

February 1, 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMPTROLLER)/ CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, DOD UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND READINESS DIRECTOR, DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INFORMATION SYSTEMS AGENCY NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL

SUBJECT: Oversight of the Audit of the FY 2021 Military Retirement Fund Financial Statements (Project No. D2021-D000FP-00087.000)

Our planned oversight will begin immediately. The Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, as amended, requires this audit. In accordance with the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990, the DoD Office of Inspector General is the principal auditor for the Military Retirement Fund Financial Statements. We contracted with the independent public accounting firm of Kearney and Company to audit the Military Retirement Fund Financial Statements for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020. The objective of Kearney and Company's audit is to determine whether the FY 2021 Military Retirement Fund Financial Statements and related notes are presented fairly and in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The objective of this oversight project is to provide contract oversight of Kearney and Company's audit of the Military Retirement Fund Financial Statements for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2021, to determine if Kearney and Company complied with applicable auditing standards.

We will rely on the Government Accountability Office/Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, "Financial Audit Manual," Section 670, "IG Oversight of Audits Performed by Contracted Independent Public Accounting (IPA) Firms," to design and perform oversight procedures to review Kearney and Company's audit work, and, if applicable, disclose instances in which Kearney and Company did not comply, in all material respects, with generally accepted government auditing standards. Our review will not enable us to express an opinion on the Military Retirement Fund Financial Statements, conclusions about the effectiveness of internal control, conclusions on whether the financial management systems substantially complied with the Federal Financial Management Improvement Act of 1996, or on conclusions of DoD's compliance with laws and regulations. We will provide oversight and review Kearney and Company's audit work, but Kearney and Company will be responsible for expressing the opinion on the financial statements. Please provide us with a point of contact for the audit 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. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and e-mail address to <u>audfmr@dodig.mil</u>.

You can obtain information about the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, as amended; DoD Instruction 7600.02, "Audit Policies," October 16, 2014, as amended; and DoD Instruction 7050.03, "Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense Access to Records and Information," March 22, 2013. Our website is <u>www.dodig.mil</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact

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