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SUBJECT: DoD Support of the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA)

The Armed Services YMCA has been providing programs and services to the Armed Forces of the United States continuously since 1861. It currently operates over 50 program centers in 20 locations on and around military installations in the United States. The ASYMCA's primary constituents are the junior enlisted and their families. The ASYMCA offers various programs and services depending on the requirements of the base being served, in close consultation with the base commanders. ASYMCA provides programs in child care, parenting support, crafts, outreach programs, youth programs, teen programs, and singles centers at no or minimal cost to the Service members.

DoD personnel – including military members on active duty – may voluntarily serve in their personal capacities during off-duty time on ASYMCA boards of directors/management and committees and assist with ASYMCA fundraising away from any Federal workplace, provided there is no conflict with the performance of their official duties. The Standards of Ethical Conduct for the Executive Branch, 5 C.F.R. subsection 2635, and the DoD regulation, DoD 5500-7R, "Joint Ethics Regulation," furnish guidance to DoD commanders regarding DoD support for non-Federal events, including

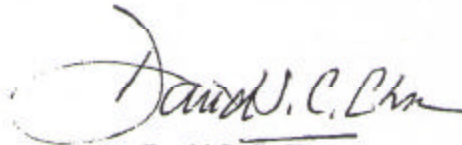


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fund raising activities. While DoD cannot officially endorse non-Federal organizations, such as the ASYMCA, official DoD support, within the limits of the regulations, may include providing DoD personnel to speak or otherwise participate in their official capacities at ASYMCA-sponsored non-fundraising events. DoD support may also include permitting the ASYMCA to use facilities, utilities, and equipment, including the services of DoD personnel necessary for proper use of the equipment.

The ASYMCA is a civilian nonprofit charity that must continuously raise funds from corporate and individual donors to perform its mission to assist and improve the quality of life of members of our Armed Forces and their families. Hands-on civilian community support for improvement of the quality of life of the junior enlisted and their families recognizes the dedication of these young men and women who defend our country.

The ASYMCA is an important complement to our efforts to improve the quality of life of military personnel and their families. I thank them for their work and look forward to a continuing relationship with the ASYMCA that will benefit those who serve our country.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David S. C. Chu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

David S. C. Chu