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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDS, MAJOR SUBORDIANE COMANDS AND
DISTRICT COMMANDS

SUBJECT: Selection of Peer Supporters for the Critical Incident Stress Management
Program

1. Reference Memorandum, 15 May 2006, subject: Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Enclosure 1).
2. As stated in the referenced memorandum, all Major Subordinate Commands (MSC) participating in the Corps national CISM program will begin the initial peer selection process to select five peer supporters from their respective MSC. The CISM Program Management Team (PMT) which includes your Subject Matter Expert (SME) will evaluate potential peer supporter submittals. Each selected peer supporter will receive the necessary training and guidance to support and implement the CISM program.
3. Please reference attached self-nomination form (Enclosure 2). Request that this memorandum and attachments be given the widest distribution possible within all branches, divisions and offices. This will insure a wide base of peers necessary to represent all Corps disciplines.
4. All supervisory approved self nomination forms should be submitted in a sealed envelop marked "Confidential-CISM Peer Supporter Application" and sent to your respective MSC CISM subject matter expert listed below. The self-nomination application must be received by the date of 24 November 2006 for evaluation by the CISM PMT and the MSC subject matter expert.
5. Participating MSC subject matter experts (SME) are:
 - a. Trans-Atlantic Command – Tom Waters, (540) 665-3723
 - b. North Atlantic Division – Carmine Leone, (718) 765-7076
 - c. South Pacific Division – Phillip Turner, (415) 977-8058
 - d. Mississippi Valley Division – Mark Roderick, (618) 724-2493
 - e. Pacific Ocean Division – Bruce Barrett, (808) 438-3810
 - f. Great Lakes & Ohio River Division – Melissa Salsgiver, (724) 763-3161
 - g. SAD – non-participating MSC
 - h. NWD – non-participating MSC
6. Peer supporters will be rated and selected based upon knowledge, skills, and abilities related to interpersonal communication and information presented in the self-nomination

application. Examples of valuable experience may include hospice, youth leadership, church ministry, and social work.

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7. Selected peer supporters from each MSC including the MSC subject matter expert will receive basic CISM training from 13-16 February 2007 at the Southwestern Division Headquarters located in Dallas, Texas.
8. Specific peer supporter and supervisor information may be found on the self-nomination form. Additional CISM information may be found on the NRM Gateway at: <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil/employees/cism/cism.html>
9. Thank you for your support of the program. If you have questions, please contact one of the following CISM POCs or your MSC CISM SME listed above.

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