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68. How does the Service advertise or publicize the DoDIG Whistleblower hotline to Service members? Is there a separate hotline for members to report retaliation to the Service IG?

<p>USA</p>	<p>The DAIG webpage contains a link directly to DoD IG webpage which contains a direct link to the DoDIG fraud, waste, abuse, or reprisal hotline. Additionally, IGs meeting with Service members provide information on other complaint channels, including DoD IG.</p> <p>DAIG provides three avenues for members to report retaliation to the Service IG. DAIG maintains a Complaint Line which is manned by an Army IG 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The phone number is posted on the DAIG webpage. This Complaint Line can be used at any time to report retaliation to an actual IG. Additionally, the DAIG website allows members to submit retaliation complaints on-line at any time. Finally, anyone can contact their unit IG or any other IG to make a retaliation report. Complaints can be made by calling-in, walking-in, writing-in (USPS, Fax, email, etc.), and on-line.</p>
<p>USAF</p>	<p>The contact information for DoD Inspector General (DoD IG) and AF Inspector General (AF IG) are published in numerous places throughout installations, distributed through periodic e-mail and publications, and posted and advertised on both public and internal web pages so that Airmen are aware of how to report reprisal under 10 U.S.C. § 1034 (Protected Communications; Prohibition of Retaliatory Personnel Actions).</p> <p>The AF IG does maintain dedicated phone and e-mail hotlines which members can use to contact the AF IG directly. Additionally, the AF IG maintains a web-based complaint system that allows a member to file a complaint over the internet. The AF IG webpage also contains links to DoD IG and the other Service IGs.</p> <p><u>References:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Air Force Inspector General Complaints http://www.af.mil/InspectorGeneralComplaints.aspx - Department of Defense Inspector General Complaints http://www.dodig.mil/hotline/ - Air Force Inspector General Hotline – 1-800-538-8429
<p>USN</p>	<p>SECNAVINST 5370.5B, Navy Hotline Program, requires hotline information to be posted at Navy commands. Required information includes the local IG Hotline and Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN) Hotline numbers. During the NAVINSGEN Hotline Program Quality Assurance Review (QAR) process, NAVINSGEN inspects Echelon II compliance with this requirement. In addition, Hotline contact information is advertised via the NAVINSGEN website: http://www.secnav.navy.mil/ig/Pages/Home.aspx. NAVINSGEN and the Navy IG Community can receive complaints in person, via telephone, or through the NAVINGEN website.</p> <p>OPNAV N17 encourages Sailors to use the DoD Safe Helpline which provides live,</p>

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	<p>one-on-one crisis intervention information to the worldwide DoD community and an avenue for victims to report retaliation. Key fobs, pamphlets, flyers, table tents and posters which publicize the DoD Safe Helpline are provided to the Fleet.</p>
<p>USMC</p>	<p>The Deputy Naval Inspector General for Marine Corps Matters/Inspector General of the Marine Corps (IGMC) has a separate hotline phone number and email address to send a hotline complaint to their office located on the IGMC's website. Within 10 days of receiving a reprisal complaint, HQMC IG will notify the Department of Defense (DoD) IG of the complaint. The IGMC website discusses the DoDIG's hotline and provides a link to the DoDIG's website.</p> <p>DoD Directive (DoDD) 7050.06, Military Whistleblower Protection, dated April 17, 2015, issues the broad mandate to "publicize the content of this directive to ensure that members of the Military Services and other DoD personnel fully understand its scope and application." DoD IG typically refers the retaliation complaints it receives via its whistleblower hotline to the service. As such, the inspector general offices at each command publicize their hotline and the Deputy Naval Inspector General for Marine Corps Matters/Inspector General of the Marine Corps (IGMC) hotline in addition to referencing the DoD IG whistleblower hotline. Secretary of the Navy Instruction (SECNAVINST) 5370.7D, Military Whistleblower Protection, dated December 4, 2014, publicizes to all service members and DON personnel that they are protected from reprisal and retaliation when reporting to the proper authority those acts/omissions that they reasonably believe to be violations of law/regulation, fraud, waste, or mismanagement. The Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN) and IGMC are the only entities within DON designated/authorized to investigate matters relating to professional retaliation (reprisal) against uniformed personnel and the SECNAVINST details reporting and investigative procedures. The IGMC reaches a vast audience within and outside the Marine Corps where IG core functional responsibilities are incorporated into a variety of recurring training venues (retaliation is an essential topic covered in each curriculum, as are discussions about all avenues of reporting, which include the IGMC hotline, the Command IG (CIG) hotlines, and the DoD IG Whistleblower hotline).</p> <p>Specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Commandant's Commander's Course (X 2 annually) b. World-wide IGMC Symposium (Annual) c. Senior Leaders Legal Course (Annual, upon request) d. Installations Commander's Course (Annual) e. Inspector General Mobile Training Teams (X 4, West Coast, East Coast, New Orleans -Reserve force, Okinawa) f. The Basic School (All Classes) g. Joint Inspector General Course - handling Marine Corps matters (x4 DoDIG sponsored annually) h. Sergeant Major Symposium (Annual) i. Brigadier General Select Orientation Course (BGSOC), (Annual) j. IGMC Inspection Program (including Special Interest (SPINS) Brief): All major subordinate commands (Marine Expeditionary Forces, Marine Forces) and individual

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	<p>commands (HMX, MBks 8th&I, MCI, Pax River, etc.)</p> <p>k. IGMC Newsletters serve as interim policy guidance</p> <p>DoDIG information is further disseminated and publicized during IGMC biennial inspection of the CIGs throughout the Marine Corps. The IGMC and all CIG offices currently have the capacity and procedures in place to in-take all allegations of retaliation via their general hotlines (there is no dedicated retaliation hotline in the USMC).</p>
USCG	<p>The SAPR Program distributes the DoD Safe Helpline number. The Coast Guard does not fall under the DoD IG and therefore, although a Coast Guard member may call the DoD number for help, that individual will normally be directed to the DHS IG hotline. The DHS IG hotline is made available to Coast Guard members via the service's website. Pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding, the DHS IG refers most Coast Guard related matters to the Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) for issues that would typically be evaluated by the DoD IG. The Coast Guard does not have its own Service IG.</p>