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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Implementing Instructions -- Numbering Army Field Manuals

1. As noted in the proposed revision of AR 25-30, soon to be published, a new numbering system for all Field Manuals (FMs) has replaced the existing one in general use by the Army. Details can be found in the soon-to-be revised DA Pam 25-40. This change has been implemented to align Army doctrine numbering system with Joint system numbering conventions. There are several reasons to link the Army system with the Joint system, as outlined below:

(a) The linkage will facilitate the planning, preparation, and conduct of Joint operations by Army HQs.

(b) The linkage will assist in grooming U.S. Army officers for the increasingly Joint, interagency and multinational nature of future military operations.

(c) Other organizations have already made such moves. The Navy, Marine, Corps, and NATO have adopted or are adopting the Joint doctrine hierarchy and numbering system.

(d) This linkage will enable us to move in concert with the Joint Doctrine system, the U.S. Navy doctrine system, the USMC doctrine system, and the NATO doctrine system as they embrace 21st century-related improvements.

(e) The linkage will allow us to correct some problems with the U.S. Army doctrine hierarchy system:

- It is based on 1940s topic-organized system.
- It is one of only two Services not linked to joint system.

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- It is not numerically linked to the NATO AJP system.
- Current system adds a "seam" in Joint, multinational and interagency operations.
- It adversely impacts on interoperability.
- It fails to position the Army for challenges of the 21st century.

2. The proposal and staffing package for the new hierarchy and numbering system has been widely circulated and approved within the Army. It was recently also approved by the TRADOC CG and the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (AASA).

3. USAPA is responsible for the overall management of the DA publications numbering system and assigns numbers to DA administrative publications. As doctrine, training, and materiel developers, TRADOC, AMC, and TSG will control and assign numbers for doctrinal, training, organizational, technical, and equipment publications according to numbering schemes approved by USAPA. Specific guidance for numbering is provided in DA PAM 25-40.

4. Numbering FMs is the responsibility of the TRADOC Deputy Chief of Staff for Doctrine, Joint and Army Doctrine Directorate (JADD). As noted below, proponents may propose their own number for new pubs as long as it fits the criteria laid out in this implementing instruction. A table has been provided online on the doctrine webpage (<http://doctrine.army.mil>) for reference purposes. An FM inventory spreadsheet that contains the old and new numbers will also be posted there as well. Where possible, new FM numbers have been assigned to Army publications that directly coincide or tie in either with their preceding pub number or coincide with joint publication counterparts.

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5. Additional details for the proposed protocols for numbering are as follows:

(a) The first number is the functional area on the hierarchy. This will be a number from 1-7 for Personnel, Intelligence, Operations, CSS, Planning, etc. The number series after the dash may tie it to a Joint Pub (where applicable) or a series that existed under the old numbering system. One advantage of this system is that proponent doctrine can be tracked across all 3 tiers. For example 3-34.XXX pubs will always be engineer pubs, 3.11 XXX pubs will always be chemical pubs, and 3-09.XXX pubs will always be field artillery pubs in the new system.

(b) The old and new numbers will be on the FM cover cover (for existing publications) and at the bottom of the title page inside. This convention will be retained through one revision cycle to reduce any possible confusion about tracking this conversion of numbers.

(c) The old number will be in parentheses, (except for FM 1 and FM 3-0, which will have only the new numbers on the cover). The new numbers for these publications are already widely recognized and should not cause any confusion for the field. When referencing other field manuals within newly developed publications, use the new number and old in parentheses. This practice should be observed for one revision cycle per TRADOC Regulation 25-36. This practice only applies to new publications and those undergoing revision.

(d) The numbers for the new series are divided into 3 different categories. This provides a means for the Army and other services to use compatible numbering with the Joint system.

(1) Category 1 includes numbers for Joint pubs in use or in development.

(2) Category 2 includes numbers reserved for possible Joint use.

(3) Category 3 includes numbers that will not be used. (i.e., service use in their numbering systems will not

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later conflict with Joint numbering.)

(e) In general, if there is a Joint number that matches closely with subject matter of an Army pub, the Joint number may be used if it has not been "fenced" in Category 2 as described above (see also Appendix K for Joint Pub 1-01, which has been enclosed).

