



JOINT SERVICES SERE AGENCY (JSSA)

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1. Mission. Serves as DoD Executive Agent (EA) for Code of Conduct and Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training matters under DoD Directive 1300.7, JCS Executive Agent (EA) for operational Evasion and Escape (E&E) matters under JCS MCM 136-91 and Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) matters under JCS Memorandum DJSM-1103-91.

2. Command. The JSSA Commander:

2.1. Is responsible to the Air Force Director of Operations for administration of EA duties.

2.2. Commands the JSSA.

2.3. Functions on behalf of the Assistant Secretary of Defense/Personnel & Readiness and JCS/J-3 in specific assigned roles and responsibilities in interfacing with the Military Departments, Commanders in Chief (CINCs), DoD and non-DoD government agencies, and civilian corporations.

3. Responsibilities. JSSA Commander:

3.1. Accomplishes DoD EA responsibilities for Code of Conduct/SERE training.

3.1.1. Develops coordinated Code of Conduct/SERE guidance.

3.1.1.1. Establishes and disseminates policies and procedures.

3.1.1.2. Develops and issues educational materials and training aids.

3.1.1.3. Monitors and evaluates USA, USN, USMC, and USAF SERE schools and Code of Conduct training/educational programs.

3.1.2. Trains SERE instructors/trainers - via field training exercise Ridgerunner.

3.1.3. Conducts peacetime high risk training for all DoD peacetime high risk personnel.

3.1.4. Conducts research on evader and captive experiences.

- 3.1.4.1. Maintains DoD POW/SERE library and archives.
- 3.1.4.2. Using lessons learned, modifies SERE programs to ensure they are up-to-date.
- 3.1.5. Keeps ASD/P&R informed of activities, issues, and problems.
- 3.2. Accomplishes JCS EA responsibilities for joint operational evasion and escape, and Prisoner of War/Missing in Action matters.
 - 3.2.1. Assists Services and CINCs with mission planning, exercises, and training.
 - 3.2.1.1. Develops joint E&E policies, doctrine, procedures, publications, and capabilities.
 - 3.2.1.2. Manages and oversees development of and training associated with joint E&E systems and techniques.
 - 3.2.1.3. Conducts research and develops E&E equipment/aids for user units throughout DoD.
 - 3.2.1.4. Produces finished intelligence (guides, newsletters, bulletins) and other analysis.
 - 3.2.1.5. Manages the DoD returnee repatriation/debriefing program.
 - 3.2.1.6. Makes recommendations to the Joint Staff.

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