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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL AND
READINESS
COMMANDER, NAVY INSTALLATIONS COMMAND
COMMANDER, U.S. FLEET FORCES COMMAND
COMMANDER, U.S. PACIFIC FLEET
AUDITOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

SUBJECT: Evaluation of the U.S. Navy's Efforts to Prevent and Respond to Incidents of Deaths
by Suicide, Suicide Attempts, and Suicidal Ideation
(Project No. D2024-DEV0PB-0089.000)

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you that we plan to begin the subject evaluation in February 2024. As directed by the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2023, the objective of this evaluation is to determine whether the Department of Navy effectively took actions to prevent and respond to incidents of deaths by suicide, suicide attempts, and suicidal ideation among members of the Navy assigned to sea duty or shore duty. We may revise the objective as the evaluation proceeds, and we will also consider suggestions from management for additional or revised objectives. We plan to perform this evaluation in accordance with the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency "Quality Standards for Inspection and Evaluation."

We will perform the evaluation at the Department of the Navy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, and the Defense Health Agency in the National Capital Region. We will perform site visits to Norfolk Naval Air Station, Virginia; Naval Base San Diego, California; Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton, Washington; and Naval Station Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. We may identify additional locations during the evaluation.

We request that you designate a staff member to serve as our point of contact for this evaluation within **5 days** of this memorandum. The point of contact should be a Government employee—a GS-15, pay band equivalent, or military equivalent—and knowledgeable of the DoD and Department of Navy suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention programs and recent investigations and reports related to the objective. Send the contact's name, title, grade/pay band, phone number, and email address to [REDACTED]

The Inspector General Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. §§ 401-424, as amended, authorizes us to have access to personnel and materials as we determine necessary to perform our oversight in a timely manner. You can obtain information about the DoD Office of Inspector General from DoD Directive 5106.01, "Inspector General of the Department of Defense (IG DoD)," April 20, 2012, 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, as amended. Our website is www.dodig.mil.

If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED]

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