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MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, U. S. Army Dental Health Activity, Rheinland Pfalz
ATTN: COL Manuel Pozo-Alonso, CMR 402, APO AE 09180

SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia for the U. S. Army Dental Health Activity, Rheinland Pfalz

1. A distinctive unit insignia is authorized effective this date for the U. S. Army Dental Health Activity, Rheinland Pflalz. The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A gold color metal and epoxied shield shaped device 1 1/4 inches (3.18cm) in height overall blazoned as follows: Per chevron enarched Argent, Gules and Sable, in base, a staff entwined by a serpent Or. Attached below the shield a red tri-partite scroll with the inscription “DREAM-SEEK-ACHIEVE”, in Gold.

SYMBOLISM

The shield denotes defense provided by the soldiers to the nation. The color white alludes to the dental profession as well as their commitment to the prevention of infectious disease. The colors red, black and gold represents the colors of the flags of Germany and Belgium, the countries in which the Dental Health Activity has clinics. The chevron enarched suggests military association as well as pays tribute to the arms of Rheinland-Pfalz. The staff and serpent are adapted from the Staff of Aesculapius, the mythological god of medicine, indicates the unit’s mission to render quality medical care to all patients.

2. This authorization is in accordance with AR 670-1 and Headquarters, U. S. Army Medical Command Permanent Order 235-008, dated 22 August 2016. A copy of this letter will become part of your permanent organizational history file.

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