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Semiannual Report for Fiscal Year 2016

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I. INTRODUCTION

The Department of Defense ("DoD" or "Department") submits this Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer Report covering the activities of the DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer (PCLO) for the second semiannual reporting period of fiscal year 2016: April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

Section 803 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007 (Public Law 110-53), 42 U.S.C. § 2000ee-1 (hereinafter referred to as “Section 803”) requires the DoD to designate a senior officer to serve as the Department’s principal advisor on privacy and civil liberties matters, and to report on a semiannual basis the activities of this officer.1 The Deputy Chief Management Officer (DCMO)2 of the Department serves as the PCLO and reports to and advises the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Defense on these matters.

Section 803 Reports3 describe the performance of privacy and civil liberties actions of the PCLO, to include information on:

- The number and types of privacy and civil liberties reviews undertaken;
- The type of advice provided and response to such advice;
- The number and nature of the complaints received by the Department for alleged violations of privacy rights and civil liberties; and
- A summary of the current disposition of the reported complaints.

The DoD is committed to protecting and promoting privacy and civil liberties in its operations and programs consistent with the Department’s national defense mission. In keeping with the Department’s dedication to leadership and collaboration in this area, this report has been prepared to include the activities of the PCLO and the efforts of the many DoD Component privacy and civil liberties officials who perform the day-to-day work of safeguarding the privacy and civil liberties of individuals and the personal data entrusted to the Department.

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3 On July 7, 2014, the statute was amended to require semiannual submissions of the periodic reports rather than the original quarterly submissions. See § 2000ee-1(f) (2014), (Public Law No. 113-126, title III, § 329(b) (4), 128 Stat. 1406 (2014)).
II. THE DOD PRIVACY AND CIVIL LIBERTIES PROGRAMS

The DoD Privacy Program and the DoD Civil Liberties Programs were developed and implemented to ensure compliance with applicable federal statutes and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidelines for privacy and civil liberties. On behalf of the PCLO, the Directorate for Oversight and Compliance (DO&C) establishes DoD policy and oversees the Department’s privacy and civil liberties programs. Through the DO&C, the PCLO promotes and supports the guidance set forth in both programs as the Department carries out activities that impact privacy and civil liberties issues.

A. The DoD Privacy Program

The DoD Privacy Program and the Defense Privacy Office were established in 1975 after the passage of Section 552a of Title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (also known as “The Privacy Act of 1974,” as amended). While the DoD Privacy Program continues to evolve, the program mission remains consistent – to provide a comprehensive framework which regulates how and when the DoD collects, maintains, uses, and disseminates personally identifiable information (PII). The DoD Privacy Program focuses on balancing the information requirements of the Department with the concerns of the individual, while accomplishing the missions of the Department. DoD Privacy Program policies include DoD Directive (DoDD) 5400.11, “DoD Privacy Program,” October 29, 2014, and DoD 5400.11-R, “Department of Defense Privacy Program,” May 14, 2007. These two documents set forth the Department’s objectives with regard to Privacy Act compliance and, in the case of DoD 5400.11-R, the practical guidelines to DoD components for implementing these objectives.

B. The DoD Civil Liberties Program

To advance Section 803’s civil liberties requirements, DoD promulgated DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1000.29, “DoD Civil Liberties Program,” December 14, 2014. DoDI 1000.29 establishes the Department’s policy for implementing the DoD Civil Liberties Program by delegating authorities for the administration of the program, assigning responsibilities to DoD Components, and authorizing the Defense Civil Liberties Board. Due to the overlapping and related nature of the

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4 The Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a (2012) was enacted on September 27, 1975, and can generally be characterized as an omnibus “code of fair information practices” that attempts to regulate the collection, maintenance, use, and dissemination of personal information of individual by federal executive branch agencies.
5 “Individual,” as defined by the Privacy Act means a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.
7 Available at http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/540011r.pdf
9 The Defense Civil Liberties Board serves as the primary DoD policy forum for matters involving the DoD Civil Liberties Program, meeting as necessary to address issues of common concern to ensure that consistent policy is adopted
work of privacy and civil liberties, the respective boards will be consolidated to provide better coordination and to underscore common efforts.

C. Structure of the DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Programs

Due to its vast size, the Department has a decentralized privacy and civil liberties program with each of its components implementing its own programs, under the policy direction of the DO&C. This decentralized approach enables DoD-wide compliance with laws, policies, and guidance and helps ensure that privacy and civil liberties are adequately considered in all Department activities. The following describes the structure and responsibilities of the DoD Privacy Program and the DoD Civil Liberties Program.

Figure: DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Program Structure

and followed by the DoD Components.
1. The Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer (ODCMO)

The DCMO serves as the PCLO and reports to and advises the Deputy Secretary of Defense, who is the Chief Management Officer, and the Secretary of Defense. The DCMO serves as the senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense on business transformation, and leads the Department’s efforts to streamline business processes to achieve greater efficiencies in management, headquarters, and overhead functions. As the PCLO, the DCMO ensures that DoD continues its long-standing tradition of providing leadership, dedication, and attention to privacy and civil liberties matters affecting the Department.

2. The Directorate for Oversight and Compliance (DO&C)

DO&C is a Directorate within the Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and is comprised of three Divisions: the Intelligence Oversight Division, the Defense Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Division, and the Regulatory and Advisory Committee Division. The Director of O&C reports directly to the DCMO and apprises the DCMO of privacy and civil liberties issues that may impact the Department or require action by the DCMO and/or other senior Department leaders to further program requirements.

The Director of O&C has also been designated as the DoD Senior Agency Official for Privacy (SAOP).\(^{10}\) The SAOP is the senior official who has Department-wide responsibility for information privacy, including implementation of information privacy protections, compliance with Federal laws, regulations, and policies relating to information privacy, and development and evaluation of legislative, regulatory, and other policy proposals that implicate information privacy issues. The SAOP also oversees the DoD Privacy Program and provides recommendations directly to the PCLO.

3. The Defense Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency Division (DPCLTD)

The DPCLTD, located within the DO&C, performs many privacy and civil liberties functions on behalf of the PCLO and the SAOP. Under the direction of the Director of the DO&C, the DPCLTD assists the DCMO in implementing the DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Programs by providing guidance to the Component officials, reviewing publications and legislative activities, enabling official reporting from all levels, and training in both privacy and civil liberties content and program administration.

The DPCLTD coordinates routinely on a wide range of activities with privacy and civil liberties officials at each DoD Component, the OMB, the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB), and other Federal departments and agencies, to ensure Department-wide compliance with federal privacy and civil liberties program requirements, and to develop and review

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\(^{10}\) See Deputy Chief Management Officer Memorandum, “Delegation of Responsibilities and Authorities for the Functions Associated with the Directorate of Oversight and Compliance,” December 22, 2015.
sound and effective privacy and civil liberties practices.

4. **The Intelligence Oversight Division (IOD)**

The IOD is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for the independent oversight of all intelligence, counterintelligence, and intelligence-related activities in the Department. The IOD inspects all intelligence or intelligence-related activities conducted by any of the DoD Components to ensure that these activities comply with federal law, Executive orders, Presidential Directives, Intelligence Community Directives, and DoD issuances. Due to the importance of protecting privacy and civil liberties when conducting intelligence activities, the IOD is an integral part of the DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Programs. The Chief, IOD also serves as the DoD Senior Intelligence Oversight Official (SIOO) and the Deputy Director, DO&C.

5. **DoD Office of General Counsel (OGC)**

The DoD OGC is responsible for providing advice to senior DoD officials, DO&C, and the DoD Components on numerous complex legal matters involving the Department, including legal advice in support of the DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Programs. In addition to the many component-level attorneys who work on various privacy and civil liberties matters, including complaints, throughout the Department, the DoD OGC privacy legal advisor works directly with the ODCMO, the DO&C, and the DPCLTD to provide legal support for privacy and civil liberties reviews and to facilitate the development of privacy and civil liberties advice and compliance documents.

6. **DoD Component Privacy and Civil Liberties Officials**

DoD Components are responsible for administering privacy and civil liberties programs, to include establishment and implementation of Component-level privacy and civil liberties policies, procedures, and training. The DCMO employs the efforts of the Director of the DO&C and the DPCLTD, to communicate regularly with privacy and civil liberties officials at the DoD Components, ensuring compliance with law and policy. Components also have privacy and civil liberties officials, OGC attorneys, and intelligence oversight officials to review privacy and civil liberties issues, as appropriate.

   a. **Senior Component Officials for Privacy (SCOPs) and Component Privacy Officers**

