

consult the installation family counseling center concerning such issues. In addition, commanders should exercise extreme caution in denying dependent support in cases where the servicemember is also a perpetrator of spousal abuse.); or

(D) The dependent is in jail.

(vi) All command directed support waivers shall be in writing and a copy shall be provided to the disenfranchised family member by the command. The command shall also retain a copy.

Alleged verbal support waivers shall be given no force or effect.

(vii) The natural parents of an adopted child are relieved of the obligation to support the child as such duty is imposed on the adoptive parent. A Marine who contemplates the adoption of a child should be aware of the legal obligation to provide continuous support, once adopted, for such child during its minority.

5. In § 733.4, revise paragraph (a)(1) to read as follows:

§ 733.4 Complaints of nonsupport and insufficient support of dependents.

(a) * * *

(1) *Waiver of support of spouse.* If the member feels that he or she has legitimate grounds for a waiver of support for the spouse, the Director, Navy Family Allowance Activity or in the case of a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, the general court-martial convening authority, may grant such a waiver for support of a spouse (but not children) on the basis of evidence of desertion without cause or infidelity on the part of the spouse. The evidence may consist of—

(i) *U.S. Navy members.* An affidavit of the service member, relative, disinterested person, public official, or law enforcement officer, and written admissions by the spouse contained in letters written by that spouse to the service member or other persons. However, affidavits of the service member and relatives should be supported by other corroborative evidence. All affidavits must be based upon the personal knowledge of the facts set forth; statements of hearsay, opinion, and conclusion are not acceptable as evidence.

(ii) *U.S. Marine Corps members.* The Marine's commander may consider all pertinent facts and circumstances. The general court-martial convening authority may consider any reliable evidence including, but not necessarily limited to, the following: affidavits of the Marine, relatives, or other witnesses; admissions of the spouse, including verbal and written statements or letters written by the spouse to the Marine or

other persons; pertinent photographs or court orders; and admissions by the person with whom the spouse allegedly had sexual liaisons. Witness statements should ordinarily state facts that were personally observed. Statements that merely state a conclusion without providing the personal observations on which the conclusion is based are generally unpersuasive.

(iii) The request for waiver of support of a spouse should be submitted to the Director, Navy Family Allowance Activity or in the case of a member of the U.S. Marine Corps, the general court-martial convening authority, with a complete statement of the facts and substantiating evidence, and comments or recommendations of the commanding officer.

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§ 733.5 [Amended]

6. In § 733.5, remove the next to last sentence in paragraph (b) introductory text.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

32 CFR Part 734

RIN 0703-AA67

Garnishment of Pay of Naval Military and Civilian Personnel for Collection of Child Support and Alimony

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy is updating its regulation on garnishment of pay of naval military and civilian personnel for collection of child support and alimony. This amendment reflects changes to the Marine Corps provision on receipt of legal process and other administrative changes.

DATES: Effective October 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave. SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lieutenant Commander James L. Roth, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Head, Regulations and Legislation Branch, Administrative Law

Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave. SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066, (703)604-8200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority cited below, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 734. This amendment updates information on legal process brought against a Marine Corps member for the enforcement of a legal obligation to provide child support or alimony payments. Additionally, administrative changes were made to change reference to "Marine Corps Manual" to "MCO 5800.16A, Marine Corps Manual on Legal Administration (LEGADMINMAN)" on order to more accurately describe the manual. It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment would be impracticable and unnecessary, and it is therefore not required under the public rulemaking provisions of 32 CFR Part 336 or Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.45. Interested persons, however, are invited to comment in writing on this amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR Part 734, or the instructions on which they are based. Changes may be initiated on the basis of comments received. Written comments should be addressed to Lieutenant Commander James L. Roth, JAGC, U.S. Navy, Head, Regulations and Legislation Branch, Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave. SE., Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. It has been determined that this final rule is not a "significant regulatory action" as defined in Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

It has been determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The provisions contained in this rule will have little or no direct effect on States or local governments.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 734

Alimony, Child support, Military personnel.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, amend part 734 of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations as follows:

PART 734—GARNISHMENT OF PAY OF NAVAL MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL FOR COLLECTION OF CHILD SUPPORT AND ALIMONY

1. The authority citation for 32 CFR part 734 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 659 (Social Security Act, sec. 459 added by Pub. L. 93-647, part B, sec. 101(a), 88 Stat. 2357, as amended by the Tax Reform and Simplification Act of 1977, Pub. L. 95-30, title V, sec. 502, 91 Stat. 157).

