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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Current Conflict Service Cross and Silver Star Awards Review

Following completion of the Department's year-long Military Decorations and Awards Review, I direct the Military Departments to conduct comprehensive reviews of all Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross, Air Force Cross, and Silver Star medal nominations from Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQI FREEDOM, NEW DAWN, FREEDOM'S SENTINEL, and INHERENT RESOLVE to ensure our Service members were appropriately recognized for their combat valor.

To facilitate any award upgrades resulting from these reviews, I waive the requirement in Department of Defense Manual 1348.33, Volume 1, *Manual of Military Decorations and Awards: General Information, Medal of Honor, and Defense/Joint Decorations and Awards*, that a previously adjudicated nomination may only be reconsidered if new, substantive, and material information is provided to justify an upgrade. Your reviews must be completed no later than September 30, 2017.

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