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MEMORANDUM FOR MACOM, PEO, PM, INFORMATION ASSURANCE PROGRAM MANAGERS

SUBJECT: Implementation of the Web Risk Assessment Cell Evaluations

1. References:

- a. DoDI 5230.29 Security and Policy Review of DoD Information for Public Release, 6 March 1996
- b. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, dated 24 September 1998, Information Vulnerability and the World Wide Web.
- c. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of Defense, dated 28 December 2001, Removal of Personally Identifying Information of DOD Personnel from Unclassified Websites

2. In accordance with the above directives, the Army has developed and implemented a plan to conduct ongoing operational security and web risk assessments of the content of Army websites. To accomplish this mission, the Army Web Risk Assessment Cell (AWRAC) was created with the mission to review and ensure that publicly accessible, non-restricted, U.S. Army worldwide web (WWW) websites are compliant with Federal, DoD, and DA website administration policies, procedures, and best practices. Additional guidance on website content is enclosed.

3. The Department of Defense has mandated that DoD websites be made available to the public and provide accurate and timely information relating to its activities, objectives, policies, and programs. At the same time we must ensure the information provided does not compromise the security of our nation or the privacy and security of service members and their families. Security of information on publicly accessible websites must be viewed in the context of an organization's overall OPSEC posture. Within the context of Army Information Assurance, the WWW should not be treated any differently from any other potential vulnerability. Information Assurance Program Managers (IAPM) are instrumental in advising the commanders on their roles and responsibility concerning website security.

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4. The AWRAC program requires that commanders/supervisors of affected websites be notified of security concerns and take appropriate remedial actions, e.g., questionable material removed, risk accepted by commander, request for clarifying information. The AWRAC will report security concerns via e-mail memorandum to the point of contact (POC) posted on the website. Website POCs are directed to acknowledge receipt via email to the AWRAC (peter.anzulewicz@us.army.mil) and forward the memorandum to the commander/ supervisor, or his/her designated representative, responsible for the website. Suspense dates for corrective actions/resolution of security concerns are provided in the memorandum. Copies of the memorandums will be furnished to the appropriate MACOM, PEO, IAPMs.

5. On 9 March 2002, the AWRAC began evaluating Army websites for possible operational/security concerns. Results of this and future evaluations will be forwarded to the commander/supervisor responsible for the website IAW the procedures outlined above.

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WEB SITE CONTENT GUIDANCE

Memorandum, Office of the Secretary of Defense, November 25, 1998, Subject: Web Site Administration Policies and Procedures with 11 January 2002 amendments

Memorandum, Office of the Secretary of Defense, July 13, 2000, Subject: Privacy Policies and Data Collection of DOD Public Web Sites

Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 24 September 1996, Subject: Information Vulnerability and the World Wide Web

Memorandum, Office of Management and Budget, June 22, 2000, Subject: Policies and Data Collection of Federal Web Sites

DOD Directive 5230.29, "Security and Policy Review of DOD Information for Public Release," May 6, 1996

DOD Directive 5230.9, "Clearance of DOD Information for Public Release," April 9, 1996

Memorandum, Office of the Director of Information Systems for Command Control, Communications, and Computers (DISC4), 30 November 1998, Subject: Guidance for Management of Publicly Accessible U.S. Army Websites

Army Regulation (AR) 25-1, 4 August 1999, Army Information Management

Army Regulation (AR) 380-5, 29 September 2000, Department of the Army Information Security Program

Army Regulation (AR) 380-19, 27 February 1998, Information Systems Security