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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE EAST
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE WEST
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA
COMMANDER, NAVY MEDICINE SUPPORT COMMAND

Subj: CLARIFYING GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE/NAVY MEDICINE
POLICY ON INTERNET-BASED CAPABILITIES

Ref: (a) Chief, BUMED memo 6000, Ser M6/10UM6112 of 5 Apr 2010, Current Department
of Defense and Department of the Navy Policy and Guidance on Internet-Based
Capabilities

1. As a supplement and further clarification of reference (a), effective immediately, all Commanders, Commanding Officers, and Officers in Charge are directed to provide access to Social Networking Sites (SNS). Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) are to unblock SNS sites (Facebook, LinkedIn, MySpace, Twitter, etc). Exceptions are pornography, dating sites, hate sites, etc., which clearly remain blocked per our Joint Ethics Laws. Proper operational security/ethics behavior rules are not waived and Information Assurance (IA) awareness is required for all users. Applicable policy references for appropriate use and security are included in reference (a).
2. Commanders, Commanding Officers, and Officers in Charge will handle any personnel abuses on a case-by-case basis in the same manner as any case of individual e-mail abuse. Responsible use is entrusted to our staff.
3. Furthermore, all MTFs, through their Public Affairs Office (PAO), will stand up their own Facebook page no later than 1 July 2011. Standardized Facebook content templates and protocols for all Commands will be forthcoming via the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery PAO/Communications Directorate.
4. Restricting access to any SNS site will be justified by mission-related threats that cannot be overcome by reasonable information technology configuration controls and must be approved by the Regional Commander.
5. The BUMED-M6 point of contact is CDR Rich Makarski at (202) 762-0037, or e-mail Richard.Makarski@med.navy.mil.

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