

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 193D SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING (AFSOC) 81 CONSTELLATION COURT MIDDLETOWN PENNSYLVANIA

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MEMORANDUM FOR 193D SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING PERSONNEL

FROM: 193 SOW/CC

SUBJECT: Sexual Harassment Prevention Program

- 1. Sexual harassment is illegal and will not be permitted at any level or in any organization within the 193d Special Operations Wing. Sexual harassment is degrading and disruptive behavior that compromises unit readiness and impedes upon our ability to accomplish the mission. It is unacceptable conduct and will not be tolerated. It is our responsibility to provide an environment where all employees are treated with dignity and respect.
- 2. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 identifies sexual harassment as a form of sex discrimination. As Airmen, we must take all steps necessary to prevent sexual harassment from occurring.
- 3. Sexual harassment in the work place or any place associated with a person's employment or military assignment is defined as unwelcomed sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature when:
- a. Submission to such conduct is explicitly/implicitly a term or condition of a person's job, pay, or career.
- b. Submission to/rejection of such conduct is used as a basis for career or employment decisions that affect the individual.
- c. Such conduct has the purpose/effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment.
- 4. An employee who makes deliberate or repeated unwelcomed verbal comments, gestures, or physical contact of a sexual nature; or creates a sexually harassing environment by displaying pictures or objects; or uses any other media to disperse items of a sexual nature is engaging in sexual harassment. Any employee who sexually harasses another can be held legally responsible for his or her actions.
- 5. In accordance with DAFI 36-2710, *Equal Opportunity Program*, sexual harassment prevention training is required for all personnel and will be incorporated into the overall training plans for every unit in the 193d Special Operations Wing. I expect our personnel to be trained to recognize, prevent, and eliminate sexual harassment. Ignorance of the regulation and law as an excuse for illegal behavior will not be accepted as a defense.

- 6. We must create and maintain an institutional climate in which all employees are treated fairly. All complaints of sexual harassment will be investigated promptly, treated objectively, and resolved expeditiously. If the allegations of sexual harassment are substantiated, disciplinary action against the responsible individual(s) will be initiated immediately.
- 7. The EO staff are located in Building 81, Room 213 in Middletown, PA and may be reached at COMM 717-948-2379/80 or DSN 423-2380.
- 8. This memorandum supersedes previous memoranda on this subject.

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