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## OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3710.7V

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: NAVAL AIR TRAINING AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

STANDARDIZATION PROGRAM

Ref: (a) CNAF M-3710.7 (NOTAL)

## 1. Purpose

- a. To establish the Naval Air Training and Operating Procedures Standardization (NATOPS) Program, and to implement and authorize the Chief of Naval Operations policy and procedural guidance of this instruction, via reference (a).
- b. Major changes to this draft include moving specific policy guidelines for the NATOPS Program to reference (a). This is a complete revision and must be reviewed in its entirety.
- 2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 3710.7U.
- 3. Applicability. NATOPS Program policy applies to all U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps personnel who operate or support the flight operations of both manned and unmanned naval aircraft. It also applies to civilian, contractor and other-Service personnel who operate naval aircraft, or provide or utilize naval aviation services and resources, including NATOPS products and publications.
- 4. <u>Background</u>. Reference (a) details the policies and procedures in support of this instruction which is applicable to all NATOPS users, and it prescribes general flight and operating instructions and procedures pertinent to the operation of all naval aircraft and related activities.

- 5. <u>Action</u>. Commander, Naval Air Forces is delegated responsibilities for the overall management of the NATOPS Program, this instruction, and reference (a).
- 6. <u>Point of Contact</u>. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Training Requirements Officer (OPNAV N980T), (571) 256-9119.
- 7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media or format, must be managed by Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) 5210.1 of January 2012.
- 8. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Director, Air Warfare (OPNAV N98) will review this instruction annually on the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, SECNAV, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40. This instruction will automatically expire 5 years after its issuance date unless reissued or canceled prior to the 5-year anniversary date, or an extension has been granted.

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