of insignia.

(4) *Heraldic items.* All items worn on the uniform to indicate unit, skill, branch, award or identification and a design has been established by TIOH on an official drawing.

(5) *Letter of agreement.* A form signed by manufacturers before certification, stating that the manufacturer agrees to produce heraldic items in accordance with specific requirements.

(6) *Letter of authorization.* A letter issued by TIOH that authorizes the manufacture of a specific heraldic item after quality assurance inspection of a preproduction sample.

(7) *Tools.* Hubs, dies, cartoons, and drawings used in the manufacture of heraldic items.

§ 507.4 Responsibilities.

(a) *Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel (DCSPER), Army.* The DCSPER has staff responsibility for heraldic activities in the Army.

(b) *The Director, The Institute of Heraldry (TIOH).* The Director, TIOH, will—

- (1) Monitor the overall operation of the Heraldic Quality Control Program.
- (2) Authorize the use of insignia designs in commercial items.
- (3) Certify insignia manufacturers.
- (4) Inspect the quality of heraldic items.

(c) *The Commander, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4739.* The Commander has staff responsibility for heraldic activities in the Air Force.

(d) *The Chief, Air Force Personnel Center Commander's Programs Branch (HQ AFPC/DPSFC), 550 C Street West, Suite 37, Randolph AFB, TX 78150-4739.* The Chief, Commander's Programs Branch is responsible for granting permission