MANPOWER AND
RESERVE AFFAIRS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
1500 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301-1500

SEP 1 4 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
(MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
(MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE
(MANPOWER AND RESERVE AFFAIRS)
DEPUTY CHIEF MANAGEMENT OFFICER

SUBJECT: Department of Defense Commemoration of Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, and Constitution Week

The United States Constitution has withstood the test of time for more than two centuries as our Nation's charter of government and the guarantor of our liberties. Signed in Philadelphia on September 17, 1787, this founding document reflects our core values and enshrines the truths set forth in the Declaration of Independence, that we are each endowed with certain unalienable rights.

Per Section 106 of title 36, United States Code (U.S.C.), the Department of Defense will observe Constitution Day and Citizenship Day on Saturday, September 17, 2016, and Constitution Week from September 17 through September 23, 2016, per Section 108 of title 36, U.S.C.

All federal agencies are required by Section 111(a) of Public Law 108-447 to commemorate Constitution Day and Citizenship Day by providing education and training to newly-hired employees and the agencies' currently employed personnel. Consistent with mission accomplishment, DoD Components should make duty time available for this purpose.

To aid the DoD and military Services in meeting statutory requirements for these observances, the Department hosts an online U.S. Constitution course and provides information on Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and Constitution Week at http://constitutionday.cpms.osd.mil.

Each DoD Component should publicize Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and Constitution Week, and share information about Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and Constitution Week activities with its workforce.

Please join me in making Constitution Day and Citizenship Day and Constitution Week a time for DoD personnel to reflect on and reaffirm their rights and obligations as citizens, and to honor the commitments and sacrifices made by DoD personnel in defense of our Nation.

Todd A. Weiler