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COMNAVCRUITCOM INSTRUCTION 5354.4

From: Commander, Navy Recruiting Command

Subj: POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR DIVINE NINE
AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Encl: (1) NAVCRUIT 5354/3 Divine Nine Ambassador Sample Application

1. Purpose. To issue policy and administrative procedures for the Navy Recruiting Command (NAVCRUITCOM) Divine Nine Ambassador Program.

2. Scope and Applicability. This instruction, which is effective immediately, is applicable to NAVCRUITCOM and all Navy recruiting activities. Navy recruiting activities includes all military and civilian personnel assigned to NAVCRUITCOM, Navy Recruiting Regions (NAVCRUITREG), Navy Recruiting Reserve Command (NAVCRUITRESCOM), Navy Talent Acquisition Groups (NAVTALACQGRU), Navy Recruiting Stations (NAVCRUITSTA), Navy Recruiting Command Orientation Unit (NAVCRUITCOM ORU), or similar units tasked with completing the recruiting mission for the U.S. Navy.

3. Background. The NAVCRUITCOM Divine Nine Ambassador program assists the Navy in its effort to recruit minority applicants and enhance the Navy's image in these communities.

a. The program solicits top-tier junior officers who are members of the Nine National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) fraternities and sororities to help educate diverse applicants on all aspects of the Navy. The NPHC is a collaborative umbrella council composed of nine historically African American fraternities and sororities, commonly called the Divine Nine, and also referred to as Black Greek Letter Organizations to include Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated (Inc), Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.

b. Divine nine ambassadors will play a crucial role in nurturing connections with the colleges or university's leadership and departments, local fraternity and sorority chapters, and community influencers to help enhance the ability to secure cooperation and support for Navy diversity outreach activities. Participation in community engagement events involve a high volume of public speaking opportunities for Divine Nine selectees to tell their Navy story and the unique network within Divine Nine membership while service active duty. Divine Nine selectees are expected to display effective communication, be comfortable with public speaking, and committed to outreach engagement through the entire selection period. NAVCRUITCOM will conduct virtual training followed by temporary additional duty (TEMADD) visiting faculty and students at high schools, colleges, universities, centers of influence, community events and youth groups with highly diverse enrollment.

4. Divine Nine Ambassador Criteria

a. The divine nine ambassador program is open to officers from all communities to include restricted, unrestricted, staff corps and limited duty officers. Special warfare qualified enlisted (E6 to E9 with undergraduate degree) are eligible to apply.

b. Graduates of historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) and other minority serving institutions (MSI) are highly encouraged to apply.

c. Personnel must be endorsed by their commanding officer (CO) to determine their suitability for participation in the program. Divine nine ambassador selectees must exemplify the highest standards of military appearance, conduct, and courtesy.

d. Although the program specifically targets recruiting candidates from minority communities' participation is open to any interested divine nine affiliated applicant recommended by their commanding officer.

e. Applicants assigned to continental U.S. (CONUS) shore duty are preferred. Applicants on sea duty or outside continental U.S. (OCONUS) will be considered dependent upon operational feasibility.

f. Applicants should not be in a limited duty (LIMDU) status due to illness or have any physical incapacity that could limit their participation in the program. Pregnant volunteers may participate in divine nine ambassador program if the commanding officer, in consultation with health care providers, determines they are physically capable of performing divine nine ambassador duties.

g. Divine nine ambassador selectees will wear the uniform of the day while on divine nine ambassador duty. Divine nine paraphernalia (with appropriate civilian attire) is authorized.

h. Upon selection and completion of training and minimum of four weeks of outreach engagements (does not have to be consecutive and within one year of initial assignment), participants in paygrades O2 to O4 will be eligible to obtain 29C junior officer diversity outreach (JODO) additional qualification designation (AQD).

5. Policy

a. Procedures for Submitting Divine Nine Ambassador Requests

(1) NAVCRUITCOM N10 is the approval authority for divine nine ambassador requests. After receiving command endorsement, members will submit enclosure (1) NAVCRUIT 5354/3 Divine Nine Ambassador Application to NAVCRUITCOM N10 via e-mail to nrc_hq_n10_divine_nine@us.navy.mil.

(2) The divine nine ambassador application will include the information listed in subparagraphs 5a(2)(a) and 5a(2)(b).

(a) Present Command Information

1. Command Name
2. Command City and State
3. Commanding Officer's Name, Phone Number and Email

(b) Personal Information

1. Commissioning source (ex: NROTC, or Officer Candidate School (OCS))
2. Alma Mater
3. Degree or major
4. Current job title and designator (spell out)
5. NPHC divine nine fraternity of sorority
6. Minority affinity group affiliation(s)
7. Work phone number and e-mail address
8. Personal phone number and e-mail address
9. Available date(s)

b. Funded TEMADD (Travel and Per Diem Authorized)

(1) Divine nine ambassador selectees are required to have an active government travel card to participate in this program.

(2) Travel arrangements must be booked using the Defense Travel System (DTS).

(3) NAVCRUITCOM will provide a cross organization line of accounting (LOA) to identify the source of funds for travel in DTS.

c. Confirmation of Divine Nine Ambassador Requests. NAVCRUITCOM N10 will confirm all divine nine ambassador applications as soon as possible. If confirmation has not been received within five working days after application deadline, the applicant should contact

NAVCRUITCOM N10 at nrc_hq_n10_divine_nine@us.navy.mil. If selected, NAVCRUITCOM N10 will provide the training, requirements, approved dates of participation, and line of accounting information for funding of TEMADD orders. The period of divine nine ambassador duty is determined by NAVCRUITCOM N10.

d. Cancellations and Modifications. Commands must notify NAVCRUITCOM N10 of any cancellations or date modifications as far in advance as possible.

e. No Show for Divine Nine Ambassador. Commands will be notified of members who are a no-show for any parts of the divine nine ambassador duty schedule. Once the command has been notified, the member should be charged the applicable days of leave equal to the defined divine nine ambassador period.

6. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy Assistant for Administration, Directives and Records Management Division portal page at <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this notice or the records disposition schedules, please contact the local records manager or the OPNAV Records Management Program (DNS-16).


7. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, NAVCRUITCOM N10 will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if this instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

/s/
A. T. WALKER

Releasability and distribution:

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DIVINE NINE AMBASSADOR APPLICATION			
PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT			
AUTHORITY: This document contains information covered under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 USC 552a and its various implementing regulations and must be protected in accordance with those provisions. You, the recipient and user, are obliged to maintain it in a safe, secure and confidential manner. Re-disclosure without consent or as permitted by law is prohibited. Unauthorized re-disclosure or failure to maintain confidentiality subjects you to application of appropriate sanctions. If you have received this correspondence in error, please notify the sender immediately and destroy any copies you have made.			
Member's Name (Last, First, Middle): Sailor, Navy, A			Rank or Rate: LT
PRESENT COMMAND INFORMATION			
Command Name: USS Freedom		City: Washington	State: DC Zip: 20003
PERSONAL INFORMATION			
Commissioning Source (Ex: NROTC, OCS, etc.): NROTC	George Washington University Alma Mater:		Degree or Electrical Engineering Major: Minor: Spanish
Current Job title and Designator (spell out): Assistant Chief Engineer/Surface Warfare (SWO)/1110			
NPHC Divine Nine Fraternity or Sorority: Delta Sigma Theta			
Affinity Group Affiliation(s): National Naval Officers Association (NNOA)/Society of Women Engineers (SWE)			
Work Phone Number: 888-888-8888	Work E-mail: navy.a.sailor@navy.mil		
Personal Phone Number: 888-888-8888	Personal E-mail: gonavyfightwin@yahoo.com		
Available Dates: Available for all dates			
COMMANDING OFFICER'S ENDORSEMENT			
LT Sailor is an exemplary officer, I highly recommend for any program!			
Commanding Officer's Signature 			Date:
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