To foster a strong and implementable privacy program, the DoD requires the designation of SCOPs. Each SCOP works closely with the Component privacy officer to understand existing or potential compliance issues requiring executive level intervention, and to identify issues and recommend action for matters needing the attention of the appropriate Component leadership. DoD Component privacy officers and support staff assist the SCOPs at the Service, Component, and Combatant Command levels. In addition, the SCOPs provide information and advice to the Director, DO&C to assist in the policy making process at the Departmental level.
b. Component Chief Civil Liberties Officers (CCLOs) and Points of Contact (POCs)

DoD Components are responsible for designating a senior service member or civilian employee to serve as the CCLO, and another service member or civilian employee to serve as the Component’s civil liberties POC. Generally, the CCLO has authority to act on behalf of the Component Head to direct the Component’s compliance with Section 803 and the DoD Civil Liberties Program. The civil liberties POC is responsible for fulfilling the requirements of the DoD Civil Liberties Program within the Component, under the direction of the CCLO.

III. REVIEWS

The DoD considers privacy and civil liberties concerns when proposing, developing, and implementing laws, regulations, policies, procedures, and guidelines. On behalf of the DCMO and the Director of the DO&C, the DPCLTD performs privacy and civil liberties reviews for all Department-level issuances, as well as proposed federal legislation, testimony, and reports. In addition, the DPCLTD reviews and comments on other federal agency documents when requested by the Department’s senior leadership. The total number of documents reviewed by DPCLTD during this review period, for both privacy and civil liberties issues, is identified in Tables 1 and 2.

A. Privacy Reviews

Privacy reviews are conducted in accordance with information privacy requirements such as the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, and OMB guidance, including OMB Circular A-130. The Department also ensures compliance and alignment with the Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2014 and the E-Government Act of 2002, 44 U.S.C. §3501 (note) (2012). For the purposes of this report, privacy compliance reviews are defined as follows and are summarized in Table 1 (below):

1. System of Records Notice (SORN) Reviews – A SORN is a public notice published in the Federal Register that describes the existence and character of a system of records. DoD Components must submit their SORNs to DPCLTD for review and approval. The number listed in this report represents the SORNs that DPCLTD has reviewed, approved, and forwarded to OMB and Congress, and sent to the Office of the Federal Register for publication during this review period.

2. Exemption Rule Reviews – A Privacy Act exemption rule is promulgated when a system of records is exempted from certain general or specific provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974. For the purposes of this report, the number reported represents new exemption rules reviewed by DPCLTD and the DoD OGC legal advisor and published as a final rule during the

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13 See 5 U.S.C. § 552a (e) (4).
14 See 5 U.S.C. § 552a (j), (k).
reporting period.

3. Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) Reviews – A CMA is a written agreement between a source agency and a recipient agency (federal or non-federal agency) when automated data is matched between the agencies to determine eligibility of individuals for a specific federal service or benefit. For the purposes of this report, the number reported represents CMAs reviewed and completed during this period in which DoD is either the source agency or the recipient agency.

4. Privacy Breach Reviews – A breach is defined as an actual or possible loss of control, unauthorized disclosure, or unauthorized access of personal information where persons other than authorized users gain access or potential access to such information for an other than authorized purpose where one or more individuals will be adversely affected. DoD Components report all privacy-related breaches to the DPCLTD, which compiles the breach reports to identify and analyze trends, and inform the Department’s senior leadership. The number reported is the total number of privacy breaches across all Components that were reported to DPCLTD during this reporting period.

5. Social Security Number (SSN) Justification Memoranda Reviews – An SSN Justification Memorandum is submitted by the Component to DPCLTD for each system or form that collects SSNs. The number reported is the total number of memoranda approved and signed by DPCLTD during this reporting period.

6. Privacy Reviews of Proposed Legislation, Reports, Testimony, and DoD-wide Issuances – DPCLTD reviews DoD-wide issuances for privacy issues and provides comments as appropriate. In addition, DPCLTD reviews and coordinates comments on other federal agency documents upon request. Table 1 includes privacy reviews of DoD and other federal agency documents.

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15 See 5 U.S.C. § 552a (o).
17 See DoDI 1000.30, “Reduction of Social Security Number (SSN) Use Within DoD,” August 1, 2012. Please note, DPCLTD is only the approving office for SSN Justification Memoranda and is not the owner of the instruction itself.
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B. Civil Liberties Reviews

DPCLTD reviews DoD-wide issuances as well as reports, testimony, and proposed federal legislation and Executive Branch documents for civil liberties implications to ensure individual civil liberties are supported and fostered. Table 2 (below) includes all civil liberties reviews conducted during the reporting period.18 Comments or concurrences based on any impact to civil liberties by the Department publication are provided to the respective points of contact for each issuance.

