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NARR/REF A IS SECNAVINST 3070.2A, OPERATIONS SECURITY POLICY.
REF B IS DODM 5205.02, THE DOD OPERATIONS SECURITY PROGRAM MANUAL.
REF C IS THE NAVY OPSEC SUPPORT TEAM WEBSITE AT:
<https://www.navifor.usff.navy.mil/opsec/>.
REF D IS THE MARINE CORPS OPSEC SUPPORT TEAM WEBSITE
AT:
<https://intelshare.intelink.gov/SITES/MCIIOC/MOST//>.

RMKS/1. This message announces the Department of the Navy (DON) observance of and participation in National Operations Security (OPSEC) Awareness Month during May 2025.

2. The theme for OPSEC Awareness Month is "Integrating OPSEC Across Missions." Per reference (a), OPSEC will be integrated into all mission planning. By including OPSEC in all stages of planning through execution, to include critical mission functions, we protect our warfighting advantage.

3. The DON's OPSEC actionable tenets align and support the theme of National OPSEC Awareness Month 2025: know your unit's critical information and indicators list (CIIL); conceal mission critical information, vulnerabilities and indicators; and protect controlled unclassified information from adversaries and threat exploitation.

4. Commanders and Commanding Officers:

a. Use OPSEC Awareness Month as an opportunity to refresh your command's program and emphasize the importance of OPSEC in all your missions. Our

adversaries attempt to undermine our effectiveness across the competition continuum by means of exploitation, sabotage, misinformation, information gathering, and other malign tactics.

b. Review, update, and validate your OPSEC program, to include integrating OPSEC into your readiness activities.

c. Ensure contractors and suppliers are made aware of their requirements to protect critical information.

This can include measures such as restricting access to critical information and using secure communication methods.

d. Ensure all contracting documents receive an OPSEC review at both the start and completion of the contracting process to identify critical and/or sensitive information.

e. Encourage command personnel to participate in the DON-hosted OPSEC virtual and in-person training during May 2025. Training will cover integration of OPSEC in contracting and the acquisition process; awareness of publicly available information; and your CIILs. To learn more about these opportunities go to:

https://www.navifor.usff.navy.mil/Portals/48/OPSEC/pdf_ppt_docs/DON%20OAM%20May%202025%20Published%20Events%20.pdf?ver=bhaM3b0KejLH71f__BgTyg%3d%3d

5. All personnel will:

a. Be familiar with their unit's CIIL and protect critical information.

b. Exercise vigilance and sound judgment when operating in the electronic information environment.

Review security and location settings for apps and social media.

c. Use only encrypted U.S. Government-provisioned methods to transmit critical information and only share it with individuals with a valid mission purpose.

d. Use approved methods of destruction (i.e. shred, burn) for hard copy materials containing critical information.

e. Report suspected OPSEC violations to your chain of command, activity security manager, or your Service OPSEC Support Teams, per references (a) through (d).

6. I challenge you to know, conceal, and protect critical information. We are all on watch; it is vital we integrate OPSEC procedures into every mission. It is our duty to protect our great Nation, the Navy, and the Marine Corps.

7. OPSEC points of contact:

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8. Released by the Honorable John C. Phelan, Secretary of the Navy.//

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