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MEMORANDUM FOR DEFENSE PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES OFFICE

THROUGH: RECORDS, PRIVACY AND DECLASSIFICATION DIVISION (RPDD)

SUBJECT: Justification for the Use of the Social Security Number (SSN) in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) (DITPR ID 1391)

This memorandum is to satisfy the requirements of the Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1000.30, "Reduction of Social Security Number (SSN) Use Within DoD," requiring justification to collect and use the SSN in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

The purpose of DEERS is to provide a database for determining eligibility to DoD entitlements and privileges; to support DoD health care management programs; to provide identification of deceased members; to manage the issuance of DoD badges and identification cards; and to detect fraud and abuse of the benefit programs by claimants and providers to include appropriate collection actions arising out of any debts incurred as a consequence of such programs. DEERS is also used to authenticate and identify DoD affiliated personnel (e.g., contractors); to assess manpower, support personnel and readiness functions; to perform statistical analyses; identify current DoD civilian and military personnel for purposes of detecting fraud and abuse of benefit programs; to register current DoD civilian and military personnel and their authorized dependents for purposes of obtaining medical examination, treatment or other benefits to which they are entitled; to ensure benefit eligibility is retained after separation from the military; information will be used by agency officials and employees, or authorized contractors, and other DoD Components for personnel and manpower studies; and to assist in recruiting prior-service personnel. Other Federal state agencies, and consumer reporting agencies require data from DEERS for processing of benefits, computer matching, identity validation, determining eligibility for programs, and/or conducting veterans outreach programs.

As required in DoDI 1000.30, the acceptable use for the Social Security Number (SSN) has been identified as 08 Computer Matching and 13 Other Cases. DEERS completes computer matching with federal agencies. Use of the SSN is the only common identifier between DoD and other federal, state and consumer reporting agencies. As the originating system for the DoD ID Number, DEERS requires the use of SSN to assist other DoD agencies in complying with DoDI 1000.30.

DEERS makes every effort to use the DoD ID Number in lieu of the SSN within the DoD and facilitates the use of the DoD ID Number throughout the Department. DEERS also communicates to the Department of Veteran Affairs using the DoD ID Number, eliminating the



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exchange of SSN for millions of records per year, as well as to communicate with the Transportation Security Agency for administering Secure Flight PreCheck.

The data collected is covered by System of Record Notice (SORN) DMDC 02 DoD, “Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS),” which provides the authorities to collect, and is available at: <http://dpcl.d.defense.gov/Privacy/SORNsIndex/DOD-wide-SORN-Article-View/Article/627618/dmdc-02-dod/>. The DEERS SORN is currently being modified. DEERS is secured to protect (PII) in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and DoD 5400.11-R, “Department of Defense Privacy Program.”

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