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18 Privacy and civil liberties reviews are conducted simultaneously, so the numbers reported in Table 1 and Table 2 are the same.
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IV. ADVICE AND RESPONSE TO ADVICE

The DCMO provides advice and response to advice on privacy and civil liberties issues for all DoD Components. This advice and response to advice serves as important guidance for DoD Component privacy and civil liberties program implementation.

A. Advice

For the purpose of this report, advice encompasses the written issuance of DoD policies, procedures, or guidance pertaining to privacy and civil liberties by the DCMO. The DCMO did not issue formal privacy or civil liberties advice, in the form of a written issuance during this reporting period.

B. Programmatic Achievements

The DoD is committed to engaging stakeholders in the privacy and civil liberties community. It conducts outreach and training in response to Department privacy and civil liberties advice. The following activities highlight a few key DO&C and DPCLTD programmatic efforts during this period.

- Defense Privacy and Civil Liberties Board. This group of DoD component privacy and civil liberties officials meets periodically to discuss issues of common concern such as advances and changes in privacy and civil liberties practices, procedural changes in support of privacy and civil liberties requirements, and policies which are adopted and followed by the DoD Components. During this semiannual period, the Board discussed recently published and draft OMB privacy guidance, DoD’s SSN reduction efforts, proposed updates to DoD privacy policies and procedures, and privacy training facilitated by DPCLTD.
- Revised OMB Circular A-130. DPCLTD developed strategies for complying with new
SAOP responsibilities in the management of Federal information, including efforts that will nurture and strengthen the working relationships with the DoD CIO to foster the security of PII.

- Executive Order 13636, “Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity.” Requires each federal department and agency to develop and implement privacy and civil liberties safeguards in concert with their cybersecurity activities. Each agency’s senior official for privacy and civil liberties is required to conduct annual assessments of those safeguards. DoD submitted its privacy and civil liberties assessment of the Defense Industrial Base Cybersecurity/Information Assurance Program to the Department of Homeland Security for inclusion in the 2016 public report. During this reporting period, DoD participated in E.O. 13636 interagency working group discussions with the PCLOB about the timeline, format, and content of the 2017 report.

- Privacy Act Compliance and Management (PACMAN) Training. This training is intended for privacy officers and privacy analysts throughout the DoD. This three-day privacy and program compliance course includes presentations by DPCLTD staff and related subject matter experts and culminates in a table top breach exercise. Key aspects of the training include component-specific System of Records Notices (SORN) training as well as a simulated breach exercise to help participants use the materials that were discussed during the 3-day training.

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) / Privacy Act Training Workshop. DPCLTD participated in an intensive program that teaches individuals that work with government information the core concepts of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. DPCLTD’s leadership led in-depth training sessions on issues such as Privacy Act exemptions, SORNs, and the distinguishing FOIA and Privacy Act provisions.

- Civil Liberties Awareness Training Course. DPCLTD launched a new interactive online training to increase civil liberties awareness throughout the DoD.

- Office of the Secretary of Defense Action Officer Awareness Training. Each quarter DPCLTD briefs new hires and action officers about DoD’s privacy and civil liberties programs and relevant regulations. The objective is to advise new hires and action officers of mandatory privacy training and increase awareness of privacy and civil liberties requirements and available resources.

- DoD Joint Inspector General (IG) Course. The IG is one of the most important and frequented conduits for submitting civil liberties complaints. Each quarter, DPCLTD briefs new IG employees about the DoD Civil Liberties Program and the IG’s role in identifying and reporting civil liberties complaints.

- DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Day. DPCLTD collaborated with six DoD Components to organize a one-day privacy and civil liberties exhibit where DoD personnel could ask questions and obtain information about the DoD and Component privacy and civil liberties programs.

- Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. DPCLTD participated in this annual event
commemorating the signing of the Constitution of the United States. DPCLTD distributed DoD privacy and civil liberties program materials and copies of the U.S. Constitution.

