MEMORANDUM FOR 193D SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING PERSONNEL

FROM: 193 SOW/CC

SUBJECT: Equal Opportunity Program

1. Our national security and prosperity depend on the armed services ability to recruit, develop and employ the talents of a diverse population. Equal opportunity is not just the right thing to do; it is mission essential and is an economic necessity. We cannot afford to have employees that are unable to perform their duties due to the impact of discrimination. I have the fundamental responsibility to ensure that every member of the 193d Special Operations Wing (SOW) is given the opportunity to do his or her job without discrimination or harassment.

2. I embrace the Pennsylvania National Guard (PNG) policy of non-tolerance of discrimination or harassment by anyone affiliated with the PNG. Commanders and supervisors will promptly and thoroughly investigate and resolve any instance of discrimination. Any Airmen who feels that they have been discriminated against or have knowledge of any discriminatory activities are encouraged to report these events to the appropriate commander or supervisor. I expect the Airmen of the 193 SOW to be able to identify and prevent discrimination, including sexual harassment.

3. Equal opportunity must also be implemented as an integral part of all employment and personnel management decisions. The objective is to guarantee fair and equitable treatment of all employees and to sustain a comprehensive effort to eliminate discriminatory practices. It is essential the 193 SOW creates and maintains an environment encouraging professional growth for all, regardless of gender, race, color, religion, age or national origin. I expect commanders and supervisors to embody this concept in all their activities.

4. This memorandum supersedes previous memoranda on this subject. The EO staff may be reached at 717-948-2379/2380 or DSN 423-2379/2380. EO Offices are located in Middletown-Bldg 81, Rm 126 and Fort Indiantown Gap, Bldg 1-23, Rm 1.

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