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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5801.1

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships and Stations (less Marine Corps field addressees not having Navy personnel attached)

Subj: Legal Checkup Program

Ref: (a) JAGINST 5800.7A Subj: Manual of the Judge Advocate General
(b) OPNAVINST 5800.6 Subj: Law Centers, Activation of
(c) OPNAVINST 1700.4 Subj: Standards of Service at Contact Points

1. Purpose. This instruction sets forth policy, procedures, and assignments of responsibilities for implementation of the Legal Checkup Program.

2. Background. Many Navy personnel do not have their legal and personal affairs in proper order. The Legal Checkup Program is designed to provide all personnel with the opportunity to put their legal and personal affairs in proper order, to make personnel aware of the status of their legal and personal affairs, and to insure that all personnel are aware of the existence of and have access to legal assistance offices in accordance with chapter XIX of reference (a). In implementation of this policy, the month of October, each year, is designated throughout the Navy as "Legal Checkup Month."

3. Action

a. Commanding officers and officers in charge will insure that:

(1) All personnel reporting aboard are given the opportunity to complete a Legal Affairs Questionnaire (NAVJAG 5801/10 (5-71)) and to discuss

their personal legal affairs with a legal assistance officer.

(2) During Legal Checkup Month each year, the Legal Checkup Program and the individual serviceman's responsibility toward his personal legal affairs are given wide publicity.

(3) During Legal Checkup Month each year, all personnel are given the opportunity to complete a Legal Affairs Questionnaire and to review their personal legal affairs with a legal assistance officer.

b. Commanders designated in enclosure (1) to reference (b) will insure that the full resources of the law centers under their cognizance are made available to provide necessary services under the Legal Checkup Program.

c. Legal assistance officers will insure that all persons desiring or needing legal assistance services are provided such services in accordance with reference (a) and the criteria set forth in reference (c).

4. Evaluation of Legal Affairs Questionnaire. There are no absolute standards which can be applied to the evaluation of an individual Legal Affairs Questionnaire, nor is there a "passing" or "failing" score. A person's own legal affairs are essentially a private matter. "No" answers to questions 1-10, or "yes" answers to questions 11-18, however, indicate a possible need on the part of an individual to review his personal legal affairs with a legal assistance officer.

5. Availability of Forms. Supplies of NAVJAG Form 5801/10 (5-71) are available from Cognizance Symbol "I" stock points under stock number 0105-100-5900.

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