



**THE JOINT STAFF  
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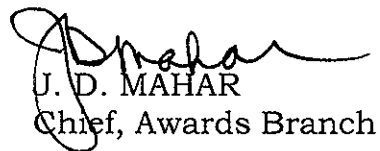
JOINT STAFF PERMANENT ORDER NUMBER J-1SO-0040-21

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 **Headquarters, United States Forces Korea**, during the period **1 December 2019 to 30 September 2020**. 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



**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 1 December 2019 to 30 September 2020. During this period, United States Forces Korea led the Department of Defense in its fight against the COVID-19 global pandemic while simultaneously preserving the deterrence capabilities of the multinational alliance between the United States and Republic of Korea. United States Forces Korea developed and continued to provide direct improvement to United States Department of Defense's COVID-19 mitigation plan in order to protect Service members, civilians and families. Leading Department of Defense entities and agencies in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, United States Forces Korea continued joint and multi-national theater level readiness exercises, increasing combined military lethality while maintaining the Armistice during multiple periods of heightened tensions with North Korea. 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 29th day of March 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark A. Milley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff