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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
CHIEF, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU
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SUBJECT: Nominations for the DoD Youth Program Drug Awareness Award

For the past ten years, the Secretary of Defense has presented an award to the anti-drug program within each Service, the National Guard, and Defense Agencies that has conducted exceptional activities throughout the previous fiscal year. While youth organizations and programs are prevalent throughout the Services and the National Guard, they have not been individually recognized for their anti-drug endeavors within their communities. Often, children are the best spokespersons for demand reduction and should be applauded for their efforts.

Therefore, this year, the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug Enforcement Policy and Support (DEP&S) is establishing an annual award to recognize those youth groups who have made a concerted effort to spread an anti-drug message throughout their community during the previous fiscal year. The 1st Annual DoD Youth Program Drug Awareness Award will be presented on Monday, October 22, 2001 in the Pentagon as part of the Department of Defense's Red Ribbon Week.

I am currently asking for your nominations for outstanding youth drug awareness programs within your Service or Agency that were conducted during FY 2000. In order to be eligible for this award, the participants in the program must be of school-age and, as a group, these young individuals must have contributed to articulating an anti-drug message to their peers and their community. The program or organization must also have a nexus to a Military Service, Defense Agency or a National Guard Unit.

Nominations should be submitted to the National Directors of the organizations, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau, or the Agency Directors who will forward their selections to DEP&S no later than July 1, 2001. Attached for your reference is an information paper on the purpose of the award and the procedural details for the submission of nominees. Please keep individual submissions to the required three pages, not including supporting documentation.

Thank you for your continued support of demand reduction efforts. If you have any questions in regard to submissions, please contact Colonel Michael Smith, MS, USA, at (703) 693-1917 or DSN 223-1917.

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Attachment



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