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TRAINING SQUADRON THIRTY-ONE INSTRUCTION 5370.1B

Subj: TRAINING SQUADRON THIRTY-ONE FRATERNIZATION POLICY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5370.2B
(b) CNATRAININST 5370.2A

1. Purpose. To conform Training Squadron THIRTY-ONE's policy on fraternization per reference (a) and (b).
2. Cancellation. VT31INST 5370.1A
3. Policy. Training Squadron THIRTY-ONE fully supports the Navy's fraternization policy as promulgated and defined in reference (a). Any personnel found in violation of the Armed Forces Fraternization Policy are subject to administrative or disciplinary action as deemed appropriate. Additionally, such relationships subject the involved personnel to disciplinary action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) when the actions or relationships:
 - a. Are determined to be prejudicial and/or detrimental to good order and discipline.
 - b. Bring discredit to the United States Armed Forces.

It is expected that all personnel within Training Squadron THIRTY-ONE conduct themselves in a manner that is in keeping with the high standards of personal and professional behavior expected of members of the United States Armed Forces.

4. Discussion

a. It is not the intent of this policy to prohibit social interaction among officer and enlisted service members. Proper social contact among officer and enlisted personnel is encouraged as it enhances unit morale and esprit de corps. However, unduly familiar personal relationships between officer and enlisted members have traditionally been contrary to Armed Forces custom, for they undermine the respect for authority, which is essential to the Armed Forces' ability to accomplish its mission.

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b. Similar relationships involving two officers or two enlisted members where a senior-subordinate supervisory relationship exists are also inappropriate. In particular, inappropriate relationships between instructors and students will be strictly avoided. This applies to all instructor and student relationships throughout CNATRA, regardless of the member's subordinate command.

c. When prejudicial to good order or of a nature to bring discredit on the Armed Forces, personal relationships between officer members or between enlisted members that are unduly familiar and that do not respect differences in grade or rank are prohibited. Prejudice to good order and discipline or discredit to the Armed Forces may result from, but are not limited to, circumstances which:

- (1) Call into question a senior's objectivity.
- (2) Result in actual or apparent preferential treatment.
- (3) Undermine the authority of a senior.
- (4) Compromise the chain of command.

5. Responsibility

a. Seniors throughout the chain of command will:

(1) Ensure that their actions and the actions of their subordinates are supportive of the chain of command and good order and discipline.

(2) Ensure that all members of the command are aware of the policy set forth in reference (a) and (b) of this instruction.

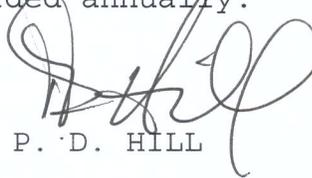
(3) Take appropriate action to eliminate any behavior in violation of the Armed Forces' fraternization policy.

b. The senior party is responsible for preventing inappropriate relationships. However, this policy is applicable to all service members and every member will be held accountable for their own conduct.

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6. Action

a. The Commanding Officer will ensure annual training on this subject, including examples of appropriate and prohibited personal relationships, is provided annually.



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