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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5030.4F

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NAVY AVIATION SQUADRON LINEAGE AND NAVAL AVIATION  
COMMAND INSIGNIA

Ref: (a) Dictionary of American Naval Aviation Squadrons,  
Volume 1 - The History of VA, VAH, VAK, VAL,  
VAP AND VFA Squadrons, by Roy A. Grossnick,  
Naval Historical Center, GPO, 1995 (NOTAL)  
(b) Paint Schemes and Exterior Markings for U.S.  
Navy and Marine Corps Aircraft (MIL-STD-2161A(AS))  
of 1 May 1993  
(c) COMNAVAIRPACINST 4750.4B (NOTAL)  
(d) COMNAVAIRLANTINST 4750.5E (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Guidelines for Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage  
Program and approval procedures  
(2) Current Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage List  
(3) Guidelines for Naval Aviation Insignia Program  
and approval procedures  
(4) Examples of Good Insignia

1. Purpose. To issue policy and approval procedures governing the Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage Program and the Naval Aviation Insignia Program. This instruction has been revised as a result of changes in Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) office codes, addresses and lineages.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5030.4E.

3. Background

a. Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage. The lineage and history of Navy aviation squadrons has been a source of confusion since the birth of Naval Aviation in 1911. Much of this confusion arose from the terminology used by the Navy, the lack of a consistent policy in selecting the alphanumeric designations for squadrons, the reuse of letter and numeric designations, and the many establishments, redesignations and disestablishments of aviation squadrons.

This instruction sets forth the policy for Navy aviation squadron lineage, shows the relationship between squadron designations and insignia, and requires Director, Air Warfare Division (CNO(N78)) approval of all Navy aviation squadron designations.

b. Naval Aviation Insignia. The use of Naval Aviation insignia is a modern form of heraldry that dates back to the early period of Naval Aviation in the 1920s and captures many proud moments of its history. The practice fosters a sense of pride, unit cohesion and contributes to high morale, esprit de corps and professionalism within the Naval Aviation community. It also serves as an effective means of preserving a command's tradition, continuity of purpose and recognition, as traced through its lineage. The ensuing guidelines are set forth to ensure that all command insignia and slogans are in keeping with the highest traditions of the proud Naval Aviation heritage.

#### 4. Action

a. Enclosure (1) provides policy and approval procedures for the Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage Program. This policy begins with the squadrons listed in enclosure (2). It applies only to Navy aviation squadrons. Marine Corps aviation squadron lineage is maintained and approved by Commandant Marine Corps, Code HDH-2 (Marine Corps History and Museums Division).

b. All Naval Aviation commands are required to have an officially approved insignia on file with the Director, Air Warfare Division's Assistant for Aviation History and Publications (N78H) under the Chief of Naval Operations. This includes all Navy and Marine Corps aviation commands listed in the Standard Navy Distribution List (SNDL) Part 1 and Part 2. Enclosure (3) provides guidelines and approval procedures. Examples of insignia meeting the current criteria for official approval are shown in enclosure (4).

c. Questions concerning Navy Aviation squadron lineage or Navy and Marine Corps aviation command insignia should be addressed to Chief of Naval Operations, Director, Air Warfare Division, Assistant for Naval Aviation History and

Publications (N78H), Washington Navy Yard, 1242 10th Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20374-5059. Phone contact via voice mail: (202) 433-2321 or DSN 288-2321. For Marine Corps aviation squadron lineage, direct questions to the Marine Corps Historical Center, Reference Section, Washington Navy Yard, 1242 Charles Morris Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20374-5040 or call (202) 433-4245 or DSN 288-4245.

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