

**RIGHTS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT/ELECTION FORMAT
MILITARY WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT (10 U.S.C. 1034)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHTS AND ELECTION OF INVESTIGATIVE PROCEDURES**

I, _____ (name and rank/grade) spoke to _____ (name and rank/grade), who is the _____ (position and command), concerning my complaint of reprisal for making, or preparing to make, a communication that I believe is protected by 10 U.S.C. 1034. This person informs me that he/she does _____ does not _____ work in the office of an Inspector General within the Department of Defense (DoD) who is authorized to receive my complaint of reprisal pursuant to applicable DoD and Secretary of the Navy instructions. I understand that in order to obtain all of the procedural rights provided by 10 U.S.C. 1034, I must submit my complaint of reprisal to DoDIG, Naval Inspector General (NAVINSGEN), Medical Inspector General (MEDINSGEN), or an Inspector General within the DoD designated to receive military whistleblower reprisal complaints. I understand these rights include the following:

- (1) completion of the investigation within 180 days;
- (2) a report format that requires a thorough review of the facts and circumstances relevant to the allegations, relevant documents acquired during the investigation and summaries of interviews conducted;
- (3) provision of a redacted copy of the report of investigation to the member;
- (4) advice and assistance in filing a request for correction of the member's military record when implementation of the recommendations of the report requires action by a board for correction of military records;
- (5) provision of a copy of the report of investigation to a board for correction of military records and Inspector General assistance in gathering further evidence the board may request;
- (6) review of the board's decision by the Secretary of the Military Department; and
- (7) review of the Secretary's decision by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Program Integration; and I also understand that if I choose not to submit my complaint to an Inspector General within the DoD, I may ask my chain of command to investigate my allegation of reprisal, but in that case I will not be entitled to the procedural rights listed above.

I understand that _____ is an Inspector General within the DoD who would may receive my complaint of reprisal, and that I may submit my complaint using the following postal address, electronic address, or fax number, or that upon my written request, my complaint will be forwarded for me. _____

I understand that I may send my request directly to DoDIG, NAVINSGEN, or MEDINSGEN, using the information provided below, or that upon my written request, my complaint will be forwarded for me. Based on the foregoing, I have decided (initial one, write "no" in the other two):

_____(initial/no) I will submit my complaint directly to _____ (specify DoDIG, NAVINSGEN, MEDINSGEN, or the Inspector General within the DoD identified above).

_____(initial/no) I request that my complaint be forwarded to _____ (specify DoDIG, NAVINSGEN, MEDINSGEN or the Inspector General within the DoD identified above).

_____(initial/no) I request that my complaint be investigated by my chain of command. I understand that I will not be entitled to the procedural rights listed above.

_____(signature) _____ (date)

Witnessed by:

_____(signature) _____ (date)

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