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From: Superintendent

Subj: PHYSICAL MISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

Ref: (a) Superintendent's Memo 5420 28-152 dtd 22 Sep 05; Subj: Physical Mission Review

Encl: (1) USNA Physical Mission Policies and Procedures Manual \*

1. Purpose. The purpose of this memorandum is to approve the USNA Physical Mission Policies and Procedures Manual. The Manual will contain all Naval Academy guidance as it relates to the execution of the physical mission.

2. Background. The Physical Mission Policies and Procedures Manual represents the culmination of relevant information and the Superintendent's Directives resulting from Reference (a), the Naval Academy's Physical Mission Review. The Physical Mission Review commenced in August, 2005, and implementation of the resulting Superintendent's Decision Directives shall be ongoing until completion.

3. Discussion. The goal of the Naval Academy's physical mission is to inculcate physical excellence in our midshipmen through diverse, competitive athletics, challenging physical education programs, and continuous personal conditioning that contributes to the development of midshipmen in mind, body and spirit, in order to prepare them for the rigors of combat leadership. Instructions and Notices relating to the Physical Mission are issued by the Superintendent, Commandant, and Director of Athletics. Since programs of the Physical Mission include Yard-wide involvement in order to successfully execute, it is necessary to establish a comprehensive manual where all pertinent guidance may be referenced.

Guidance contained in the Physical Mission Policies and Procedures Manual exists in three forms:

a. Mission-Direct Guidance, wherein the activities or subject matter referred to has the sole and primary mission of physical development of midshipmen, with such guidance being promulgated within the physical mission chain of command and issuing from the Director of Athletics. Future policy changes will be implemented by the Director of Athletics and contained in the Manual.

b. Commandant's and USNA Instructions or Notices which relate significantly to the Physical Mission, which logically can and should be included with information regarding physical mission policy, but which are not promulgated through the physical mission chain of command and are not issued through the Director of Athletics. This type of guidance will be included in the Manual categorized as Commandant's or USNA Instructions or Notices.

c. References to Commandant's or USNA Instructions, such as the Midshipmen Regulations and Midshipman Aptitude for Commission system, for which the majority of the guidance does not relate to the physical mission, but which contains important, relevant physical mission-specific information, shall be included for appropriate reference.

\* Access enclosure at <http://intranet.usna.edu/athletic/>

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The Physical Mission Policies and Procedures Manual will be accessible electronically on the "Instructions and Notices" page of the USNA Intranet under "Director of Athletics." Physical Mission-relevant Instructions or Notices issued by the Superintendent or Commandant will become part of the Manual, in addition to being located under the issuing authority's own "Instructions and Notices" page.

4. Implementation. The Manual should be assembled for reference during the summer of 2007.

a. Over the next two years a methodical plan will be executed to draft each chapter of the manual, incorporating all guidance and eliminating conflicting or redundant guidance.

b. Where conflicts exist in current policies or procedures, the Physical Mission Decision Directive serials are to take precedence.

5. I ask that all hands cooperate to the maximum extent possible as we establish a USNA Physical Mission Policies and Procedures Manual, which will serve to promote the goals of the physical mission by creating a single administrative location to refer to physical mission guidance, thereby furthering our mission to develop Midshipmen into combat leaders of character.

/s/  
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