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MEMORANDUM FOR OPNAV INVITEES

Subj: 2011 SEA-AIR-SPACE EXPOSITION AND RECEPTION

The Navy League of the United States will sponsor their annual Sea-Air-Space Exposition at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD from 11 to 13 April 2011. Major events include the International Maritime Reception, SEAPOWER Reception, Sea-Air-Space Reception, and Sea-Air-Space Banquet. Attendees will be active duty and retired personnel, civilian Government officials, representatives of foreign embassies, and civilians from industry, academia and the Navy League. Approximately 10,000 individuals are expected to attend the Exposition, and 1,000 individuals are expected to attend the Receptions.

The Exposition:

Pursuant to DoD 5500.7-R, Par. 3-200, the seminars and events connected with the Exposition constitute training beyond maintenance of professional credentials. Accordingly, OPNAV personnel may attend the Exposition in their official capacities and on government-funded orders, subject to their supervisor's discretion. Attendees on funded orders should have their per diem off-set to reflect meals provided as part of the program.

Additionally, the Exposition qualifies as widely attended gathering under 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2). This memorandum constitutes a finding pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(3)(ii) of agency interest in having invited OPNAV personnel attend the Exposition in their personal capacities. Accordingly, OPNAV personnel whose duties do not substantially affect the Navy League may attend the Exposition and accept the lunches and shuttle bus transportation as integral parts of the event. Personnel may not, however, accept travel expenses or free lodging to attend.

The Receptions:

The Receptions (International Maritime Reception, SEAPOWER Reception, and Sea-Air-Space Reception) qualify as widely

attended gatherings under 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(2). This memorandum also constitutes a finding pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 2635.204(g)(3)(ii) of agency interest in having invited OPNAV personnel attend the Receptions in their personal capacities. Accordingly, OPNAV personnel whose duties do not substantially affect the Navy League may attend the Receptions as an integral part of the event. Employees may not, however, accept travel expenses or free lodging to attend.

Employees who are only attending the Receptions do not qualify for official travel and government-funded orders.

For both the Exposition and the Receptions, OPNAV invitees whose duties may substantially affect the Navy League should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. 2635(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from this office (N09D).

Finally, uniforms may be worn at both the Exposition and Receptions, but care must be exercised to avoid any appearance of officially endorsing products, DoD contractors or the Navy League.



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