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SUBJ//DISPLAY OF NAVY OFFICIAL BIOGRAPHIES ON PUBLIC FACING WEBSITES//

REF/A/DOC/SECNAVINST/10APR19//

REF/B/DOC/OPNAVINST//

NARR/REF A IS SECNAVINST 5720.44C CH-II, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLCY AND REGULATIONS.

REF B IS OPNAVINST 2630.2B, OFFICIAL FLAG OFFICER BIOGRAPHIES AND PORTRAITS.//

RMKS/1.The security of our Sailors and their families remains the Navy's absolute priority. In today's modern security landscape, adversaries increasingly aggregate publicly available data to track, profile, and target our personnel. By creating an unnecessary spotlight and surge of online interest, routine command triad biographies inadvertently expose our people to elevated risk. Therefore, this NAVADMIN provides additional guidance regarding reference (a). Section 0203, paragraph 2.1., and Section 0701, paragraph 3.d.(3), authorize the posting of official biographies on command websites. The authorizations of references (a) and (b) are amended as follows:

a. Commands led by officers in the grade of O10 shall maintain official leadership biographies on their command or activity's public-facing websites.

b. Commands led by officers in the grade of O9 and below, and their civilian equivalents, are no longer authorized to post official portraits and biographies on command or activity's public-facing websites. Official Flag and SES biographies will be maintained on Navy.mil and secnav.navy.mil only, in accordance with reference (b).

2. Commanders and Commanding Officers will take immediate action to remove all command triad and key official leadership biographies (to include Commanding Officers, Executive Officers, Chiefs of Staff, Chief Staff Officers, Deputies, and Command Master Chiefs or equivalent) from command or activity's public-facing websites and platforms to comply with the requirements of this message.

3. Internal CAC-enabled repositories, command intranets, and other non-public systems may continue to host biographies and portraits for official use, command familiarization, and internal communication purposes.

4. Questions regarding the implementation of this directive may be directed to the Navy Office of Information (CHINFO) at CHINFO-OI_08@us.navy.mil.

5. Released by Released by RDML John A. Robinson, Chief of Information.//

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