NOTICE

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FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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SUBJ: Department of Defense Form 2535, Request for Military Aerial Support (09/2025 Version)

1. Purpose of This Notice. This notice provides revised policy for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 6, Section 1, Subparagraph 3-149F3), Military Flyovers, and discusses changes to Department of Defense (DOD) Form 2535 (DD Form 2535), Request for Military Aerial Support. The current DD Form 2535 is the 09/2025 version.

2. Audience. The primary audience for this notice is FAA operations aviation safety inspectors (ASI), aviation safety technicians (AST), FAA management, and event organizers who complete DD Form 2535 (09/2025 version).

3. Where You Can Find This Notice. You can find this notice on the MyFAA employee website at https://employees.faa.gov/tools_resources/orders_notices and the Dynamic Regulatory System (DRS) at https://drs.faa.gov. Operators and the public can find this notice on the FAA's website at https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/orders_notices and DRS.

4. Background.

a. Like civilian pilots, military pilots must comply with most operations regulations in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) when operating in the National Airspace System (NAS). Operations conducted in the NAS and in compliance with the applicable operations provisions of 14 CFR do not require FAA review prior to being conducted. However, a Certificate of Waiver (CoW) may be required if the operations are unable to be conducted in compliance with the applicable provisions of 14 CFR.

b. The DOD frequently receives requests for military flyovers which are submitted on DD Form 2535. Notably, very few military flyovers require a CoW to be issued. However, until recently, DD Form 2535 required the applicant to coordinate with the FAA prior to submission of DD Form 2535 to the DOD, regardless of whether a CoW was necessary. As a result, the FAA Office of General Aviation Safety Assurance (GASA) conducted reviews of all military flyover requests in the NAS, whether or not such requests ultimately came to fruition. Most of these requests for coordination of DD Form 2535 required GASA to review operations that would be conducted in compliance with the applicable provisions of 14 CFR. This created an administrative burden on the FAA and unnecessarily delayed military flyover requests because

most of these reviews only resulted in a reminder to military pilots that they must follow the applicable operations regulations contained in 14 CFR while operating in the NAS.

5. Information.

a. In September of 2025, the DOD released a revised DD Form 2535. The revised DD Form 2535 eliminated the need to coordinate with GASA when military flyovers do not require a CoW. Instead, if a CoW is not required, the revised form directs event organizers to send the completed DD Form 2535 for flyovers directly to the DOD for processing because unless a CoW is issued, military pilots operating in the NAS are required to operate in compliance with 14 CFR.

b. This change renders Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 6, Section 1, subparagraph 3-149F3)a) obsolete and compliance with this provision is no longer required. All other provisions of Order 8900.1, Volume 3, Chapter 6, Section 1, subparagraph 3-149F3) remain valid.

6. Disposition. The information in this notice will be incorporated into Order 8900.1 before this notice expires. Direct questions or comments concerning the information in this notice to the General Aviation and Commercial Division (AFS-800) via email at 9-AFS-800-Correspondence@faa.gov.



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