



SECRETARY OF WAR
1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

SEP 16 2026

MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJECT: General and Flag Officer Reduction Plan

I approve the attached Joint Pool reduction plan. You are directed to implement the approved plan and to ensure all reductions are completed no later than January 1, 2027, unless otherwise stated in your submitted plan. Any projected delay of 30 days or more in this implementation must be reported to the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness through the Deputy Assistant Secretary of War for Military Personnel Policy.

Within 90 days of the date of this memorandum, you will coordinate with the Military Departments to identify and establish the O-6 requirements necessary to ensure the general and flag officer Joint Pool positions identified in your plan for downgrade are sourced without a gap.

Attachment:
As Stated

cc:
Secretaries of the Military Departments
Under Secretary of War for Personnel
and Readiness

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Line #	Org	Gd	Position Title	Trans Date
1	SPACECOM	8	Deputy Commander, Combined Joint Task Force - Space Operations	Immediate
2	DTRA	7	Director, Nuclear Support Directorate, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, OSW (A&S)	Immediate
3	EUCOM	7	Chief of Staff, Security Assistance Group-Ukraine	Immediate
4	NATO	7	Deputy Commander / Chief of Staff, Joint Warfare Center, Allied Command Transformation	Immediate
5	NATO	7	Commander, Standing North Atlantic Treaty Organization Maritime Group 2	Immediate
6	NATO	7	Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, Supreme Allied Command Transformation	Immediate
7	CENTCOM	7	Deputy Commanding General, Intelligence, Over-the-Horizon, Counter Terrorism HQS	Immediate
8	OSW	7	Executive Director, Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell	Immediate
9	NATO	7	Deputy Commander, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Mission - Iraq	1-Oct-26
10	OSW	7	Chief, Commissions Prosecutor, Office of Military Commissions (Guantanamo Bay)	1-Jan-27
11	OSW	7	Chief, Defense Counsel for Office of Military Commissions (Guantanamo Bay)	1-Jan-27
12	DIA	7	Senior Defense Official/Defense Attache - Iraq	1-Jan-27
13	NORAD	7	Deputy Director of Operations, North American Aerospace Defense Command	1-Jan-27
14	AFRICOM	7	Deputy Commander, Joint Task Force, Horn of Africa	10-Apr-27
15	CENTCOM	7	Chief of Staff, Combined Joint Task Force-Operation INHERENT RESOLVE	27-Apr-27
16	CENTCOM	7	Director, United States Central Command Forward - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	27-Apr-27
17	CENTCOM	7	Director, Military Advisor Group - Iraq, United States Central Command	24-Apr-27
18	EUCOM	7	Deputy Commander Operations, Security Assistance Group - Ukraine	As directed
19	EUCOM	8	Deputy Commanding General, Security Assistance Group-Ukraine	As directed
20	EUCOM	9	Commander, Security Assistance Group-Ukraine/Commander, NSATU	As directed
Additional Positions to Reach 23 Positions Total				
21	USFK	O7	Director of Logistics, USFK/Deputy Director of Logistics UNC/CFC	Jun-28
22	JS	O8	Deputy Director, ISR Operations and Director, Joint ISR Operations Center	Jul-28
23	PACOM	O8	Joint Task Force – Micronesia	As directed

SECRETARY OF WAR DECISION:

Approve

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