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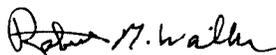
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History. This printing publishes a new Department of the Army regulation.

Summary. This guidance establishes the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award. It prescribes the eligibility requirements and the nominating and selection criteria for the award, and provides the responsibilities and procedures of the Selection Recommendation Committee.

Applicability. This guidance applies to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the Marine Corps.

Proponent and exception authority. The proponent of this guidance is the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. The authorities in this regulation are retained by the Secretary of the Army and may not be delegated.

Army management control process.

This guidance contains management control provisions in accordance with AR 11-2 and implements AF Policy Directive 36-28. It does not contain checklists for assessing management controls. Alternative management control reviews are used to accomplish assessment of management controls. Compliance with this guidance is mandatory.

Supplementation. This guidance will not be supplemented.

Suggested improvements. Army users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs), ATTN: SAMR-CPP-MP, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0300. All other users will submit their comments and suggested

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1-1. Purpose

This guidance prescribes policy governing the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award and prescribes the criteria and nominating procedures for the Award. It also gives the responsibilities of the Multi-Department Selection Recommendation Committee.

1-2. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms

Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

1-4. Responsibilities

a. The Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, will—

(1) Approve the selection of the recipient of the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award.

(2) Rotate presentation of the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award, at an appropriate ceremony, to the selected individual(s) or organization(s).

b. Each Military Department principal official with responsibility for manpower and reserve affairs, or their representative, will—

(1) Serve as a member of the Multi-Department Selection Recommendation Committee to evaluate and select the nominee for the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award.

(2) Serve as a member of the Nominating Panel and establish internal nomination procedures to solicit and review nominations for the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award (see chap 4).

Chapter 2 Background and Description

2-1. Authority

In 1996, the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force approved the establishment of the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award on a continuing basis.

2-2. Background

The award is named in honor of Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher, both of whom have contributed extensively to the support and welfare of the members of the Armed Services of the United States. The award is a multi-Department award designated to recognize and reward an individual(s) or organization(s) demonstrating exceptional patriotism and humanitarian concern for members of the United States Armed Forces or their families. The recipient will exemplify Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher's personal qualities of patriotism, generosity, and selfless dedication to improving the quality of life of members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

2-3. Description

The Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award consists of a large commemorative trophy with the annual recipient(s)' name(s) engraved on brass plates. This trophy remains on display in the Pentagon and is removed only for the annual presentation ceremony. Medallions and lapel pins are presented to each annual recipient.

Chapter 3 Criteria and Eligibility for the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award

3-1. Criteria

The Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award will be presented, on an annual basis, to an individual(s) or organization(s) that satisfies the following criteria:

a. Exemplifies Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher's personal qualities of patriotism, generosity, and selfless dedication to the members of the Armed Forces of the United States, through an outstanding humanitarian act or service.

b. Selflessly contributes an extraordinary amount of time, talent, or resources to benefit members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

c. Significantly enhances the quality of life of military members or their families through the act or service.

3-2. Eligibility

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

a. Individuals or organizations who are not employed by the Department of Defense (DOD) and its components, or who were not so employed during the period for which the award is recommended. However, a period of DOD employment does not necessarily preclude consideration for a multi-year/lifetime contribution award for service performed while not employed by DOD.

b. Individuals or organizations that do not have commercial or profit-making relationships with DOD or with a DOD component.

c. Individuals or organizations having a commercial or profit-making relationship with DOD, or with a DOD Component, may be eligible to receive the award if the following is true:

(1) The contribution is substantially beyond that specified or implied within the terms of the contract establishing the relationship.

(2) The recognition is clearly in the public interest.

3-3. Period of service

The period of service for the award is from 1 January through 31 December of each calendar year or for a multi-year/lifetime contribution.

3-4. Awarding

The Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award will only be awarded when these extraordinary standards are met. The Military Departments Nomination Panels and the Multi-Department Selection Recommendation Committee need not forward recommended recipients of the award if the nominees do not meet the criteria and eligibility requirements.

Chapter 4 Nominating Responsibilities, Procedures, and Award Presentation

4-1. Nominating responsibilities

The Military Departments' Nominating Panel and the Multi-Department Selection Recommendation Committee are responsible for nominating and recommending the annual recipient(s) of the Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award:

a. *Military Departments' Nomination Panels.* Each of the Military Departments will establish an internal nominating panel to be chaired by the Department's Assistant Secretary for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, or designated representative. The Department of the Navy Nominating Panel will be composed of representatives from the Navy and from the Marine Corps. Nominations for the award shall be submitted through the administrative chain of command to each Department Nomination Panel. Each Department Nomination Panel will then recommend a candidate and forward the selected nomination package, no later than 30 May, to the Multi-

Department Selection Recommendation Committee for consideration.

b. Multi-Department Selection Recommendation Committee. A Multi-Department Selection Recommendation Committee will be established consisting of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower & Reserve Affairs), and the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Installations & Environment), or their representative. The Committee will meet annually, at a minimum, to recommend a proposed recipient from the candidates nominated by the Department Nomination Panels and forward, no later than 30 June, the ranked packages, along with the recommended recipient name(s), to the Military Department Secretary with presentation authority for that year.

c. Department Secretaries' approval. The Department Secretary with presentation authority for that year will—

(1) Forward the ranked packages to the other Department Secretaries for review and final approval.

