



MCPON Releases Continuation Board Podcast

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West released a podcast Sept. 14 focusing on the upcoming senior enlisted continuation board.

Announced in January by NAVADMIN 030/009, the fiscal year (FY) 2010 E7-E9 Senior Enlisted Continuation Board convenes Sept. 21 at Navy Personnel Command. Members not selected for continuation will transfer to the fleet reserve or retire no later than June 30, 2010.



In the podcast, West and Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Fleet Master Chief Scott Benning answered more than a dozen questions forwarded from the fleet and around the world. Discussion topics range from criteria for selection to board makeup and specifics of the notification process.

West said that the question he has heard the most around the Navy is whether or not a quota system exists, or if there is a specific number of senior enlisted Sailors who will be asked to retire as a result of the continuation board. He stressed the absence of a quota, adding that each Sailor is competing against a standard of performance outlined in the board's precept.

West also said he believes the board should continue to be held every year and that the feedback he's received when he's talked with CPO messes around the Navy has been positive.

Listen to the podcast at <http://www.navy.mil/navydata/mcponPlay.asp?id=3513>.