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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NAVY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO YOUTH GROUPS

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C., Section 2031  
(b) 10 U.S.C., Section 7541  
(c) 10 U.S.C., Section 2544  
(d) 10 U.S.C., Section 2545  
(e) Joint Ethics Regulation, 3-200 through 3-212  
(f) OPNAVINST 5720.2L  
(g) OPNAVINST 4630.25C  
(h) BUPERSINST 1001.39D  
(i) COMNAVRESFORINST 1001.5C  
(j) COMNAVRESFORINST 5760.2C

1. Purpose. To update policy and assign responsibilities for Navy support of and liaison with youth groups.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5760.5B. Due to extensive revisions, marginal notations are not included. This instruction should be reviewed in its entirety.

3. Background. Reference (a) assigns the Commander, Navy Recruiting Command (COMNAVCRUITCOM) (Code 00P), primary responsibility for Navy support of and liaison with youth groups. The Naval Junior Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) is required by reference (b), and authorizes the use of appropriated funds to provide text, equipment, uniforms, and assistance with transportation and billeting to NJROTC units. The Naval Sea Cadet Corps (Sea Cadets) is a federally chartered private corporation. Reference (c) permits Navy to give the Sea Cadets, the Boy Scouts of America, and the Young Marines obsolete Navy material, to sell other Navy material to these organizations at fair market value, and specifically permits the sale of enlisted uniform items to the Sea Cadets at fair market value, provided the Sea Cadets pay the cost of transportation and delivery of the items. Reference (d) permits the support of the Boy Scout National Jamboree. Reference (e) authorizes

provision of transportation services to the Girl Scouts of America for international events.

4. Policy. Navy shall support and assist youth groups to the maximum extent possible but not exceeding the limitations of reference (f). Support beyond that specified in paragraph 3 above shall be within the limits of available resources and to the extent that this participation does not interfere with assigned military missions. The following policies apply:

a. Nature of Navy Participation. Navy participation must contribute to the goals of the youth groups. Presentations and lectures (ashore and afloat) on sea power, Navy education and training, career opportunities, and similar subjects are encouraged; however, members of youth groups, except for NJROTC, may not participate in military drills or hands-on military evolutions.

b. Recruiting. Active recruiting of members of youth groups shall not be undertaken when they are guests of Navy. Members of youth groups who exhibit interest in joining Navy or who desire further information should be referred to a local Navy Recruiting station.

c. Surplus Department of Defense (DOD) Property. Certain nationally recognized youth groups are authorized to acquire certain categories of DOD surplus property per the Federal Property Management Regulations Guide (FPMR) section 101.44. Specified youth groups may request surplus DOD property by submitting a letter of request to the General Services Administration (GSA) via their appropriate Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office state coordinator.

d. Temporary Additional Duty (TEMADD) Orders. Navy personnel may serve as adult leaders in youth groups. If travel to a specific event would be in Navy's interests, active-duty military personnel may be issued permissive no-cost TEMADD orders by their commanding officer to participate in official functions of such groups.

5. Types of Navy Support. Navy support typically provided to youth groups includes, but is not limited to:

a. Cruises

(1) Daylight Cruises. Members of youth groups and their adult advisors are authorized to embark in Navy ships for daylight cruises.

(2) Overnight Cruises. Members of youth groups, ages 15 and above, and their adult advisors, are authorized to participate in extended cruises on Navy ships per reference (g).

b. Orientation Flights. Per reference (h), youth group members are authorized to participate in Navy orientation flights.

c. Lodging and Meals

(1) Lodging. Navy Bachelor Enlisted Housing (BEH), camping facilities, and shipboard berthing are authorized as available. Appropriate charges may be made for berthing ashore. If adult leaders are lodged in Bachelor Officer Housing (BOH), standard rates should be charged.

(2) Meals. Costs of meals on Navy ships or shore activities must be borne by the members of youth groups.

d. Training, Orientation, and Tours

(1) Facilities for training meetings and special youth events are subject to the provisions of reference (f).

(2) Unclassified lectures, training materials, and aids are authorized for use with youth groups.

(3) Presentations on Navy training, educational opportunities, and subjects designed to increase the understanding of the importance of sea power are authorized.

(4) Accommodations for overnight camping trips, including trips of several days' duration, are authorized on a space available basis. Such use must not prevent or delay accommodations for uniformed personnel and their family members, who are the primary intended beneficiaries of the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program.

6. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. The following information pertains only to the Sea Cadets:

a. Background. The Navy League of the United States established the Sea Cadets in 1958 in cooperation with the Department of the Navy as a volunteer, nonprofit training organization for young people ages 14 through 17. On 10 September 1962, the Sea Cadets was federally chartered by Public Law 87-655, which states that the purpose of the Sea Cadets is, "through organization and cooperation with the Department of the Navy, to encourage and aid American youths to develop an interest and skill in basic seamanship and in its naval adaptation; to train them in seagoing skills; and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues." The Naval Sea Cadet Corps National Board of Directors is the governing body of the Sea Cadets and is responsible for general policies and programs and for the control of all funds. The Sea Cadets offers an excellent voluntary Navy training program for qualified students with no obligation for them to enlist in the Navy. The Sea Cadets rank/rate structure generally parallels that of the Navy, except that there is no officer rank above lieutenant commander or cadet rate chief petty officer. Cadet applicants must pass a qualifying physical examination similar to that required for Navy enlistees. A "sports type physical" satisfies this requirement. Reference (a) assigns COMNAVCRUITCOM (Code 00P) as the Navy Program Manager. The Sea Cadets are responsible for maintaining liability insurance coverage for all activities and personnel providing program support.

b. Uniforms. The Secretary of the Navy has authorized members of the Sea Cadets to wear appropriately modified versions of the Navy officer, midshipman, and enlisted uniforms as prescribed in the U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations. Additionally, cadets may wear previously authorized Navy uniforms that may not be currently in use. The modifications, designed to clearly identify the wearer as a member of the Sea Cadets, are issued by the Executive Director, Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and approved by COMNAVCRUITCOM. Navy and Naval Reserve personnel, including retired personnel, may wear their Navy uniforms when participating in the program.

c. Costs of Lodging and Meals. Support provided must be in compliance with reference (f). If Sea Cadet officers are lodged in a BOH, standard rates should be charged. Costs of meals on Navy ships or shore activities must be borne by the individual.

d. Advanced Paygrade Enlistment. Members of the Sea Cadets may be enlisted in the Navy in advanced pay grades. For enlistment at paygrade E2, the member must be designated as an E-2 in the Sea Cadets and have not reached 24 years of age on the date of enlistment. For enlistment at paygrade E3, the member must be designated as an E-3 in the Sea Cadets and have not reached 24 years of age on the date of enlistment. The NSC 19A, Record of Cadet Advancements shall be used as documentation for enlisting at an advance pay grade of E-2 or E-3. A copy of this may be requested from Naval Sea Cadet Corps National Headquarters if not available locally. Course completion certificates and test results may also be used to validate crediting participation in the Sea Cadets for advanced paygrades E2/E3. All Sea Cadets are required to complete regular Navy recruit training upon enlistment.

e. Naval Reservist Participation. Naval Reservists participating in the program may be awarded non-pay drill credit per references (i) and (j).

f. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Training. The Sea Cadets training program uses unclassified Navy non-resident training courses combined with classroom instruction and supplemented by advanced training on board ships and shore activities and at Navy schools to train its members. The cadets are trained per curriculums and disciplines approved by COMNAVCRUITCOM. Navy commands may invite training officers of supported units to attend command planning boards for training (PBFT) in preparation for training.

g. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Program Management. As Navy's Program Manager for the Sea Cadets, COMNAVCRUITCOM (Code 00P) will

(1) plan for Navy-wide support of the Sea Cadets.

(2) maintain close liaison with those offices in the Department of the Navy concerned with training and youth programs to ensure that the Naval Sea Cadet Corps Program reflects current Navy policies.

(3) recommend and implement appropriate changes to Department of the Navy policies concerning the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

(4) maintain liaison with representatives of supporting Navy commands and with the National Chairman, President, and Executive Director of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Navy League of the United States.

(5) coordinate with Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, for two week summer afloat training sea billet requirements.

(6) coordinate two week shore billet requirements for summer advanced training with Navy shore commands.

(7) measure the effectiveness of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps in terms of recruiting young men and women into the services.

(8) provide guidance and assistance to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps on administrative procedures, uniform regulations, training programs, and Navy public affairs projects.

(9) permit participation of active, reserve, and retired Navy personnel as Naval Sea Cadet Corps officers.

(10) enlist qualified Naval Sea Cadet Corps applicants at the appropriate paygrade.

j. Responsibilities of Supporting Commands. To assist COMNAVCRUITCOM (Code 00P) in managing the program, the following support by other commands is necessary:

(1) On a space available basis and per references (f) and (g), Fleet Commanders shall provide billets on fleet ships and schools to COMNAVCRUITCOM (Code 00P) for allocation to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps in support of their summer training and/or foreign exchange program.

(2) Commanding Officers, Naval Shore Activities. On a space available basis per reference (f), provide billets at shore activities to COMNAVCRUITCOM (Code 00P) for allocation to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps in support of their summer training and/or foreign exchange program.

## 7. Action

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a. COMNAVCRUITCOM (Code 00P) shall provide program management and coordination.

b. Appropriate fleet and shore activities shall provide support to youth groups consistent with the provisions of this instruction, and exercise direct liaison as appropriate with COMNAVCRUITCOM and supporting field organizations.

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