DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

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Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Naval Special Warfare Recruiting Directorate

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Recruiting Directorate announces the submission of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 12, 2010.

AFFIRMED PUBLIC: Individuals applying to be judge advocates in the U. S. Navy JAG Corps.

Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Number of Respondents: approximately 800.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: Survey will be available to individuals who submit an application throughout the year.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

There are three main facets of a JAG Corps applicant: objective measures such as Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score and grade point average; subjective measures such as personality traits and values; and performance in a structured interview. All three facets must be considered to have a thorough assessment of each applicant. Currently no databases or surveys exist that can provide information on the subjective measures. Routinely administered surveys are the most accurate and cost-effective means for determining personality and value indicators of JAG Corps applicants. As survey responses are collected and work performances assessed, correlations will be analyzed. If survey responses are proven to be predictive of future success in the JAG Corps, the survey will become a mandatory part of the application and will be scored and considered by the accession board along with the objective measures and interview results.


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Needs and Uses: This collection of information is necessary to: (1) Help determine the eligibility and overall compatibility between individuals interested in potentially pursuing a career as a Navy Sea Air Land (SEAL), or Navy Special Warfare (NSW) Combatant Craft Crewman (SWCC) operator; (2) enable the NSW Recruiting Directorate to provide appropriate career and training preparation information to prospective Navy SEAL recruits; and (3) enable the NSW Recruiting Directorate to better allocate limited resources in establishing relationships with the Naval Special Warfare community and prospective candidates based on the alignment of the prospective candidate profile with individuals who have been historically successful in completing Navy SEAL accession training.

AFFECTED PUBLIC: Individuals interested in becoming Navy SEAL or SWCC operators interested in receiving information and who elect to provide their information.


Number of Respondents: up to 2000 per year.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1 hour.

Frequency: Information will be gathered on an ongoing basis from interested individuals, each individual will need to provide their data only once. However, they will have the opportunity to update or remove their information at their discretion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection:

An analysis of the information collected is made to determine potential eligibility to potentially become an NSWC recruit (Navy SEAL or SWCC), to determine which information is most appropriate to send to each prospective NSWC recruit (e.g. how to improve their swim times, profiles of Navy SEALs similar to theirs, general information about Naval Special Warfare), and the alignment of an individual’s profile with historical success at Navy SEAL training.


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