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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: RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN ADOPTION OF  
TOBACCO-FREE MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES

1. I applaud all Navy Medical Treatment Facilities (MTFs) that have taken steps to establish tobacco-free campuses. As Navy health care providers, we can evoke positive and meaningful change through our own actions. Implementation of tobacco-free environments sends a powerful and effective message encouraging our Sailors, Marines, retirees, family members, staff, and community to be healthy.
2. In a recent study conducted by The Joint Commission, the majority of U.S. hospitals will be tobacco-free by the end of 2009. With four MTFs currently tobacco-free and seven additional MTFs scheduled to go tobacco-free, Navy Medicine is demonstrating its commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment for all.
3. Please extend my sincerest appreciation to the men and women of your command that promoted November's Tobacco Awareness Month activities such as the Great American Smoke-Out and dedication ceremonies announcing your tobacco-free status. It is their dedication, leadership, and example that make a difference in the lives of our patients. To my Commanding Officers, I thank you for addressing the devastating, yet completely preventable, effects of tobacco-use. Your noble efforts will save lives and improve the health of our communities.
4. For questions or assistance in becoming a tobacco-free facility, please contact CDR Jennifer Reed at (202) 762-3497 or e-mail, Jennifer.Reed2@med.navy.mil.

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