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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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OF DEFENSE
DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies

This memorandum announces an additional comprehensive effort to eliminate the vestiges of sexual harassment and violence at the military Service Academies of the Department of Defense. In addition to the continuing effort to eliminate sexual harassment and violence presently being implemented at the Air Force Academy, this office will support the Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Violence at the Military Service Academies that is required by Section 526 of the 2004 Department of Defense Authorization Act (Section 526).

The Secretary of Defense will appoint the members of the Task Force and has approved its Charge for Action in accordance with the provisions of Section 526. (Attachment 1) In order to be positioned to expedite the mission of the Task Force members, immediately upon their appointment, it is necessary to establish a staff to support the Task Force. I request your prompt assistance in this regard.

The Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Military Community and Family Policy) will provide the administrative and logistic support and the professional civilian staff to support the Task Force. Please nominate the uniformed officers indicated on the attached support staff document. (Attachment 2) These officers should be available for duty by June 28, 2004. These officers will remain on duty with the support staff for the duration of the Task Force's mission, which will not exceed 18 months.

Each year our Nation entrusts our military Service Academies with an exemplary group of young citizens. If they are to lead the military and naval forces of the free world, they must be developed in an environment free from sexual harassment and violence. Accordingly, I request the full cooperation of every member of the Department of Defense, uniformed and civilian, to assist this Task Force with its mission. We must ensure that the cadets and midshipmen of our Service Academies are able to pursue their professional endeavors in an environment free from the abhorrent practices that can destroy the lives of the victims and cast discredit upon our honored institutions.

David S. C. Chu

Attachments:
As stated

Support Staff for Sexual Harassment Task Force

1 -- Staff Director – Army Colonel (Previously Arranged)

2 -- One Army 0-3 Attorney and one 0-3 Navy or Marine Corps Attorney

3 -- 05 Action Officers – one each from Army, Navy, and Air Force

The action officers and the attorneys from the Services should have some previous exposure to their Academy as a member of the staff or as a student.

Point of Contact for nominations for the action officers and attorneys is COL William J. Huleatt (703) 325-6640/6430 or william.huleatt@wso.wshs.mil