



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
2000 NAVY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-2000

IN REPLY REFER TO

5370
Memo N09D/023
April 2, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR OPNAV INVITEES

Subj: 2010 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 3 to 5 May 2010, invitation-only receptions on 3 May 2010 and a dinner reception on 4 May 2010. 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 employees 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 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. Employees may not, however, accept travel expenses or free lodging to attend.

The Receptions:

The Receptions qualify as widely attended gathering 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 Reception, 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.



ERIN E. STONE
CAPT, JAGC, USN
Ethics Counselor
Office of the Chief of
Naval Operations