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MILITARY PERSONNEL AWARDS ORDER NUMBER 21-289

Subject: Announcement of Department of Defense Awards

1. Under the provisions of Department of Defense Manual 1348.33-V4, the Secretary of Defense has awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award to the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, from 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2021, for exceptionally meritorious service.
2. The Unit Streamer, Service Ribbons, and Civilian lapel buttons may be obtained from normal supply channels.

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**INDIVIDUAL(S) MUST ENSURE THAT A COPY OF THE AWARD IS PROVIDED TO THEIR MILITARY PERSONNEL OFFICE FOR UPDATE OF PERSONNEL RECORDS.**



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*to accompany the award of the*

## Joint Meritorious Unit Award

*to the*

### United States Military Entrance Processing Command

The United States Military Entrance Processing Command distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 20200301 to 20210228. During this period, the Command, through its two Sector Headquarters, 65 Military Entrance Processing Stations and two Remote Processing Sites, provided military training centers with more than 208,000 capable and fully qualified recruits desiring to serve in the Armed Forces of the United States during an unprecedented period of uncertainty and mortal danger to its joint personnel due to the Novel Coronavirus 2019 pandemic. Overcoming substantial challenges, the Command never wavered in its mission to lead the Department of Defense in developing practices, policies, and processes to safely execute daily operations, in addition to safeguarding the health and welfare of its personnel and recruits passing through "Freedom's Front Door." Because of their Herculean efforts, the Command sustained the all-volunteer force during significant unpredictability, all while developing and implementing innovative technological adjustments and creative, groundbreaking solutions thereby adding to the effectiveness, readiness and quality of our nation's Armed Forces. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the United States Military Entrance Processing Command have brought great credit to themselves and the Department of Defense.

*Given under my hand this 30 day of September, 2021*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. O. Austin", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary of Defense