

## **DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY**

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## **BUPERS INSTRUCTION 1752.2**

From: Chief of Naval Personnel

Subj: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION FOR THE BUREAU

OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 6400.06 of 21 August 2007

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To issue the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS) policy and provide guidelines concerning domestic violence per reference (a).

- 2. <u>Scope and Applicability</u>. This instruction applies to all BUPERS commands and subordinate activities.
- 3. <u>Discussion</u>. Domestic violence is incompatible with Navy Core Values and our high standards of professional and personal discipline. Domestic violence, in most cases, is a criminal offense that harms individuals, ruins families, weakens communities, and undermines fleet readiness. Navy leaders at every level have a duty to take appropriate steps to prevent domestic violence, protect victims, and hold offenders accountable.
- 4. <u>Policy</u>. Our leaders are committed to setting the highest standards possible with regard to prevention of domestic violence. We will work as one team for the prevention of violence, protection of victims, and accountability for the offenders through administrative or disciplinary action. Like drug abuse and sexual harassment, domestic violence is not consistent with Navy Core Values.
- 5. Reporting of Incidents of Domestic Violence. If you observe or know of a domestic violence situation, report it to the appropriate law official and your chain of command immediately. If you are a victim or a potential offender, seek assistance by contacting your chain of command, your local law officials, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at 874-5075 or the National Domestic Violence Hotline number, 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). It is a confidential resource for victims seeking information within the continental United States.
- 6. <u>FFSC</u>. FFSC provides unified services to support sustained mission and Navy readiness and to strengthen personal and family competencies to meet unique challenges of the military lifestyle. FFSC provides information packages, counseling services, and education courses for victims and alleged offenders, as well as conducts programs on abuse prevention.
- 7. <u>Family Advocacy Program (FAP)</u>. FAP provides clinical assessment, treatment, and services for military members and their families involved in incidents of domestic abuse. They work with FFSC in a very positive way to assist commands and families who need intervention.

- 8. <u>Victim Witness Assistance Program (VWAP)</u>. BUPERS, Office of Legal Counsel (BUPERS-00J) is the Navy's VWAP coordinator. VWAP ensures victims and witnesses of crime are aware of their rights and understand the variety of service available to them. If you are a victim of or witness to a crime and are unsure where to turn for assistance, contact BUPERS-00J at commercial (901) 874-3166/DSN 882-3166.
- 9. <u>Records Management</u>. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media or format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) M-5210.1 of January 2012.
- 10. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Total Force Human Resources and Manpower Office (BUPERS-05) will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Department of the Navy, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire 5 years after its issuance date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 5-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.

Deputy Chief of Navy Personnel

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