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Subj: NAVY MARINE CORPS PORTAL (NMCP) POLICY GUIDANCE MEMORANDUM  
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- Ref: (a) SECNAV memo, Subj: Navy Marine Corps Portal Policy Guidance Memorandum  
Number 1, of 28 Feb 03  
(b) DON CIO memo, Subj: Navy Marine Corps Portal Policy Guidance Memorandum  
Number 2 (Alignment), of 29 Dec 06  
(c) Defense Knowledge Online (DKO) Strategic Concept of Operations (CONOPS),  
of 30 Oct 07

In accordance with reference (a), the requirement for a Navy and Marine Corp Portal (NMCP) was established to provide an environment designed to provide a single integrated enterprise portal framework. The NMCP was to be implemented across the Department of the Navy's (DON) network infrastructure for the purpose of organizing, managing, and accessing information. Additionally, the creation of the NMCP was anticipated to produce significant savings by minimizing redundant investments, reducing the annual operation costs of multiple portal infrastructures currently in use, providing standardized common look and feel across the DON, and facilitating common best business practices.

As discussed in reference (b), the Department of the Navy Chief Information Officer (DON CIO) sought to align the efforts of DON Deputy CIO (Navy) and the DON Deputy CIO (Marine Corps) in creating a NMCP for the DON.

Since the second NMCP guidance (reference (b)) was published, Defense Knowledge Online (DKO) Portal has emerged as the single Enterprise Portal for the Department of Defense under the Net-Centric Enterprise Services (NCES) program. DKO is the result of the upgrade and evolution of the legacy Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Portal, which was selected as the "best of breed" of the Armed Services' Enterprise Portals.

In order to provide a foundation, the definition of a portal is accepted as defined in reference (c) which states a portal is "... a framework for integrating information, applications, and processes across Service and organizational boundaries. Web portals are a kind of Content Management System Web site, password protected to allow Site Administrators and content providers to edit text, images and other content as and when necessary. They typically provide personalized capabilities to their visitors. They are designed to use distributed applications, different numbers and types of middleware and hardware to provide services from a number of different sources." The only adjustment this policy makes to that definition is that the NMCP will be protected, but not necessarily password protected.

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The NMCP will not be an actual portal, it will be the framework and governance mechanism for DON portal standards and policy which will ensure portal development is based on open architectural standards that align to the Department of Defense (DoD) Enterprise Infrastructure and leverage DoD enterprise services to the maximum extent possible. The first goal of NMCP will be to consolidate the many existing portals within the DON down to three, the Navy Enterprise Portal (NEP); eUSMC, the Marine Corps enterprise portal; and the SECNAV portal. Throughout the portal consolidation process, NMCP will capture the portal requirements of the Secretariat, the Navy and the Marine Corps. As portals are consolidated, recovered resources will be used to fund the centralized portals. The second goal will be to federate the portals to the DoD enterprise portal ensuring that DON portal requirements are met. Overall, this will result in a reduction in the DON portal investments and place a focus on service and content management to accelerate the DON's transformation to a net-centric environment.

The vision for NMCP is the ability for a DON user to securely access, via Single Sign-On, the DON trusted network environment (i.e., NMCI, IT-21, OneNET and MCEN) and have seamless connectivity and access to vital DON warfighter and business information and services within NEP, eUSMC, and SECNAV Portal from any DON computing asset. As DKO evolves into a thin presentation layer portal that can sustain DON requirements, the DON will utilize DKO as an authentication access point to the DoD Enterprise Services environment – an environment composed of both DISA Net-Centric Enterprise Services and services unique to the Military Departments or DoD agencies.

Where practical and feasible, the DON intends to leverage all DoD-provided services rather than duplicate functionality by developing its own. DON-provided services will be developed and fielded to fill current or future capability gaps that cannot be resolved by one or more available DoD-provided services or if the DON has a unique requirement.

The DON Information Executive Committee (IEC) will be the DON-level governance board for the NMCP.

The DON IEC will:

- Approve DON portal standards and policies
- Monitor and ensure that Navy and Marine Corps interests are represented within the DKO environment
- Task the NMCP Working Group
- Receive periodic updates from the NMCP Working Group, Navy, Marine Corps, or PEO-EIS

A NMCP Working Group consisting of, but not limited to, the DON CIO, DON Deputy CIO (Navy), DON Deputy CIO (Marine Corps), Program Executive Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO-EIS), Marine Corps Systems Command (MARCORSYSCOM), and Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWARSYSCOM) will execute this strategy to align the portal environments within the DON, generate standards and policies, leverage the DoD

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Enterprise Infrastructure, Core Enterprise Services (CES), DKO, and take actions and make reports as directed by the IEC.

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