MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY
SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
SURGEON GENERAL AND CHIEF, BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
SURGEON GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the DoD’s Implementation of Suicide Prevention Resources for Transitioning Uniformed Service Members (Project No. D2020-DEV0PB-0189.000)

The DoD Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin the subject evaluation in October 2020. The objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the DoD provided suicide prevention resources for transitioning military service members as required by Executive Order 13822, Presidential Executive Order on Supporting Our Veterans During Their Transition From Uniformed Service to Civilian Life. For the purpose of this evaluation, a transitioning Service Member includes all individuals with a planned or pending separation from active duty military service. This includes individuals completing service commitment contracts, retiring, and involved in medical evaluation boards or administrative separation proceedings. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives.

We will perform the evaluation at the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Defense Manpower Data Center), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (the Defense Suicide Prevention Office and the Transition to Veterans Program Office), Defense Health Agency, the suicide prevention offices for each Military Service, and the personnel offices for each Military Service as identified in the Attachment. We may identify additional offices/entities to include during the evaluation. Due to the current Health Protection Condition level, we will hold meetings by teleconference.

Please provide us with a point of contact for the evaluation within 5 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or the military equivalent. In addition, to expedite information gathering and reporting, please provide us with a point of contact for each of the offices listed in the attachment within 7 days of the date of this memorandum. The point of contact should be an individual who can adequately speak to the DoD’s implementation of suicide prevention resources for transitioning uniformed Service members. Send the contact’s name, title, grade/pay band, phone

If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn R. Hantz, Assistant Inspector General for Evaluations Programs, Combatant Commands, and Overseas Contingency Operations.

Attachment:
Point of Contact Request