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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CONSOLIDATED  
ADJUDICATIONS FACILITY

SUBJECT: Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest Pilot Program

- References: (a) Memorandum "Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest Pilot Program Extension," September 30, 2016  
(b) Memorandum "Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest Pilot Program," June 21, 2017  
(c) DoD Manual 5200.02, "Procedures for the DoD Personnel Security Program (PSP)," April 3, 2017  
(d) Security Executive Agent Directive 4, National Security Adjudicative Guidelines, June 8, 2017

Over the course of the last year, the Department of Defense (DoD) has taken direct actions to mitigate the security risks to mission presented by the previous practices of vetting Service Members accessed under the Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest (MAVNI) Pilot Program. While the actions taken have contributed significantly to the mitigation of security risks, continued progress depends on a consistent, sustained, and responsive approach. As such, this memorandum provides supplemental policy guidance regarding the management of Service members accessed through the MAVNI Pilot Program.

**Vetting Requirements:**

Completion of Vetting Requirements. The Secretaries of the Military Departments (MilDeps) will complete vetting requirements as outlined in reference (a), and modified by this memorandum, with the exception of the Office of Personnel Management Tier 5 background investigation for all MAVNI Service Members, to include applicants in the Delayed Entry Program (DEP), no later than 180 days from the date of this memorandum.

Service Members Accessed Prior to September 30, 2016. The MilDeps will initiate and complete a passive analytical CI and security assessment for MAVNI Service Members who completed security and suitability screening using vetting protocols in place prior to the issuance of reference (a), no later than 180 days from the date of this memorandum. In cases in which derogatory information relative to reference (d) is discovered, standard CI security referral protocol will be followed.

**Continuous Monitoring:**

The MilDeps will execute continuous monitoring for all MAVNI Service Members to include, at a minimum: enrollment in DoD's Continuous Evaluation (CE) program for the

entirety of the MAVNI Service Member's military career; and an analytical counterintelligence and security assessment, and a National Intelligence Agency Check (NIAC) every two years.

**Interdepartmental Cooperation:**

In an effort to expedite the security and suitability screening prescribed in reference (a), as well as the vetting requirements prescribed above, the Department must leverage the full complement of CI and adjudicative assets available to it. The Secretaries of the Navy and Air Force, and the Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, will provide support to the Secretary of the Army in executing MAVNI Pilot Program related mission requirements. This may include, but is not limited to, providing screening and berthing locations, transportation assistance, CI analytical support, special agents to conduct interviews, and adjudicative manpower.


**Initial National Security Determination (NSD) and Military Service Suitability Determination (MSSD):**

To comply with requirements for the initial vetting of MAVNI applicants and DTP Service Members, in accordance with references (b) and (c), the DoD Consolidated Adjudications Facility (DoD CAF) will attempt to render a NSD and a MSSD recommendation in accordance with reference (d).

- In the event that derogatory information cannot be mitigated in accordance with reference (d), or when derogatory information is discovered that was not previously known to the Military Service of which the MAVNI applicant or Service Member will be or is a member, the DoD CAF will refer that information to the designated office of responsibility within the MAVNI applicant/DTP Service Member's Military Service. The designated official with responsibility for making MSSDs for MAVNI applicants will take appropriate action to mitigate the derogatory information or discontinue applicant processing for the individual concerned. With regard to DTP Service Members, the designated official will take appropriate action to mitigate the derogatory information, or will initiate administrative separation proceedings in accordance with existing procedures. Such determinations should be made, and appropriate action initiated, within 90 days from the date of the DoD CAF referral on the basis of military service suitability disqualification.
- If the Military Service mitigates the derogatory information and/or grants a waiver to MSSD standards, the case and any mitigating information will be returned to the DoD CAF to begin the NSD review process. If, after review, an adverse NSD is rendered, the DoD CAF will notify the Military Service, which will discontinue applicant processing for the individual concerned. With regard to DTP Service Members, the designated official will initiate administrative separation proceedings in accordance with existing procedures. This guidance modifies Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness memorandum, "Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest Pilot Program Suitability," April 5, 2017. In cases in which a MAVNI Service Member is not yet a U.S. citizen, but has obtained a favorable NSD in accordance with reference (c), the Joint Personnel Adjudication System will be annotated to state that the

individual is not eligible for access to classified information until U.S. citizenship is granted, and then only if the individual's position and/or duties require access to classified information.

The MilDep Secretaries shall direct immediate implementation of this guidance and report compliance to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness and the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence. Initial reports will be submitted within 45 days from the date of this memorandum and thereafter semi-annually, not later than June 30 and December 31 of each calendar year. Direct all requests for clarification and waivers or exceptions to this guidance in writing to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.



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