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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR PENTAGON LEADERSHIP
DEPARTMENT OF WAR AGENCY AND DOW FIELD ACTIVITY
DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Department of War Military Education and Training Standards 60-Day Review

To prepare for large scale combat operations in a rapidly changing global landscape, the Department of War requires a renewed focus on accountability, meritocracy, and rigorous standards in the military education and training programs that forge leaders with the character, skills, and knowledge essential for maintaining our military's dominance.

To ensure we are developing the warriors we need to dominate in theater- and multi-theater warfare, I direct a comprehensive 60-day, "Education System Curricula and Training School Standards Review," including all Military Service Academies, military educational institutions (MEIs), and military training schools.

Comprehensive Review. Military education and training must equip our warfighters with the physical and cognitive skills and experiential instruction required to execute our strategy and meet the high standards required to succeed in combat. To achieve these objectives, I direct the following actions within 60 days of this memorandum:

- The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will each conduct a comprehensive review of their respective MEI curricula.
- The Secretaries of the Military Departments will also comprehensively review their training school standards, with a particular emphasis on warrior-focused combat training programs such as, and not exclusively, The Basic School, Airborne School, Ranger School, and Basic Underwater Demolition School.
 - Report any changes to program standards since 1990 and make recommendations on whether to restore any standards that have been lowered since that time.
- The Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will each report their findings to the Under Secretary of War for Personnel and Readiness.

The strength and lethality of our military is forged in professional development and training programs anchored in mission accomplishment. We must act today to develop the warfighters we need tomorrow.



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