INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: Army Cyber Leader Development Program

1. Purpose: To provide background for the Army Cyber Leader Development Program (CLDP).

2. Facts:

    a. The CLDP is a program available to cadets during their pre-commissioning education as an ROTC or West Point cadet. The purpose of the program is to provide mentorship and education on cyber while cadets are obtaining their bachelor's degree. Completion of the program results in the cadet being awarded a Cyber Leader (C1) Additional Skill Identifier, which allows the Army to identify and track officers with significant cyber background.

    b. To complete the program, persons involved in the CLDP must complete the following: 1. Receive a Bachelor's degree with a major or minor in a cyber-related discipline; 2. Be eligible for a top secret security clearance; 3. Participate in a cyber-related internship of at least 3 weeks; 4. Regularly participate in a cyber extracurricular activity for 2 academic years; 5. Attend one cyber-security conference or training opportunity; 6. Participate in a significant cyber security-related project, such as a senior thesis or capstone project.

    c. Cyber officers assigned to the Army Cyber Institute (ACI) at West Point are available to mentor and advise cadets involved in the program. In order to sign up for the program, the cadet's Professor of Military Science (or member of the cadet's chain of command) should send an email to register.cldp@westpoint.edu with the following information: name and contact information of participant, school, expected year of graduation. Registered cadets will then be afforded an opportunity for mentorship with ACI cyber officers. Cadets completing the requirements of the CLDP without registering with ACI will be eligible to apply for the ASI but will miss the opportunity for mentorship interaction with ACI cyber officers while engaged in their pre-commissioning studies.

    d. In order to receive certification for the C1 Additional Skill Identifier, the cadet must submit the following documents to ACI: DA Form 4187, C1 Skill Identifier Request Worksheet, and PMS endorsement memo. Examples of the endorsement memo and worksheet are available on the ACI website.

    e. Further information is available at cyber.army.mil/Cyber-Community/CLDP/