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COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY STATEMENT ON FRAUD, WASTE AND MISMANAGEMENT

Fraud, waste, abuse, and related improprieties, such as theft, misuse of Government resources or conflicts of interest, are serious matters, which can significantly increase costs to the Government, reduce available resources, and require constant vigilance to prevent or identify.

Fraud is any willful means of taking or attempting to take unfair advantage of the Government, including but not limited to: the offer, payment, or acceptance of gratuities, making of false statements, submission of false claims, or use of false weights or measures; evasion or corruption of inspectors and other officials; deceit either by suppression of the truth or misrepresentation of a material fact; adulteration or substitution of materials; falsification of records and books of account; arrangements for secret profits, kickbacks, or commissions; and conspiracy to use any of these devices. It also includes those cases of conflict of interest, criminal irregularities, and unauthorized disclosure of official information, which is connected with acquisition and disposal matters.

Waste and Abuse are any extravagant, careless or needless expenditure of Government funds or the consumption or misuse of Government property, resulting from deficient or improper practices.

All employees of U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella including Branch Health Clinic Bahrain and Branch Health Clinic Souda Bay are responsible for reporting fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement without fear of reprisal.

Employees or volunteers may contact any of the following to report fraud, waste and abuse:

- Your chain of command
- The Command Executive Officer or myself
- The Command IG Representative (NHSigonella-MedIG@med.navy.mil)
- The Navy Medicine East Inspector General at 757-953-5565, DSN 312-377-5565 or E-mail: NME-IGHotline@med.navy.mil
- The Naval Inspector General at 800-522-3451, Com: 202-433-6743, NAVIGHotlines@navy.mil or go to the website <http://www.ig.navy.mil>

All information is **CONFIDENTIAL** and the individual will remain **ANONYMOUS**. Acts of reprisal, intimidation or further discrimination in response to the filing of a formal or informal complaint will not be tolerated. I challenge each of you to be good stewards of our resources, not only to report, but to come up with ideas to detect fraud, waste, and abuse at this command.

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