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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5030.4G

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, Naval Historical Center, GPO, 1995
(b) MIL-STD-2161B, Paint Schemes and Exterior Markings
for U.S. Navy and Marine Aircraft, 15 Aug 2008
(c) COMNAVAIRFORINST 4750.4A (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Rules for Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage Program and
Approval Procedures
(2) Current Navy Aviation Squadron Lineage List; How to
Trace Squadron Lineage
(3) Rules for Naval Aviation Insignia Program and
Approval Procedures
(4) Examples of Approved 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, lineage and reference (a).

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5030.4F.

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 terminology specific to 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 provides the policy for

Navy aviation squadron lineage, shows the relationship between squadron designations and insignia and requires the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Director, Air Warfare Division (OPNAV (N98)) approval of all Navy aviation squadron designations. Reference (a) details squadron lineage and history for much of the fleet while references (b) and (c) detail aircraft painting regulations and schemes.

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 1920's 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 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 following rules are provided to ensure that all command insignia and slogans are in keeping with the highest traditions of the proud naval aviation heritage.

4. Action. 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, History Division (Code HDR).

a. All naval aviation commands are required to have an officially approved insignia on file with the OPNAV Director, Air Warfare Division's Assistant for Aviation History and Publications under the CNO. This includes all Navy and Marine Corps aviation commands. Enclosure (3) provides rules and approval procedures. Examples of insignia meeting the current criteria for official approval are shown in enclosure (4).

b. 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, c/o Naval History and Heritage Command, 805 Kidder Breese Street SE, Washington DC 20374-5060; via voice mail: (202) 433-2321; or by e-mail aviationhistory@navy.mil. Marine Corps aviation commands must have their insignia proposal endorsed by the Marine Corps (Code HDR) as well as their wing-level chain of

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command: Marine Corps History Division, Historical Reference Branch, 3078 Upshur Ave, Quantico, VA 22134; via voice mail: (703) 432-4875.

5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of November 2007.



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