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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR
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UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND

SUBJECT: 2019 Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense Suicide Prevention
Conference

The 2019 Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)/Department of Defense (DoD) Suicide Prevention Conference is approved and will be held August 26-29, 2019. The location is in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center. This biennial conference supports the Defense Suicide Prevention Program mission, as described by section 533 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for 2012, and section 591 of the NDAA 2016. It is the only national suicide prevention conference that addresses suicide within Military and Veteran populations.

This year's theme - *Many Roles. One Mission.* - emphasizes that individuals and communities have an important role in preventing suicide among Service members and Veterans. This is a top priority for the DoD and VA; however, we cannot do it on our own. We need allies and advocates in communities across the Nation to join us in making suicide prevention a priority.

The conference sessions, which provide continuing education units, will emphasize best practices and the current state of research in suicide prevention. Experts from various disciplines will have the opportunity to cross-train in research findings, clinical pathways, and practical experiences that cannot be gained via other means.

I encourage you to set aside funding to enable your appropriate representatives attend the conference. For additional conference information please visit www.DSPO.mil/conference.

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