OPNAVINST 3870.6A

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: OBLIGATED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION WARFARE COMMUNITY ENLISTED PERSONNEL TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE UNIVERSITY

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 1520.23C
(b) National Intelligence University Web site

1. Purpose

   a. To amplify reference (a) with respect to the obligated service requirement for Information Warfare Community (IWC) enlisted personnel who attend the National Intelligence University (NIU).

   b. Changes to this instruction include updates to graduate and undergraduate service obligations as well as expanding eligibility to include all IWC enlisted personnel. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3870.6.

3. Discussion. NIU is a dynamic learning institution authorized by Congress to provide education for all Military Services and civilian intelligence community personnel. NIU programs of study will lead to a Master of Science of Strategic Intelligence (MSSI), Master of Science and Technology in Intelligence (MSTI) degree, or a Bachelor of Science in Intelligence (BSI) degree.

4. Eligibility. Per reference (b) (http://www.ni-u.edu), MSSI and MSTI applicants must possess a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution and a competitive score for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). BSI applicants must have completed a minimum of 80 semester hours of undergraduate work, with at least 20 hours in upper division (300 to 400 level) classes, and a minimum of 30 hours earned through a regionally accredited college. Additionally, completed undergraduate coursework must also include, 9 hours in communication skills, 6 hours in English composition, 12 hours in mathematics and science, (3 of which must be earned in mathematics), and 15 hours in humanities, social sciences, or fine arts.

   a. Grade. All enlisted active duty and reserve personnel in the IWC, E-1 through E-9, are eligible to apply.
b. **Duty Station.** Applicants should be eligible for shore duty; however, waivers will be granted on a case by case basis.

5. **Obligated Service.** Applicants for the MSSI or MSTI programs must obligate 60 months of service, per reference (a). Applicants for the BSI program must obligate 54 months of service. Obligated service reflects the total time while in the education program and post education.

6. **Records Management.** Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

7. **Review and Effective Date.** Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, N2N6 will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its effective date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will automatically expire 5 years after effective date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 5-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.

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