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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR PERSONNEL
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DIRECTOR, FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
INSPECTOR GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
NAVAL INSPECTOR GENERAL
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE MARINE CORPS

SUBJECT: Assessment of Voting Assistance Programs for Calendar Year 2012

We plan to begin the subject assessment in November 2012 in accordance with our responsibilities under the Inspector General Act of 1978 as amended, and under Title 10, United States Code, Section 1566, (10 U.S.C. § 1566), as amended. 10 U.S.C. § 1566 requires the Department of Defense Inspector General (DoDIG) to continually assess voting assistance and report to Congress at least annually on:

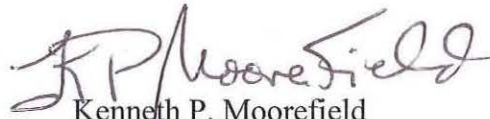
- compliance with voting assistance programs specified by law, policy, and regulation, including compliance by the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and
- the effectiveness of voting assistance provided to warfighters, their families, and overseas citizens.

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is a major multidimensional program impacting numerous Federal, state, and local agencies and jurisdictions, and is subject to repetitive examination and reporting by numerous oversight and program management organizations worldwide. The IG Act of 1978 requires the DoDIG to avoid duplication or repetition by coordinating with the GAO, other Federal IGs, Military Service IGs, and other Federal entities responsible for reporting on voting assistance. To avoid duplication and repetition—and accomplish the DoDIG mission—we use a continuous assessment methodology consistent with multi-organizational oversight of complex programs impacting entities and jurisdictions worldwide. The methodology includes on-going assessment and rapid reporting, as necessary, focused on individual risks or issues that threaten successful accomplishment of program objectives, or that violate law, policy, or regulation.

10 U.S.C. § 1566 also requires Military Service Inspectors General (IGs) to annually review Service compliance with voting assistance programs; review the effectiveness of voting assistance programs; and report results to the DoDIG in time to be reflected in a report it is required to submit each year. DoD Instruction No. 1000.04, "*Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP)*," September 13, 2012, requires Service IGs to submit their reports to the DoDIG not later than January 31st of each year. DoDIG must issue its report not later than March 31, 2012.

The objective of our Calendar Year 2012 assessment project is to continue our ongoing evaluation of voting assistance to warfighters and overseas citizens, and report as required on risks to program objectives, or violations of law, policy, or regulation, so public officials and those charged with governance can take appropriate action. We will consider suggestions from management on additional or revised objectives.

We plan to visit senior representatives of the Service IGs within the next few weeks to coordinate reporting. If you have any questions, please contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED].



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