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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #03-01, Military Vehicle Naming Convention

1. References.

- a. TC 3-09.8, November 2013, Field Artillery Gunnery
- b. TC 3-04.45, 29 January 2014, Combat Aviation Gunnery
- c. TC 3-20.31, March 2015, Training and Qualification, Crew
- d. FM 3-22.3, 9 March 2006, Stryker Gunnery
- e. TC 3-20.31-1, 26 June 2015, Gunnery Skills Testing

2. This policy letter is effective immediately. It remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

3. Commander's Intent.

a. Purpose. This policy letter disseminates my directives to all leaders and personnel assigned or attached at all echelons within the 2d Infantry Division (2ID) to ensure military combat vehicle crews meet the standard and intent for the privilege to name their respective platforms and to recognize these crews for their excellence in making ready to "Fight Tonight!".

b. Key Tasks:

- Leaders at all echelons must ensure that crew qualification and vehicle maintenance are at the forefront of our training objectives.
- Commanders at all levels must teach and preserve the proud history and lineage of this Division; vehicle names will reflect the honor of Warrior Soldiers both past and present.

c. End state. 2ID Soldiers and crews earn the privilege to name their military combat vehicles only when the standards and requisite guidelines designated in this policy letter

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are met and maintained.

4. Policy. Soldiers of the 2ID, our nation's only forward stationed division, honor the legacy of those who have gone before us through our unwavering readiness, exceptional discipline, exemplary character, and steadfast commitment. "Fight Tonight" is not merely a slogan or greeting of the day; in Warrior country, it is a mental preparedness, physical readiness, but most of all a way of life. As such, crew qualification, vehicle maintenance and overall disciplined Soldiers and formations build the foundations upon which this great division stands. Commanders will promote, support and adhere to the program outlined below.

a. Required performance levels: Earning the right to name military combat vehicles or platforms should be and will remain a privilege reserved for Soldiers and crews who meet the highest levels of readiness for our warfighting mission. The following are the standards that must be achieved and maintained:

(1) Tanks/Bradleys: In accordance with TC 3-20.31, March 2015, (Training and Qualification, Crew) TTVI Q1 distinguished qualification on individually assigned vehicle (cannot qualify on a different crew's vehicle).

(2) MLRS: In accordance with 210 FA BDE LFX SOP, September 2014 and TC 3-09.8 (Field Artillery Gunnery), November 2013 : Both Launcher Chief and Gunner have successfully completed the MOS specific written exam, hands on exam, general/MOS safety exam and Table VI LFX Qualification within the last 180 days without any change in personnel (First time go on all criteria).

(3) Paladin: In accordance with TC 3-09.8, November 2013: Chief of Section, Gunner, and Ammunition Team Chief (Top 3) have successfully completed Artillery Skills Proficiency Test (ASPT) and Table VI LFX Qualification within the last 180 days without any change in personnel. Additionally, each member of the Top 3 have scored Expert on the Gunner's Qualification Test within the last 180 days without any change in personnel. (First time go on all criteria).

(4) FDCs: In accordance with 210 FA BDE LFX SOP, September 2014 and TC 3-09.8, November 2013: Fire Direction Officer, Fire Control Sergeant, and Computer Operator have successfully completed the MOS specific written exam, BN CDR's Safety Exam (at least 90%), and Table VI LFX Qualification within the last 180 days without any change in personnel. (First time go on all criteria).

(5) NBCRV: In accordance with FM 3-22.3, 9 March 2006, Stryker Gunnery the requirements for the four-man crew must, at a minimum be certified on collective tasks with all four crewmembers. Awarding naming rights shall be based on a cutoff gunnery score of 800/1000 and certification of collective tasks of Battle Ready Crews/Fully Mission Combat Capable (BR/FMCC).

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(6) Helicopter: In accordance with TC 3-04.45, 29 January 2014 Combat Aviation Gunnery. As required by their specific aircraft, the flight crew must successfully complete the Helicopter Gunnery Skills Test and Q1 Table VI (first time go in all criteria). Additionally, the crews' helicopter maintains DA operational readiness rate for reportable months (time for DA grounding, MWO application and phase maintenance will not be counted for OR time).

b. Forfeiture of military combat vehicle naming rights: Soldiers and crews must first meet the requisite standards laid out above to achieve naming privileges. The Soldiers and crews however may forfeit this honor if any of the following conditions transpire:

(1) The TC/Gunner (crew combination) who earned the distinction are broken.

(2) Any member of the crew has an act of indiscipline. Misconduct is defined as any alcohol related incident (DUI, underage drinking, disorderly conduct, etc.), any SHARP related incident, any criminal activity, or any curfew violation that hits the blotter and/or meets 2ID incident reporting criteria.

(3) In a subsequent crew qualification, the crew does not maintain the required level of performance.

(4) Helicopters: Aircraft name designation will be forfeited as directed in (2), (3) above.

c. Future consideration will be given for MATV crews as they eventually become qualified with stabilized and unstabilized weapons platforms on their vehicles. This may be done via the Warrior STX or similar type exercises.

d. Vehicle name approval authority: The Brigade Commander is the approval authority of all vehicle names. The DCG-M is the approval authority for 23d CHEM while the CoS is the approval authority for HHBN vehicles.

e. Upon the completion of the requisite tasks and approval of a name from the Brigade Commander, a notification letter will be sent to the Commanding General. The respective crew achievement will be entered into a 2ID Book of Exceptional Performance as part of maintaining our legacy of excellence. The notification letter will contain the following information:

(1) The name of the military combat vehicle or platform

(2) The names of the crew that met the requisite standards.

(3) The significance of the name.

(4) A picture of the crew with the vehicle and the vehicle name.

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5. PROPONENT. The 2ID Chief of Staff is the proponent for this policy. The proponent can be contacted at commercial 010-2007-2906 or DSN 732-8889.

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Example Notification Letter



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