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## Department of Defense Directive

SUBJECT: Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS)

- References:
- (a) Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, subject as above, April 22, 1981 (thereby canceled)
  - (b) DoD 5025.1-M, "Directives System Procedures," authorized by DoD Directive 5025.1, October 16, 1980
  - (c) DoD Directive 5000.11, "Data Elements and Data Codes Standardization Program," December 7, 1964
  - (d) DoD Directive 7920.1, "Life Cycle Management of Automated Information Systems (AIS)," October 17, 1978
  - (e) DoD Instruction 1000.13, "Identification Cards for Members of the Uniformed Services, Their Dependents, and Other Eligible Personnel," July 16, 1979

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### A. PURPOSE

Under the authority of reference (a), this Directive:

1. Establishes policy and assigns responsibilities governing the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).
2. Authorizes the publication of DoD 1341.1-M, "Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Program Manual," consistent with reference (b).

### B. APPLICABILITY

The provisions of this Directive apply to the Office of the Secretary of Defense; the Military Departments (including the Coast Guard when it is operating as a service in the Navy); and Defense Agencies (hereafter referred to as "DoD Components"); the Coast Guard, under agreement with the Department of Transportation when it is not operating as a service in the Navy; and under agreement with the Departments of Health and Human Services, and Commerce, the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and Commissioned Officers of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (hereafter referred to as "Other Uniformed Services").

### C. POLICY

It is the policy of the Department of Defense to improve the planning and distribution of military personnel benefits, including military health care, and to eliminate waste and fraud in the use of these benefits. DEERS, a computer based enrollment and eligibility system, has been established to support, implement, and maintain this policy in a uniform fashion. The scope of DEERS includes the capability to interact with and support other DoD systems and programs.



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D. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (ASD(HA)) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) (ASD(MRA&L)) shall jointly:

a. Establish overall policies and procedures for the DEERS program. These policies and procedures shall be consistent with the provisions of DoD Directives 5000.11 and 7920.1, references (c) and (d).

b. Establish a DEERS Program Office and appoint a manager, who shall:

(1) Supervise, implement, and maintain DEERS and provide program guidance to its component parts, the Enrollment and Eligibility Systems, consistent with the guidance provided under paragraph D.1.a.

(2) Develop and maintain DoD 1341.1-M, the "Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) Program Manual," and issue other procedural guidance required to execute the DEERS program, except as stated in paragraphs D.2.a. and D.3.a. of this Directive.

(3) Review DEERS policies and procedures on a routine basis and recommend changes to the ASD(HA) and the ASD(MRA&L).

2. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) shall:

a. Establish procedures and guidance pertaining specifically to Health Affairs policies that impact on DEERS in coordination with the ASD(MRA&L).

b. Supervise, implement, and maintain the DEERS Eligibility System consistent with the overall guidance provided by the DEERS Program Office.

3. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Logistics) shall:

a. Establish procedures and guidance pertaining specifically to personnel policies that impact on DEERS (DoD Instruction 1000.13, reference (e)) in coordination with the ASD(HA).

b. Through the Director, Defense Logistics Agency, and the Defense Manpower Data Center, supervise, implement, and maintain the DEERS Enrollment System consistent with the overall guidance provided by the DEERS Program Office.

4. The Heads of the DoD Components and Other Uniformed Services shall comply with the provisions of this Directive, DoD 1341.1-M, and related DoD procedural guidance from OSD and the DEERS Program Office.

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E. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This Directive shall be effective immediately. Forward two copies of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) within 120 days.



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