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SUBJ: PRIDE AND PROFESSIONALISM

1. SINCE THE START OF THIS DECADE, PRIDE AND PROFESSIONALISM IN OUR NAVY HAS GROWN, REFLECTING THE NEW SPIRIT SWEEPING OUR COUNTRY. THERE IS A GROWING SENSE OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION BY OUR COUNTRYMEN FOR CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY OUR NAVY PEOPLE IN MEETING COMMITMENTS AROUND THE GLOBE. WE ARE RECOGNIZED AND APPLAUDED AS A COMBAT READY FORCE: MOBILE, CAPABLE AND RESPONSIVE TO OUR NATION'S NEEDS. SOME OF THIS RESURGENCE IS DUE TO NEWER AND MORE CAPABLE SHIPS AND AIRCRAFT AND A BETTER CAPABILITY TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN OUR WEAPONS AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS. BUT THERE IS ANOTHER AND MORE IMPORTANT FACTOR. OUR NAVY PEOPLE, REFLECTING THE MOOD OF A GROWING NUMBER IN OUR NATION, ARE PLACING INCREASED EMPHASIS ON SERVICE AND LESS EMPHASIS ON SELF. TODAY'S NAVY IS PROPERLY SEEN AS AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD ORDER AND DISCIPLINE, LEAN, STRONG AND READY FOR SEA; EXACTLY THE KIND OF NAVY CAPABLE OF TAKING ON THE TOUGH TASKS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND FREEDOMS WE CHERISH.

2. THE IMAGE OF A SHARP-LOOKING SAILOR IN A CRISP BELL BOTTOM UNIFORM IS COMMONPLACE, AN IMAGE WHICH PORTRAYS PRECISELY THE TOUGH FIGHTING NAVY WE ARE. CONSISTENT WITH THIS CHANGING MOOD AND ACCEPTING THE ADVICE I HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUR SENIOR OFFICER AND ENLISTED LEADERSHIP, I HAVE CONCLUDED IT IS BOTH PROPER AND TIMELY TO CHANGE OUR POLICY REGARDING BEARDS AND TO REQUIRE ALL NAVY MEN TO BE CLEAN SHAVEN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NEATLY TRIMMED AND MILITARY APPEARING MOUSTACHES IF THEY SO DESIRE. MEDICALLY NECESSARY/APPROVED BEARDS WILL, OF COURSE, BE PERMITTED.

3. THIS CHANGE WILL HELP SUPPORT THE ONENESS OF PURPOSE IN OUR SELFLESS TEAMS AS THEY STRIVE FOR THE BEST IN COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS. AS A USEFUL BY-PRODUCT, IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE INCREASED PERSONAL SAFETY FOR THOSE WHO MUST, ON SHORT NOTICE, BE PREPARED TO WEAR OBA'S, GAS MASKS, OXYGEN MASKS AND, IN GENERAL, WORK IN STRESSING ENVIRONMENTS WHICH ARE BECOMING MORE HAZARDOUS AS TECHNOLOGY, WEAPON SOPHISTICATION, AND HI TEMPO OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO COMPLICATE OUR EVERY DAY LIVES IN THE WORK PLACE.

4. I HAVE SELECTED 1 JAN 85 AS THE IMPLEMENTATION DATE TO GIVE THE CHAIN OF COMMAND TIME TO PUT OUR NEW STANDARD IN PLACE IN AN INFORMED AND APPROPRIATE MANNER. I KNOW I CAN COUNT ON SUPPORT FROM ALL HANDS. BT

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