(2) Convene a selection conference to determine the award recipient.

d. Award presentation authority. Award presentation authority will rotate among the Military Departments, beginning with the Department of the Navy in 1996, followed by the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Air Force.

4-2. Nomination procedures

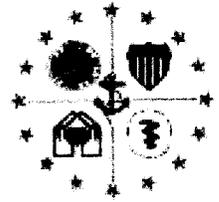
Nominations will be submitted to each of the Department Nomination Panels, no later than 30 April each year, and shall include the following:

- a.* Name of nominee.
- b.* Nominee's Address.
- c.* Nominee's Present Position.
- d.* Name and address of Nominee's employer during the period of humanitarian service.
- e.* Summary, not to exceed two double-spaced pages, of the humanitarian act or service rendered, and how it significantly enhanced the quality of life of military members or their families.
- f.* Supporting documentation (optional).
- g.* A proposed citation, not to exceed 90 words, which provides specific examples of the act or service performed.
- h.* Name, address, and telephone number of the point of contact for the nominating organization.

4-3. Award presentation

The Zachary and Elizabeth Fisher Distinguished Civilian Humanitarian Award will be presented in an appropriate ceremony.

ZACHARY FISHER FOUNDER FISHER HOUSE PROGRAM



Zachary Fisher was a prominent figure in the New York real estate community and a major philanthropic benefactor for the men and women in the United States Armed Forces, as well as numerous other not-for-profit organizations.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Mr. Fisher began working in construction at the age of 16. Shortly thereafter, he and his brothers, Martin and Larry, joined forces to form Fisher Brothers, which has grown into one of the real estate industry's premier residential and commercial developers, owning more than five million square feet of office space.

From the earliest days of his construction career, Mr. Fisher was a strong supporter of the U.S. Armed Forces. Prevented from active service in World War II due to a leg injury, Mr. Fisher drew on his building skills to assist the U.S. Coastal Service in the construction of coastal fortifications. His patronage of the Armed Forces became an ongoing concern from that time, evolving to occupy increasing amounts of his energies.

In the 1970s, while remaining active in Fisher Brothers, Mr. Fisher's commitment to both the Armed Forces and other philanthropic causes intensified still further through his leadership role in a number of major projects.

In 1978, he founded the Intrepid Museum Foundation to save the historic and battle-scarred aircraft carrier *INTREPID* from the scrap yard. Four years of involvement with the Foundation resulted in his spearheading the opening of the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City, now the world's largest naval museum.

In 1982, the same year as the Museum's opening, Mr. Fisher established the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Armed Services Foundation. Through the Foundation, he made significant contributions to the families of the victims of the bombing of the Marine barracks in Beirut in 1983. Since then, the Foundation has made contributions of \$25,000 to numerous military families who have lost loved ones under tragic circumstances.

Mr. Fisher made similar donations to the families of New York City firefighters who lost their lives in the line of duty. His Armed Services Foundation also provides scholarship funds to active and former service members and their families.

In 1990, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher began the Fisher House program, dedicating more than \$20 million to the construction of comfort homes for families of hospitalized military personnel. Twenty-nine Fisher Houses now operate at 17 military bases and at five Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers throughout the nation. More than 183,000 days of lodging are provided by Fisher Houses every year, saving families an esti-

mated \$5 million annually. Since the program's inception, more than 50,000 families have stayed in Fisher Houses.

In 1994, Mr. Fisher, in partnership with David Rockefeller, established the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, which funds Alzheimer's disease research with the goal of finding a cause and cure. The Foundation operates the nation's largest and most modern Alzheimer's research laboratory, housed at The Rockefeller University in New York City.

Throughout his life, Mr. Fisher held a number of posts on a variety of charitable and arts organizations and military charities throughout the country. He served as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Marine Corps - Law Enforcement Foundation and was a supporter of the Coast Guard Foundation, the Navy League and other military charities. Mr. Fisher also established the annual Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Award for Excellence in Military Medicine.

He was a major supporter of the Metropolitan Opera, Temple Israel, the Jewish Institute of National Security Affairs, the George C. Marshall Foundation, the Margaret Thatcher Foundation, the Reagan Presidential Library, the United Jewish Appeal and many other organizations. Mr. Fisher also served on the boards of Carnegie Hall and several other institutions and received honorary doctorate degrees from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences.

In 1998, Mr. Fisher received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Bill Clinton in honor of his wide-ranging contributions on behalf of the young men and women in the US Armed Forces. He also received the Horatio Alger Award, the Volunteer Action Award, the Presidential Citizens Medal, the Senior Civilian Award from the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Secretary of Defense, as well as the top awards a civilian can receive from each branch of the military.

Separately, Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Bill Clinton, as well as Margaret Thatcher and the late Yitzak Rabin, recognized Mr. Fisher for his support of charitable organizations throughout the United States.

In December, 1999, President Clinton signed Public Law 106-161 conferring upon Zachary Fisher the status of an honorary veteran in the U. S. Armed Forces. He was recommended for this honor prior to his death on June 4, 1999.

Three words, etched in the marble of Zachary Fisher's tomb, speak to his legacy:

Builder ... Philanthropist ... Patriot



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