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8 March 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, Dental Health Activity Fort Sill, ATTN: CPT Rachael Long, 652 Hamilton Road, Suite 208, Fort Sill, OK 73503

SUBJECT: Distinctive Unit Insignia, Dental Health Activity, Fort Sill

1. A distinctive unit insignia (DUI) is authorized effective 16 September 2016 for Dental Health Activity (DHA), Fort Sill. The description and symbolism of the design are as follows:

DESCRIPTION

A gold metal and epoxy device 1 3/16 inches (3.02 cm) in height, consisting of two gold cannons diagonally crossed, muzzles upwards, overall a maroon cross surmounted in the center by a gold Rod of Asclepius, throughout, the cross center facets interlacing a black horseshoe, opening upwards, the horse bearing four gold stars, two stars at base larger. Below the device a tri-folded black scroll inscribed, "READY", "THE", "FORCE" in gold.

SYMBOLISM

Maroon is associated with the medical/dentistry field and here are combined with gold and black, the Army colors. The snake often is a symbol of regeneration, rebirth and transformation since it sheds its skin. The snake is also a traditional symbol of healing coming from Asclepius, the god of medicine and healing, who carried a staff with a snake coiled around it. The cannons combined with a horseshoe refers to Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery and together with the cross represent the aid and assistance provided to soldiers, the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill. The motto inscribed "READY THE FORCE".

2. Enclosed for your use and retention is a copy of the actual size color print of the approved DUI. The DUI is a quality-controlled heraldic item and may not be procured until the development samples are approved by this Institute. You will be notified when development has been completed, normally within 90 days.

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3. This authorization is in accordance with AR 670-1 and Headquarters, U.S. Army Medical Command, Permanent Order 232-007, dated 19 August 2016. A copy of this letter will become part of your permanent organizational history files.

4. Your point of contact for this action is Mr. Garrison, DSN 656-4972, COMM (703) 806-4972 or keith.a.garrison6.civ@mail.mil.

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DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA
DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY, FORT SILL



**DENTAL HEALTH ACTIVITY,
FORT SILL**

****This Drawing is 6x-Actual Size****

ACTUAL SIZE-----1 3/16" ± 1/64" High (3.02 cm ± 0.04 cm)

METAL COLOR-----Gold

PLATING-----Gold

FINISH-----Mirror-like polish

DESIGN:

CHARGES-----Flush, except folds of scroll and cannons to be recessed and modeled.

LETTERING-----Finished metal.

PIERCING-----None, areas between scroll, cannon and cross to be recessed and textured.

EPOXY-----Stoning

CHIP No's-----Red #3, Black #26.

TYPE - II D - 6981

***For Color Placement Only
Not For Color Match***

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