



2010 Military Census Preparations Underway – Make Your Voice Heard

NAVADMIN 001/10, released in January, is the second in a series of military census newsgrams which provide guidance for Sailors to make their voices heard during the 2010 Decennial Census.

Beginning March 15, the Census Bureau will conduct the nation's 23rd decennial census to gather a complete count of the population of the United States to include personnel living on board naval installations and ships with a U.S. homeport.



The decennial census is an in-depth survey used to gain population counts which fuel government decisions on how approximately \$400 billion per year of federal funding is spent in your neighborhood on hospitals, schools, senior citizen centers, emergency services and public works projects. In addition, the enumeration determines the number of seats a state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sailors will be asked to complete a short military census report containing six questions.

Commander, Navy Installations Command is the lead for executing census procedures on board shore installations and Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command is the lead for afloat commands.

Ship crew members will be required to complete a regular census questionnaire for their shore address as well as a shipboard census report on board the ship. The completion of both forms is required by the federal government. In addition, military personnel assigned to a group quarters, to include bachelor's quarters, will be counted at the group quarter, even if it is located on a non-naval installation.

Census questionnaires will be delivered by the U.S. Postal Service to all housing units on military installations beginning March 15. If you live off-base, you will receive a census questionnaire at that address.

Afloat commands may obtain additional information and guidance by referencing ALFLTFOR message DTG 042038Z JAN 10, released by Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces. All commands may obtain information specific to their command by contacting their command's census project manager.

For additional information about the 2010 Census and the Census Bureau's Military Fact Sheet, visit <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/Census2010/>.