(f) In general, there is one number before the dash, reflecting the six basic functional series noted above (the Army has an additional seventh series for Warfighter Support). There are one or two numbers after the dash and/or the "dot." (e.g., FM 3-0 or FM 3-09). Additional numbers may be used after the "dot" also. e.g., FM 3-09.1). In some cases, there may be a requirement to extend the subnumbers to 3 digits because of numerous FMs in the same series (i.e., FM 10-577, "Rigging Motorcycles" has been redesignated as FM 4-20.177.

(g) To reduce cost of the conversion to the new system, each publication will only be renumbered as it enters the revision cycle.

6. POC for this action is Mr. Scott Wales at DSN 680-4316; email address is: wales@amonroe.army.mil

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- 1) Excerpt from proposed change to DA 25-40
- 2) APP K, JP 1-01

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Attachment
(Excerpt from proposed change to DA Pam 25-40)

The following wording and table reflects the proposal that JADD has forwarded to USAPA to be included in the new DA 25-40 for numbering field manuals. The section in quotation marks shows current wording; bold text indicates what has been added.

"Para X-x. Field manuals

(1) Use a series number (table X-xy) according to the function or other classification of the subject matter. Use a subnumber to distinguish among other Field Manuals (FM) on the same basic subject. An option to use subnumbers to the second division exists. Number an FM using the subnumber segments shown in figure below. Classified field manuals may be "A" suffix.

(2) **(added) A new numbering system for Army Field Manuals has recently been introduced. The system is currently being used for FMs only. It aligns FMs with the Joint numbering protocols by functional category. Table X-xx, titled "Series Numbers and Titles for Doctrinal Publications" reflects the new numbering series for FMs. The table provides a "crosswalk" between old and new FM numbers and has been provided for familiarization and reference purposes. In this new table, the boxes in gray show that there is no numerical equivalent for some of the number prefixes in the old series for doctrinal publications under the new system. Currently, there are no FMs listed in the Reimer Digital Library that show any of these series numbers in the gray blocks.**

(3) In the column in Table X-xx listed as "Titles," those series listed as "not used" has been added beside the gray blocks now to clarify the change between old and new number series. An additional note has been placed at the bottom as well. Publications that do not fit existing categories will be rolled into another existing category to resolve any problems. Additional categories may be added from time to time if warranted.

(4) In accordance with TRADOC Regulation 25-36 (25 Apr 00), the proponent may propose an FM number in the Program

Directive (PD) if desired. However, TRADOC ODCSDOC will assign a number only upon approval of the PD or upon receipt of an approved PD. These provisions apply to TRADOC proponents and all non-TRADOC proponents that have an MOA with TRADOC. To keep costs to a minimum, Army FMs will only be renumbered as they enter the revision cycle. The new number will go on the cover, with the old number in parentheses. Old and new numbers will also go on the supersession line inside the front cover. As noted elsewhere, final authority for numbering publications remains with USAPA.

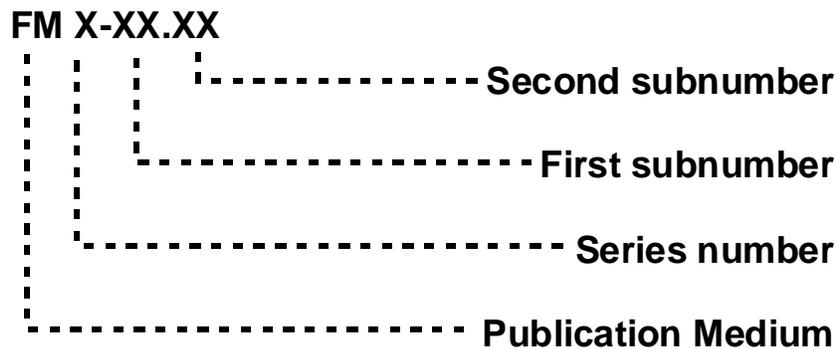


Figure x-xy. Field manual numbering

(5) For wholesale logistic FMs, use-

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(b) A subnumber to distinguish among other FMs on the same basic subject.

The number of a rescinded or superseded DA administrative or technical and equipment publication will not be reused. If the number of a doctrinal or training publication is reused, TRADOC will maintain the historical data for that number.”