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Memorandum

From: National Chairman, Naval Sea Cadet Corps

To: Distribution

Subj: NSCC Policy on Sexual Preference

Encl: (1) NSCC Memo of 15 Feb 93

(2) NSCC Regulations

1. **Purpose.** To advise all members on the NSCC policy on sexual preference of the same sex in the Corps.

2. **Background.** The NSCC has not experienced a problem with an individual's preference for the same sex in the Corps. Further, no member of the NSCC has been terminated from the NSCC for demonstrated preference for the same sex. Reference (a) was the last official policy statement on sexual preference in the NSCC. This policy statement was in line with Navy policy at the time.

3. **Discussion.** To the extent possible and appropriate, the NSCC will continue to follow the personnel policies of the Department of Defense (DOD). The NSCC receives extensive support and trains aboard DOD activities. Accordingly, it is incumbent on the NSCC to follow DOD policies as closely as possible to facilitate support and training of cadets. Further, since many NSCC cadets join military service after graduation from high school or college, early adherence to DOD personnel policies is natural and assists in the individual's quick transition from civilian to military life. This includes the policy on sexual preference of the same sex in the military services. DOD present policy of "Don't ask, don't tell" shall be the policy of the NSCC and shall be incorporated into reference (b).

4. **Cancellation.** Reference (a) is superceded by this memorandum and is cancelled immediately.



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