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**Assignments, Details, and Transfers**

**PROCESSING FORMERLY CAPTURED U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL**

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**Summary.** This regulation establishes United States Forces Korea (USFK) policies and procedures for Processing Formerly Captured U.S. Military Personnel.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to units and activities assigned, attached, or under the operational control (OPCON) of USFK.

**Supplementation.** Issue of supplements to this regulation by subordinate commands is prohibited unless prior approval is obtained from USFK J1 (FKJ1-12), Unit #15237, APO AP 96205-5237, at [J1Workflow@korea.army.mil](mailto:J1Workflow@korea.army.mil).

**Forms.** USFK forms are available at <http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/>.

**Records Management.** Records created as a result of processes prescribed by this regulation must be identified, maintained and disposed of according to AR 25-400-2. Record titles and descriptions are available on the Army Records Information System website at <https://www.arims.army.mil>.

**Suggested Improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is USFK J1 (FKJ1-12). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to the USFK J1 (FKJ1-12), Unit #15237, APO AP 96205-5237, email: [J11WorkFlow@korea.army.mil](mailto:J11WorkFlow@korea.army.mil).

**Exception Authority.** Requests for exceptions to policy or waivers will be submitted through the USFK J1 and coordinated with the USFK Office of the Judge Advocate. Only the Commander and Chief of Staff, USFK, have the authority to approve exceptions or waivers to this regulation.

**Distribution.** Electronic Media Only (EMO).

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## 1. Purpose

This regulation assigns responsibilities for the Phase I processing of formerly captured/missing U.S. military personnel. U.S. civilian personnel may be processed using these procedures.

## 2. References

- a. Commander, United States Forces, Korea (USFK) Operations Plan (COMUSFK OPLAN) 5027.
- b. USCINCPACINST 3461.1E (Policies/Procedures for Processing Formerly Captured U.S. Military Personnel within U.S. Pacific Command (USPACOM)).

## 3. Explanation of Acronyms and Terms

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

## 4. Commander's Intent

Establish USFK regulatory guidance on Processing of Formerly Captured U.S. Military Personnel.

## 5. Responsibilities

- a. The Assistant Chief of Staff (ACofS) J1 will -

(1) Relay notification received via the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission regarding the date/time, circumstances of release, and identification of returnees to the Commander, U.S. Pacific Command (J12) by an IMMEDIATE AUTODIN (Automatic Digital Network System) message, with an information copy to Commander, 8th Army (G1), Commander, 7th Air Force (A1), Commander, United States Naval Forces Korea (N1), Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Korea (MARFOR-K G-1), Commander, Special Operations Command Korea (SOCKOR), USFK Public Affairs Officer, and the American Embassy Seoul.

(2) Contact the Phase I quick reaction reception team ([13th Air Force](#)) for assistance in Phase I processing.

(3) Appoint officer(s) to assist returnee(s) during Phase I processing.

(4) If required, establish a Phase I processing center (depending on the number of returnees).

- b. The Phase I Assistance Officer will -

(1) Arrange for an appropriate greeting of the returnee(s).

(2) Coordinate with 65<sup>th</sup> Medical Brigade for initial medical evaluation.

(3) Alert the J2X ACofS J2 to conduct the appropriate intelligence debriefing.

- c. The ACofS, J2 will -

(1) Coordinate with the appropriate service counterintelligence or special intelligence agencies for debriefing of returned personnel in accordance with USCINCPACINST 3461.1E.

(2) Intelligence debriefings will be designed to obtain information on other detained or missing personnel, to identify known deceased, detained, or missing personnel, and to obtain perishable information of immediate tactical or sensitive value. All other intelligence requirements will be deferred until the returned U.S. personnel arrive in the Continental United States (CONUS).

(3) Review, analyze, and determine proper disposition of information obtained during debriefings of returned personnel.

(4) Initiate an investigation of offenses punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice when previously acquired reliable information clearly indicates that a counterintelligence investigation of the returnee's conduct is warranted. Investigation or debriefing will be conducted in a manner that ensures the full protection of the individual's constitutional rights.

d. The ACoF, J4 will coordinate with the [8th Army](#) for the transportation of returnee(s) from the point of release to the designated Phase I processing location.

e. The USFK Office of the Surgeon (OSURG) will coordinate with 8th Army to have the 65th Medical Brigade schedule aero medical evacuation to a USPACOM Processing Center.

f. The Commanders, 8<sup>th</sup> Army, [7<sup>th</sup> Air Force](#), [United States Naval Forces-Korea](#), [Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Korea](#), and [Special Operations Command Korea](#) will -

(1) To the extent possible, verify the identity of each returnee using available personnel data and previously submitted formerly captured, missing, or detained personnel reports.

(2) Report the release through appropriate personnel channels following identity verification.

(3) Arrange for an appropriate greeting of the returnee(s) from their proper service component.

(4) Returnee(s) requiring military clothing items should be authorized a gratuitous partial issue through the Military Clothing Sales Store (MCSS) or other service component sources in accordance with respective service regulations. This issue should consist of the minimum amount of uniform clothing necessary to maintain acceptable standards of appearance, up to the minimum traveling uniform. Service components will ensure the issue process can be executed rapidly.

## Glossary

### Section I. Acronyms

MARFOR-K	U.S. Marine Forces Korea
MSSC	Military Clothing Sales Store
OPCON	Operational Control
OSURG	Office of the Surgeon
SOCKOR	Special Operations Command Korea
UPC	USPACOM Processing Center
USFK	United States Forces, Korea
USPACOM	United States Pacific Command

### Section II. Special Terms

**Captured Personnel.** Members of the U.S. Armed Forces who are forcibly held by an unfriendly power during an armed conflict in which the U.S. is involved.

**Detained Personnel (Detainees).** The U.S. military personnel forcibly held by a foreign power when no armed conflict exists or when armed conflict exists but the U.S. is not involved. This term does not encompass defectors or persons detained incident to known individual misconduct or other activities unrelated to military activities.

**Initial Reception (Phase I).** The initial acceptance of returned U.S. personnel back to U.S. control pending their onward aeromedical evacuation to a designated USPACOM processing center. This initial reception includes appropriate greeting, medical evaluation, identification and appropriate reporting.

**Returned U.S. Personnel.** Captured, missing, or detained U.S. military personnel who are returned to U.S. Government control whether by escape, release, repatriation, rescue, or other means. This category does not include defectors or U.S. personnel detained for activities unrelated to military operations.

**USPACOM Processing Center (UPC).** The UPC is a USPACOM designated location, under the command of a USPACOM designated agency, which must be prepared to assume the responsibility for processing returned U.S. personnel of all Services. A Joint Information Bureau will be established at each UPC for the central flow of operational information and management of public affairs.