



SAA POLICY ON

THE PROTECTION OF THE IDENTITIES AND OCCUPATION OF SERVING SUBMARINERS

Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to ensure compliance with Australian Defence Force (ADF) requirements regarding the protection of serving submariners' identities, thereby enabling the Submarines Association of Australia (SAA) to more effectively recruit serving submariners as members.

Background

2. In recent years, the establishment of the AUKUS Nuclear Submarine Program has made it necessary to keep the identities of serving submariners confidential and not publicly disclosed.

3. If the SAA, with the assistance of SUBFORCE, is to encourage Collins-class and AUKUS submariners to join the Association, these confidentiality requirements must be respected. Effective immediately, the following policy requirements apply.

SAA Application Form

4. Applicants who are serving members are not required to provide their PMKEYS number.

5. Applicants who are serving members are not required to state which submarines they have served on or are currently serving on.

Note: If verification is required to determine whether an applicant is eligible for Full Membership of the SAA, the National Secretary must contact SUBFORCE N1 to seek confirmation that the applicant is a submariner.

Protection of Serving Members' Identities

6. The identities of serving members must not be disclosed in any form on SAA National or Branch websites, or in any general correspondence to members.

Note: Where the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) has already released information about a member to the public, that information may be relayed without embellishment.

7. All personally identifiable information (PII) of serving members must remain confidential. Where a member wishes to contact another member, they must follow the existing policy using the web form, without exception.

8. SAA Webmasters and Facebook Administrators must remain vigilant in enforcing this policy. Facebook Administrators are to immediately remove any posts that breach it.
9. Where lists of members attending functions (e.g., SUBCON) are published on SAA websites or the SAA Facebook group, the names of serving members must be excluded.

Implementation

10. This policy takes effect immediately.

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