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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 36-28, *Awards and Decorations*. It establishes policy, eligibility criteria, and nomination procedures for recognizing officers, enlisted, and civilian personnel for outstanding service and contributions to the Air Force Medical Service. It applies to major commands (MAJCOM), subordinate units, members of the Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard (ANG). "This instruction directs collecting and maintaining information subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 authorized by Title 10 U.S.C 8013. System of records notice F036 AF PC V, Awards and Decorations, applies." Submission of all new awards is the responsibility of the OPR. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 37-123, *Management of Records* and disposed of in accordance with the *Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS)* located <https://afrims.amc.af.mil/>.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This interim change largely reflects subtle nuance changes to the instruction to better reflect the intent of the various directives. A few additions have been made within the attachments that supplement already existing award categories: team categories have been added to **Attachment 13**, **Attachment 35** and **Attachment 37**; civilian categories have been added to **Attachment 19** and **Attachment 21**. Additionally, there has been one new award category added per **Attachment 55** (Air Force Surgeon General Award for Best Hospital or Clinic). Lastly, **Attachment 12** and **Attachment 18** have been deleted, as

their content will be contained in the AFRCI 36-2803 and [Attachment 14](#) respectively. A margin bar indicates newly revised material.

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