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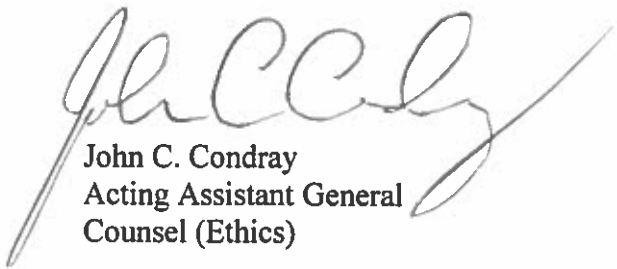
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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY INVITEES

Subj: WIDELY ATTENDED GATHERING FINDING FOR U.S. NAVY MEMORIAL
ANNUAL LONE SAILOR AWARDS DINNER ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2017

Ref: (a) 5 CFR 2635.204(g)
(b) DoD 5500.07-R
(c) DAEO Memo of 11 Sep 2012

1. The U. S. Navy Memorial Foundation (USNMF) is hosting their annual Lone Sailor Awards Dinner on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. The USNMF is offering free attendance at the reception, which includes dinner, free parking, and a memento of a Chocolate Lone Sailor. The cost per person for food and beverages at the event is valued at \$125 (\$250 if attendee is bringing a guest), parking is valued at \$8, and the memento is valued at \$10. Attendance at the event will be comprised of representatives from Congress, the Federal government, industry, and friends of the United States Navy Memorial.
2. I find that this event is widely attended for the purposes of reference (a), and that there is an agency interest in your attending this event as it will provide DON officials and representatives the opportunity to interact informally with the attendees. I further determine that the DON's interest in your attendance at this event outweighs any concern that you may, or may appear to be, improperly influenced in the performance of your official duties. In making this determination I have considered the relatively low value of the gifts being offered, the nature of the Department's relationship with the community, the advantages of informal contacts, and the fact that there is little concern the USNMF might be trying to improperly influence you.
3. This determination is made in my capacity as the Agency Designee for the Secretary of the Navy under references (b) and (c). Accordingly, all Department of the Navy invitees are authorized to accept the proffered free attendance, food, and beverages in their personal capacity at this event provided there is no objection from the invitee's immediate supervisor.
4. Questions regarding attendance at the reception should be directed to your local ethics counselor.


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