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Subject: Announcement of the Award of the Joint Meritorious Unit Award

1. Under the provisions of DoD Manual 1348.33-V4, 21 December 2016, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award for exceptionally meritorious service to the **Headquarters, United States Forces Korea**, during the period **1 January 2017 to 31 May 2018**. This award is for the Headquarters only. Service units and individuals assigned to Service units in support of these organizations are not eligible for this award.
2. The Unit Streamer (FSN 8345-01-169-5944), Service Ribbons (FSN 8455-01-170-5143 for Army) and (FSN 8455-01-170-5144 for USAF, USN, USMC), and civilian lapel buttons (FSN 8455-01-348-0488) may be obtained from normal supply channels.

FOR THE DIRECTOR FOR MANPOWER AND PERSONNEL:

  
J. D. MAHAR  
Chief, Awards Branch

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# Citation

*to accompany the award of the*

## Joint Meritorious Unit Award

to

### Headquarters, United States Forces Korea

Headquarters, United States Forces Korea, distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from January 2017 to May 2018. During this period, United States Forces Korea contributed immeasurable to the maintenance of peace and stability on the Korean peninsula and throughout Northeast Asia by strengthening the United States and Republic of Korea Mutual Defense Treaty and providing ongoing enforcement of the Armistice Agreement in the face of multiple periods of heightened tension in the region. In close collaboration with the United Nations Command and Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea amplified the deterrence capabilities of the Alliance through proactive and strong actions in response to multiple Democratic People's Republic of Korea nuclear tests and ballistic missile launches, incursions into the United Nations-controlled Han River Estuary, malicious cyber activities, and the high-visibility defection of a Democratic People's Republic of Korea Soldier, thereby setting conditions for the historic April 27, 2018 Inter-Korean Summit. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of Headquarters, United States Forces Korea, have brought credit to themselves and to the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 31st day of January 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. L. Dunford", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff