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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: CG Policy Memorandum #17, Military Award Downgrade Delegation
Authorization for Brigade Commanders

1. Reference:

Army Regulation 600-8-22, Military Awards, 30 July 2025

2. Delegation. This memorandum serves as written delegation to Brigade Commanders allowing downgrade and disapproval authority of awards where I am the approval authority in accordance with AR-600-8-22 paragraph 3-6 section f. Commanders with Special Courts-Martial Convening Authority over the Fires Center of Excellence Staff do not have the authority to downgrade awards endorsed by Staff Primaries or Directors.

3. Duration. This policy will remain in effect until it is rescinded by my or I relinquish command, whichever first shall occur.

4. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Secretary of the General Staff, CPT Malachi Leece at (580) 442 0599 or malachi.d.leece.mil@army.mil.

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PATRICK M. COSTELLO
Brigadier General, USA
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