2. In § 734.3, revise paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

§ 734.3 Service of Process.

(a) * * *

(2) *Marine Corps members.* 42 U.S.C. 659 provides that pay of a servicemember, active duty or retired, shall be subject to legal process brought for the enforcement against such member of legal obligations to provide child support or alimony payments. "Legal process" means any writ, order, summons, or other similar process in the nature of garnishment. Upon receipt of such legal process, it will be forwarded directly to: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Cleveland Center, Garnishment Operations Directorate (DFAS-CL/L), P.O. Box 998002, Cleveland, Ohio 44199-8002. The letter of transmittal will state the date of service and method by which service was made. Detailed instructions for disbursing officers and commanding officers are contained in DFAS-KC 7220.31-R, chapter 7.

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§§ 734.4 and 734.5 [Amended]

3. In 32 CFR part 734, remove the words "Marine Corps Manual" and add, in their place, the words "MCO 5800.16A, Marine Corps Manual for Legal Administration (LEGADMINMAN)" in the following places:

- a. Section 734.4(a)(3).
- b. Section 734.5.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

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Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Navy****32 CFR Part 765**

RIN 0703-AA69

Rules Applicable to the Public

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This rule sets forth amendments on the rules applicable to the public. It is intended that this amendment will apprise members of the public of updated information on the redelegated authority to grant written permission to use the United States Marine Corps emblem, names, or initials and on changes to the mileage allowances on rewards for the return of Navy and Marine Corps absentees.

DATES: Effective October 19, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant Commander James L. Roth, JAGC, USN, Head, Regulations and Legislation, FOIA/PA Branch, Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066, (703) 604-8200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the authority cited below, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 765. As part of our annual review of 32 CFR we identified a need to update information found at Part 765 concerning mileage allowances as part of the rewards for return of Navy and Marine Corps absentees and on the redelegated authority to grant written authority to use the emblem, names, and use of the United States Marine Corps. This rule is being published by the Department of the Navy for guidance and interest of the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1). It has been determined that invitation of public comment on this amendment would be impracticable and unnecessary, and it is therefore not required under the public rulemaking provisions of 32 CFR Part 336 or Secretary of the Navy Instruction 5720.45. Interested persons, however, are invited to comment in writing on this amendment. All written comments received will be considered in making subsequent amendments or revisions of 32 CFR Part 765, or the instructions on which they are based. Changes may be initiated on the basis of comments

received. Written comments should be addressed to Lieutenant Commander James L. Roth, JAGC, USN, Head, Regulations and Legislation, FOIA/PA Branch, Administrative Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General (Code 13), 1322 Patterson Ave SE, Suite 3000, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5066. It has been determined that this final rule is not a "significant regulatory action" as defined in Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism

It has been determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant the preparation of a Federalism Assessment. The provisions contained in this rule will have little or no direct effect on States or local governments.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. Chapter 6).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not impose collection of information requirements for purposes of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, 5 CFR Part 1320).

List of Subjects in 32 CFR Part 765

Reward, Seals and insignia.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Department of the Navy amends 32 CFR Part 765 as follows:

PART 765—RULES APPLICABLE TO THE PUBLIC

1. The authority citation for part 765 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Secs. 5031, 6011, 70A Stat. 278, 375, as amended, sec. 133, 76 Stat. 517, sec. 301, 80 Stat. 379; 5 U.S.C. 301, 10 U.S.C. 133, 5031, 6011, 7881.

§ 765.14 [Amended]

2. In 32 CFR 765.14(d)(2) and (3), remove the term "Director of Headquarters Support (CMC(HQSP))" and add its place, the term "Director, Administration Resource Management (ARDE)" and remove the term "CMC (HQSP)" and add in its place the term "CMC (ARDE)".

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