



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON

13 Oct 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (MANPOWER
AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)

SUBJECT: Delegation of Authority – Secretary of Defense Medal for the
Defense of Freedom (DFM)

1. References:

a. Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy) Memorandum, dated October 4, 2001, subject: Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom.

b. Secretary of the Army Memorandum, dated March 17, 2009, subject: Delegation of Authority – Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom (DFM) (hereby rescinded).

2. I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (ASA (M&RA)) the authority to approve the Secretary of Defense Medal for the Defense of Freedom. During wartime, this authority may be further delegated, in writing, to commanders and equivalent civilian leaders who meet the requirements described in this delegation. These commanders and civilian leaders must have administrative control over civilians deployed to theater or civilians returned to the home duty station following injury or death resulting from hostile action. For the purposes of this delegation, administrative control is defined as control over the daily work activities, duty assignments, and whereabouts of civilian employees.

3. DFM approval authority may be further delegated to commanders who approve the Purple Heart for service members, to include hospital commanders at military medical treatment facilities where civilian employees are being treated due to deployment injury when the employees are expected to be able to return to duty in theater following treatment of the injury.

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4. Commanders and equivalent civilian leaders with approval authority may further delegate this authority by name, within their command, to commanders at the rank of Brigadier General or higher, or to equivalent civilian leaders. The authority exercised pursuant to this delegation will be exercised in accordance with the above referenced Department of Defense policy and procedures.

5. I have retained the approval authority for the DFM for eligible Army civilians who are wounded or killed outside of the combat theater as the result of an international terrorist attack.

6. This delegation does not include approval authority for the DFM for Department of Defense contractors. That authority was retained by the Secretary of Defense.

7. Any further delegation of this authority must contain specific reference to the authorities retained at the ASA (M&RA) level, at the Secretary of the Army level, and at the Department of Defense level.

8. Should you elect to re-delegate this authority, you will remain cognizant of and accountable for all actions taken in the exercise of this authority by those who have been delegated this authority at any level. Should you elect to re-delegate this authority, you may further restrict or condition your delegate's exercise of same. A re-delegation of authority shall not be effective unless it is in writing, signed by you, and has been determined not to be legally objectionable upon review by the Office of the Army General Counsel. No re-delegation shall take effect until a record copy of same has been provided to the Office of the Administrative Assistant for archiving. I will hold you responsible for any and all actions taken pursuant to this delegation or any re-delegation thereof. Should conditions warrant, you will suspend the use of and/or rescind further delegation of the authority, as appropriate.

9. Although not a limitation on your authority to act in my behalf, in those cases specified above where your proposed decision represents a change in precedent or policy; is of significant White House, Congressional, Department, or public interest; or has been, or should be, of interest or concern to me, for any reason, you will brief me prior to the decision unless the exigencies of the situation preclude such action. Continue my practice of coordination with the Office of the Army General Counsel.

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10. With this authority comes the requirement to establish appropriate review and reporting requirements to ensure consistent administration and issuance of these awards. Reviews of all delegations of this authority must be done on at least an annual basis.

11. This delegation is effective immediately and expires on September 30, 2013, unless earlier revoked or superseded.

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John M. McHugh

CF:
General Counsel