1. Introduction

The Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Association exists to serve the needs of our members and families, strengthen the bonds and professionalism of our community, and preserve the fraternity we share as tactical law enforcement professionals. One of the most important objectives of the Association is to improve the understanding of and appreciation for those who serve in the Coast Guard’s Deployable Specialized Forces and to better the conditions under which they live. One way the Association furthers this objective is through the “adoption” of tactical law enforcement or other units by local CGTLEA chapters. The purpose of the adoption is to concentrate the efforts of local CGTLEA members on that particular unit.

Adoption implies a commitment of continuing support. Plans for such support must take into account a chapter’s financial resources as well as the probable cooperation and willingness of the chapter’s members.

2. Adoption Procedures

After a decision is made to pursue a unit adoption, the first step is to approach the commanding officer of the unit and discuss the chapter’s proposal to adopt. This should be in writing to provide a record of the chapter’s commitment to the unit.

Commanding officers and executive officers should be regularly invited thereafter to all chapter events including meetings of the Board of Directors.

Several different sample adoption notices are provided at the end of this document or the chapter may develop their own to meet the needs of the chapter and the adopted unit.

3. Among the services provided by chapters to adopted units are the following:

a. Awards – A comprehensive awards program is one of the most useful ways in which a council can assist an adopted unit. Establishing an Enlisted Person of the Quarter followed by an Enlisted Person of the Year program is a good way to begin with a newly adopted unit. A plaque or certificate from the chapter to the awardee should be presented at an appropriate venue (e.g. unit “all hands,” chapter meeting, etc.) to recognize the individual’s accomplishments. Other ideas for unit awards may include training honor graduates or other such professional accomplishments chosen by the unit.

b. Family Support – Other support that focuses on families of the members of the adopted unit may include events such as:

1. Children’s parties, especially in the Holiday season;
2. Barbecues, picnics, and similar events.

In addition to working with officers of the unit, the chapter also may find it helpful to work with the unit ombudsman. He or she will be able to identify specific events in which the chapter may be able to assist the unit.
SAMPLE UNIT ADOPTION

Hampton Roads Chapter

Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Association

We, of the Hampton Roads Chapter of the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Association, do formally adopt MARITIME SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM CHESAPEAKE (91102) as a Coast Guard unit meriting our special interest and support. We pledge to contribute to the welfare of the officers and crew as they perform their critical missions. We admire their proud heritage of service to this Nation.

August 6, 2012

______________________________  ________________________________
John Smith                  John Brown
President                  Vice President
Hampton Roads Chapter      Hampton Roads Chapter
SAMPLE UNIT ADOPTION

New Orleans Chapter

Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Association

Proclamation

Adoption of Tactical Law Enforcement Team (TACLET) Gulf

Whereas, in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Association, the members of the Chapter acknowledge their responsibility to promote rapport between the military and civilian arms of the Deployable Specialized Forces.

Therefore, we the members of the New Orleans Chapter of the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Association, by the authority granted to our President and Chapter Officers and with the full knowledge of Lieutenant Thomas F. Atkin, Commanding Officer, do hereby adopt Tactical Law Enforcement Team Gulf.

Executed the sixth day of August, 2012.

John Smith
President
New Orleans Chapter

John Brown
Vice President
New Orleans Chapter

Acknowledged: Lt. Thomas F. Atkin
Commanding Officer
TACLET Gulf
UNIT ADOPTION AGREEMENT

Agreement between the CAMP LEJEUNE CHAPTER of the COAST GUARD TACTICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION and COAST GUARD SPECIAL MISSIONS TRAINING CENTER (SMTC),

Whereas the Chapter wishes to enter into a Unit Adoption agreement with SMTC, and

Whereas, in accordance with the goals and objectives of the Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Association, the members of the Chapter acknowledge their responsibility to promote rapport between the military and civilian arms of the Deployable Specialized Forces.

The Chapter agrees to:

❖ Recognize the Enlisted Person of the Quarter, Enlisted Person of the Year, and designated course “Honor Graduates” with appropriate certificates or plaques.

❖ Provide the Commanding Officer, or designee, with information regarding all CGTLEA Camp Lejeune Chapter sponsored activities.

❖ Provide an opportunity for a Command-designated person to attend chapter board meetings in an ex officio advisory, non-voting capacity.

SMTC agrees to provide the Chapter with information regarding relevant unit activities and recipient names for the above-listed awards so that the Chapter may present appropriate awards.

This agreement is continuing in nature and may be terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon thirty days written notice to the other party.

Executed this 1st day of March 2012

John Q. Smith  
President  
Camp Lejeune Chapter

John T. Brown  
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard  
Commanding Officer
COAST GUARD TACTICAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

Certificate of Excellence

Presented to

ME1 Joseph A. Coastie
2017 Enlisted Person of the Year
Maritime Safety & Security Team Chesapeake (91102)

for your dedicated service, which reflects the highest values
of our professional community. Your superior performance
has set an outstanding example for all to follow.

Given this 22nd day of January, 2018

______________________________
Brian T. Johnson
President, Hampton Roads Chapter