V. COMPLAINTS

DoD policy requires the Department have established procedures for processing complaints from individuals who allege that the DoD violated their privacy or civil liberties. Generally, complaints are reviewed by the receiving Component privacy and civil liberties program office and appropriately reported to the command within the Component. Upon receipt of the complaint, the command may initiate an investigation and, as necessary, direct corrective action. Complaints submitted to DPCLTD are then forwarded to the appropriate DoD Component for further processing. The complaints identified in this report were received in accordance with these procedures. For the purposes of this report, a complaint is an assertion alleging a violation of an individual’s privacy rights or civil liberties. Privacy or civil liberties complaints arising out of non-judicial punishments, military courts-martial, and administrative separations are not included in this report.

This report includes the number of complaints received by DoD during the reporting period for which (1) responsive action was taken, or (2) action is pending. “Responsive action taken” means the complaint was reviewed and resolved. It also includes any action taken to remediate the violation and prevent recurrence. “Pending” means the complaint is under review to determine what actions are required to resolve the complaint.

A. Privacy Complaints

A privacy complaint is an allegation concerning a violation of privacy protections in the administration of the programs and operations of the Department. Privacy complaints are separated into three categories:

1. Procedural Issues (such as appropriate consent, collection, and/or notice);
2. Redress Issues (non-Privacy Act inquiries seeking resolution of difficulties about privacy matters); and
3. Operational Issues (Privacy Act matters not including requests for access, disclosure, and/or amendment).

For samples of DoD Privacy Complaints, please refer to the Appendix of this report.

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B. Civil Liberties Complaints

A civil liberties complaint is an allegation concerning a violation of civil liberties in the administration of the programs and operations of the Department. For this report, civil liberties complaints involve the assertion of a violation of the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights. Types of civil liberties complaints include, but are not limited to:

1. First Amendment (e.g. freedom of speech, religion, assembly, and association);
2. Second Amendment (right to keep and bear arms);
3. Fourth Amendment (protection against unreasonable search and seizure);
4. Fifth Amendment (due process);
5. Sixth Amendment (speedy trial); and

For samples of DoD Civil Liberties Complaints, please refer to the Appendix of this report.

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Sub Total for Civil Liberties Complaints: 14 5 9
VI. **CONCLUSION**

In accordance with Section 803, this report summarizes the semiannual activities of the DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Officer from April 1 through September 30, 2016. DoD will continue to work with Congress, OMB, the PCLOB, other federal agencies, and the public to ensure that it proactively protects privacy and civil liberties in the conduct of the Department’s missions and operations.
APPENDIX: Samples of Privacy and Civil Liberties Complaints

Sample DoD Privacy Complaints

Sample Complaint #1:
Description of Complaint: A complainant alleged that a co-worker released PII and other sensitive information about complainant to personnel who did not have a need-to-know.
Findings: Unsubstantiated. It was confirmed that the co-worker did have a need-to-know of the PII. There was no substantial evidence that the PII and other sensitive information was released or shared with other personnel in the office. The complainant was notified. Privacy Act training was conducted to ensure everyone within the directorate understood how to properly handle PII and sensitive information.
Disposition: Responsive Action Taken.

Sample Complaint #2:
Description of Complaint: A complainant alleged that an application form that was used for applying for access was not compliant with the Privacy Act.
Findings: After review of the form, it was found that a Privacy Act statement was required. The information on the form is “For Official Use Only/Freedom of Information Act” (FOUO/FOIA) exempt information and contained PII. The form should be encrypted when sent electronically and safeguarded when stored with limited access by those with a need-to-know, and then destroyed (shredded). In accordance with the reviewing officer’s findings and recommendations, the form in question was revised to make it compliant with the Privacy Act.
Disposition: Responsive Action Taken.

Sample DoD Civil Liberties Complaints

Sample Complaint #1:
Description of Complaint: Alleged Second Amendment violation. The complainant, a soldier, alleged that his unit commander unlawfully confiscated his personally owned weapons.
Findings: Inquiry indicated that the unit had improperly confiscated these weapons. The unit’s confiscation rationale, that the complainant was suspended from duty and under investigation for an inappropriate relationship, was not justified under Section 1062 of the National Defense Authorization Act of FY 2011 and Army policy. The unit returned the personally owned weapons to the soldier.
Disposition: Responsive Action Taken.

Sample Complaint #2:
Description of Complaint: Alleged Fourth Amendment violation. The complainant, a civilian,
alleged that security forces violated the complainant’s rights against unlawful search and seizure.  

**Findings:** An internal investigation was conducted and appropriate training was provided.  

**Disposition:** Responsive Action Taken.