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This instruction implements Department of Defense Instruction 1000.15, *Procedures and Support for Non-Federal Entities Authorized to Operate on DoD Installations*. It provides guidance and procedures for establishing and operating Private Organizations on Air Force installations. This instruction has been developed in collaboration between the Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services (AF/A1), the Chief of the Air Force Reserve (AF/RE) and the Director of the Air National Guard (NGB/CF), and applies to all regular Air Force members, the members of Air Force Reserve, and members of the Air National Guard. This instruction provides mandatory requirements for non-Federal entities seeking recognized status as a Private Organization by one or more Air Force installations. Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule located in the Air Force Records Information Management System. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility using Air Force Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route Air Force Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional chain of command. The authorities to waive wing/unit level requirements in this publication are identified with a Tier ("T-0, T-1, T-2, T-3") number following the compliance statement. See AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*, for a description of the authorities associated with the Tier numbers. Submit requests for waivers through the chain of command to the appropriate Tier waiver approval authority, or alternately, to the requestors commander for non-tiered compliance items.

9.3. The organization's request for certification must be resubmitted for review and approval every two years or when there is a change in the purpose, function, or membership eligibility of the Private Organization, whichever comes first and must be reviewed by the installation Staff Judge Advocate. (T-1)

9.4. Provide the contact information for a primary and alternate local representative for the organization, since Private Organizations are local in nature (most often their membership is formed by Airmen and family members attached to the installation) and they must remain accountable to the Installation Commander. (T-2)

**10. Operating a Private Organization.** Installation Commanders provide limited supervision over Private Organizations. Their control lies in the power to authorize and withdraw authorization for these organizations to operate on the installation. They ensure compliance with the requirements of this instruction, but do not control or dictate internal activities or structure of Private Organizations.

10.1. Private Organizations must prevent the appearance of an official sanction or support by the Department of Defense. (T-0)

10.1.1. Private Organizations may not use the seals, logos, or insignia of the Department of Defense or any Department of Defense Component, Air Force or Department of Defense organizational unit, or Air Force and Department of Defense installation on organization letterhead, correspondence, titles, or in association with organization programs, locations, or activities. (T-1)

10.1.2. Private Organizations operating on Air Force installations may use the name or abbreviation of the Department of Defense, an Air Force organizational unit, or installation in the Private Organization name provided that the status as a Private Organization is apparent and unambiguous and there is no appearance of official sanction or support by the Department of Defense. The following applies:

10.1.2.1. Private Organizations must have written approval from the Installation Commander before using the name or abbreviation of the installation or organizational unit. Requests for use of the Department of Defense or Air Force name or abbreviation must be routed to the Air Force Services Activity, AFSVA/SVI, for action. (T-1)

10.1.2.2. Any use of the name or abbreviation of an Air Force organizational unit, or installation must not mislead members of the public to assume a Private Organization is an organizational unit of the Air Force. (T-1)

10.1.2.3. Private Organizations must prominently display the following disclaimer on all print and electronic media mentioning the Private Organization's name confirming that the Private Organization is not part of the Department of Defense: "THIS IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. IT IS NOT A PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OR ANY OF ITS COMPONENTS AND IT HAS NO GOVERNMENTAL STATUS." (T-0)