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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL  
OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL  
DIRECTOR NAVY STAFF  
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Subj: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY (DON) MILITARY IDENTIFICATION TAG (DOG TAG) SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN) REPLACEMENT

Ref: (a) DON CIO WASHINGTON DC 151450Z MAR 17  
(b) DoDI 1000.30, Reduction of Social Security Number (SSN) Use within DoD

1. Effective 1 October 2017, all military identification tags newly issued by Department of the Navy (DON) organizations will use Department of Defense ID numbers in place of Social Security Numbers (SSNs). Previously issued tags containing SSNs may be replaced as resources permit. This action is consistent with the DON SSN Reduction Plan, reference (a), and the Department of Defense (DoD) SSN reduction policy, reference (b). Reference (b) specifically authorizes use of the DoD ID as a valid Geneva Conventions identifier.
2. DoD ID is the common name for the Electronic Data Interchange Personal Identifier (EDI-PI), and is a unique identifier established in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. Substituting the DoD ID for the SSN reduces the risk of personal identity theft inherent with the use of SSNs. The loss or compromise of a DoD ID by itself or in association with an individual's name does not constitute a reportable personally identifiable information (PII) breach.
3. Request widest dissemination.
4. My point of contact on this matter is Mr. Steven Muck, [steven.muck@navy.mil](mailto:steven.muck@navy.mil), (703) 695-1297.

  
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