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Subject: RE: New Army Conference Requests (UNCLASSIFIED)
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In keeping with past practice, it is my opinion that when using MFP-11 dollars to entirely fund an activity, and with no Army OMA involvement or supplemental funding, the SA conference rules do not apply.

Please call if you have any questions.

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From: Waite Christopher C CPT (USASOC) [<mailto:christopher.c.waite@soc.mil>]
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Subject: New Army Conference Requests (UNCLASSIFIED)
Importance: High

Mr. DeAgostino:

Thank you for taking the time to speak on the phone with me today. As we discussed, I am hoping you can confirm my interpretation that the Secretary's new Army Directive 2011-20 (Department of the Army Conferences) is not applicable to Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), so long as we are conducting conferences funded by MFP-11 dollars, provided by US Special Operations Command.

AD 2011-20 would apply, however, to any conferences conducted by USASOC utilizing Army MFP-2 funds.

v/r,

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Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 4:25 PM

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Cc: Jackson, Elbert S Mr CIV USA OAA-RPA; DeAgostino, Paul V Mr CIV USA HQDA CALS

Subject: RE: Major Funding Program (UNCLASSIFIED)

LTC Sigmund-

As per the lawyer folks, if it's not Army money, then it's not an Army event, conference or meeting for this drill.

The real question comes in whether or not USSOCOM's funding comes in from the Army or directly from DOD, i.e., Is USSOCOM's money in the Army budget, then sent to a USSOCOM account.

As we discussed on the phone,
the Army Special Ops events are funded with the specific Special Ops money,
therefore, you do not need to submit them for approval.

However, the only distinction would be if there were substantial Army assets spent/assigned to planning the event

(i.e., a separate planning cell dedicated to planning the conference, securing speakers, etc.).

In addition, the travel for the attendees would need to come from Special Ops money,
rather than OMA or other Army funding.

If that is all clearly Special Ops funded
then you do not need to submit to SecArmy for approval.

We will try to clarify the "other funded" conferences in the new policy guidance.

Thanks,

Angie

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sigmund, David C LTC MIL USA HQDA DCS G-1 [<mailto:david.sigmund@conus.army.mil>]

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Subject: Major Funding Program (UNCLASSIFIED)

Ms. Ritz & Mr. Jackson,

The Secretary of the Army's updated policy on conferences (Army Directive 2011-05), the DA Memo 1-17,

and the proscribed procedures for obtaining approvals for those conferences are written in such a way that they do not specify the types of funding involved.

This may be a significant issue for Army Special Operations units.

While most Army units likely use "Army" funds (MFP-2) for conferences, the Army Special Operations units will most often use "Special Operations" funds (MFP-11) for their events. Those monies come from USSOCOM's funding program, rather than the Army's.

Because MFP-11 funds do not come from the Army's budget, there is some concern that asking for the SA's (or AASA's) approval for an MFP-11 funded event is asking them for something that may be beyond the Army's purview.

While these organizations fully support providing visibility to the SA on their SOF-unique events, it is not fully clear whether the SA's intent with Army Directive 2011-05 included having SOF units ask permission to spend MFP-11 funds.

Can you please clarify this issue within the conference approval chain and please help us to resolve this key question?

Thank you very much for your assistance in this matter.

v/r,

LTC Dave Sigmund

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