

SEAL
JOINT IMPROVISED-THREAT DEFEAT ORGANIZATION



DESCRIPTION: On a white disc edged yellow, a dark gray shield bearing a gray chain encircling a terrestrial globe Proper, surmounted throughout the center by a yellow horizontal motto scroll with the Latin inscription, “**APTO AUT MORIOR**,” which translates to “I Must Adapt or I Will Die” in dark purple. The scroll is between four lightning bolts diagonally placed, radiating from the center of the globe--two above, green to the left and red to the right, and two below, dark blue to the lower left and blue to the lower right. Resting on top of the shield, an American bald eagle Proper, wings displayed horizontally, grasping three crossed yellow arrows and bearing on its breast a shield blazoned as follows: Argent, a paly of six Gules, a chief Azure; all within a dark purple designation band double-edged yellow, inscribed above, “**JOINT IMPROVISED-THREAT DEFEAT ORGANIZATION**” and below, a disc, all yellow.

SYMBOLISM: The dark gray shield denotes the still unknown future of asymmetric threat. The terrestrial globe symbolizes the **JIDA** area of responsibility, the worldwide deployment of U.S. warfighters in support of the Combatant Commanders, and its efforts to develop international partnerships. The chain encircling the globe suggests the organization’s goal to contain the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) network and defeat the IED to enable better protection of and maneuverability for US forces. The war eagle, adapted from the Department of Defense seal and dark purple suggest total military readiness and joint collaboration with other Federal agencies. The lightning bolts indicate speed and accuracy of the delivery of capabilities to the Services--green for the Army, dark blue for the Navy, ultramarine blue for Air Force and scarlet for the Marine Corps. They represent each branch of service to which counter-IED material and non-material capabilities and training support are provided.

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