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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 4423.3E

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: EQUIPPING RESERVE FORCES

Ref: (a) DoD Directive 1225.6 of 7 April 2005

1. Purpose. To issue Navy policy for procurement and distribution of new and or combat serviceable equipment to the Navy Reserve Forces.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 4423.3D.

3. Action. Reference (a) provides Department of Defense policy, responsibilities, and procedures for procuring and distributing items of new and combat-serviceable equipment to reserve components. Navy Reserve units shall be equipped to accomplish all assigned missions, and shall have an equipment and distribution program that is balanced, responsive to mission requirements, and sustainable. The priority for distribution of equipment, with associated support and test equipment, should be given to units scheduled to be deployed and or employed first. Equipment priorities for Ready Reserve units shall be established using the same methodology as regular units having the same mobilization mission.

a. Applicable offices of the Chief of Naval Operations, systems commands, and bureaus shall carry out the policy and requirements in reference (a) for acquiring and distributing equipment and related logistic support to reserve components.

b. Naval commands or responsible offices proposing withdrawal, diversion, or reduction of equipment from reserve components shall initiate action to obtain requisite approval for such proposals.

c. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations reserve program sponsors shall coordinate action to obtain necessary approval for withdrawal, diversion, or reduction of reserve component equipment.

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4. 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 January 2012.



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