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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEFS OF THE MILITARY SERVICES
COMMANDERS OF THE COMBATANT COMMANDS
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SUBJECT: 2016 Military Saves Campaign

1. We are glad to report the 2015 Military Saves Campaign was an overwhelming success. Because of your support, many Service members and their families were made aware of the tremendous power to save and set goals.
2. To kick off the 2016 Military Saves Campaign, the Department of Defense has designated 22-27 February 2016 as Military Saves Week. As part of the larger nationwide America Saves Campaign, the Military Saves Campaign is conducted in cooperation with the Consumer Federation of America, one of the Department's official financial readiness nonprofit partners.
3. The Military Saves Campaign is a year-long effort. Military Saves Week is an opportunity for our military community to come together with federal, state, and local resources, to focus on the financial readiness of military members and their families and help them reduce debt and save their hard-earned money. The America Saves slogan, "Start Small, Think Big," is shared by Military Saves and refers to the long-term benefits of saving a little each month.
4. The Military Saves Campaign is a Total Force command program. It provides an excellent opportunity for leaders at all levels and in all Components—Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve—to motivate and educate Service members and their families. We are asking our military members to commit to feasible financial goals. It is particularly important to engage our military spouses who play a vital role in ensuring the financial well-being and stability of military families. Furthermore, by learning good financial habits early in life, our children will strengthen their financial fitness for the future.
5. In support of Military Saves, please sponsor financial awareness events, where practical, within your commands. We ask that you encourage your personnel to access www.militarysaves.org, take the "Saver Pledge," and support the 2016 theme, "Make Saving Automatic."
6. We wish you great success for the 2016 Military Saves Campaign.

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