



Greetings Shipmates!

Force Master Chief Wright is currently on travel OCONUS. Please enjoy the following FORCM Weekly on his behalf.

*Very respectfully,
YN1(AW/SW) Joshua Byrnes*

Latest Updates

WARNING TO VETERANS. An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.

Websites with the name "vaservices" immediately after the "www" ARE NOT part of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the real VA website ends in .gov. If approached or called, do not offer them any information concerning yourself or data on other veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not already have. If you have not dealt with the VA previously and in person, then you receive a call from someone saying they are with the VA or something similar sounding, hang up the phone. Do not respond to emails which suggest that they are from the VA. The VA never conducts official business nor asks for personal information by email.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

General Counsel requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the address below.

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Department of Veterans Affairs
Office of General Counsel (O22G2)
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling System (NOFFS). If you have the opportunity please review the web site www.navyfitness.org. This web site covers topics dealing like fitness and nutrition. Be sure to check out the button "Movement of the Day" for show and tell. I can say they had me using muscles that have been neglected in the past. As a runner you know everything starts with the core muscles and this works great!

Enhanced VA Health Care Enrollment Opportunity Closing for Certain Combat Veterans. Certain combat Veterans who were discharged from active duty service before Jan. 28, 2003 have until Jan. 27, 2011 to take advantage of their enhanced health care



enrollment opportunity through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). For Further information please see <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel>

Military Fathers Award Recognition. Each year the National Fatherhood initiative recognizes an outstanding military father at a special awards ceremony. Military fathers across the country and overseas can be nominated by friends and family for this prestigious honor! The awardees are fathers/dads who display an ongoing commitment and dedication to their children and who are able to successfully balance military and family life. To nominate a father, please visit www.fatherhood.org/mfanomination. Nominations will be accepted beginning January 18, 2011 and only the first 600 nominations will be accepted so you are encouraged to fill out the form as soon as the nominations open. For more information about the 2011 Military Fatherhood Award Ceremony and Reception and nomination process please visit: www.militaryfatherhoodaward.org

Blue to Green. In a climate where Sailors may face separation due to high year tenure or Perform-to-Serve/Fleet Rating Identification Engine, Navy leadership is reminding Sailors in 2011 that Operation Blue to Green could keep them serving.

"Sailors should be aware of all avenues to stay in the military," said Capt. Hank Roux, head enlisted community management. According to the Army's Operation Blue to Green website, the program allows highly qualified Sailors the opportunity to continue in military service, maintain benefits and gain new training.

Benefits of transitioning to the Army via Blue to Green include:

- * E-1 through E-5 retain their grade and date of rank.
- * Rates that convert into an Army military occupational specialty (MOS) will only need to attend Basic Combat Training.
- * Retraining into another MOS may be possible.

"Of course we want all of our Sailors to stay Navy, whether that is active, full time support or Reserve component, but if a Sailor's facing separation Blue to Green is a great option for them," Roux said. In fiscal year 2010, only 43 Sailors took advantage of the program. To qualify, Sailors must be physically fit, meet the Army's height and weight standards, have a minimum of three years time in service and have an approved Request for Conditional Release (DD Form 368). For more information, speak with your career counselor, review SECNAVINST 1000.7F, MILPERSMAN 1300-081 and the Army's Operation Blue to Green website at <http://www.goarmy.com/benefits/additional-incentives/blue-to-green.html>.

Fleet RIDE-Perform to Serve (PTS) Website. An update to the PTS website now has a link to the most frequently asked questions. Please visit the following link: <http://www brigmiramar.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PerformtoServe/>

FY12 SCPO/MCPO Selection Boards (Feb-May 2011)

What you need to know:

To ensure your name is on the board eligibility list, verify your eligibility profile sheet at: <https://wwwa.nko.navy.mil/portal/careermanagement/navyadvancementcenter/>

As a reminder, the member shares equal responsibility with their parent command in ensuring the member's name appears on the selection board eligibility list. After exhausting local resources, if the member's name still does not appear on the eligibility list, contact NAVPERSCOM (PERS-802) at the e-mail addresses or numbers below prior to the board convening:



- MR. DAVID LANHAM AT DAVID.B.LANHAM(AT)NAVY.MIL COMM: 901-874-4537 DSN: 882-4537
- MS. ELIZABETH VAUGHN AT ELIZABETH.VAUGHN(AT)NAVY.MIL COMM: 901-874-3217 DSN: 882-3217
- MS. DOROTHY HARRIS AT DOROTHY.HARRIS(AT)NAVY.MIL COMM: 901-874-4435 DSN: 882-4435

- Must read NAVADMIN 326/10
- NUC advancement eligibility requirements have changed (NAVADMIN 326/10)
- A command's "interim clearance" or "temporary access" does not constitute an adjudicated clearance from DONCAF. Therefore, candidates in ratings which require a clearance must be eligible for a clearance with a favorable adjudication from DONCAF to be eligible for consideration by the selection board. (NAVADMIN 326/10)
- Commands may no longer communicate with the board providing supplemental correspondence or messages after the applicable package post marked due date (NAVADMIN 326/10)
- It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure their name reflects on the eligibility list (BUPERSINST 1430.16F)
- Individual candidates can verify their own eligibility "profile sheet" either through NKO or via NETPDTC's Navy Advancement Center website at <https://www.advancement.cnet.navy.mil>
- To be reviewed by the board, a candidate's profile sheet must indicate "selection board eligible"
- If you have questions about your eligibility, contact your ESO.
- If your status states "BUPERS Invalid", your command ESO or CCC will need to contact PERS-802 to verify the reason for the invalidation. PERS-802 COMM: 901-874-4895 or 901-874-4435.
- NAVADMIN 326/10 provides the procedures for commands to validate eligible E8 and E9 candidates and how to add and remove candidates as appropriate.

Missing Evaluations: If an evaluation continuity gap exists in your official record due to a missing report (i.e., a report does exist; however, COMNAVPERSCOM was not provided a copy from the command to incorporate in your OMPF), you may mail your copy of the missing report to:

COMNAVPERSCOM
PERS-32
5720 INTEGRITY DRIVE
MILLINGTON, TN 38055

If a signed and dated copy of the report is not available, try to obtain submission or resubmission of the report by the original reporting senior.

If unable to obtain a report from the original reporting senior after reasonable effort, then prepare a letter using the format in exhibit 18-4 on page 18-16 of BUPERSINST 1610.10B, the EVAL/FITREP instruction. After verification that an evaluation was not received for that period by PERS-32, the Statement in Lieu of Missing Report will become part of the official record.

- Period when no evaluation should have been issued:
- If a gapped continuity period exists because an evaluation should not have been issued i.e. individual ready reserve (non-VTU), duty under instructions, etc, fill out the attached form and forward to PERS-32 via fax at (901)874-2761. Once received by PERS-32, a



memorandum will be placed in your official record documenting the period of time and your status during that period.

-All periods of leave and transit should be captured in block 29 on the first report issued by the gaining command.

-If a leave and/or transit period of time was not captured on an evaluation and a continuity gap exist due to this error, the member or the command who made the discrepancy, may prepare an Administrative Change Request, changing block 14 of the report that failed to factor this time, using the format in exhibit 15-1, on page 15-5 of BUPERSINST 1610.10B.

FTS Navy Counselor Announcement. The FTS Enlisted Community Manager is soliciting applications for FTS Navy Counselor (counselor). Applications should be submitted to PERS-812 per MILPERSMAN 1440-020. Deadline for applications is 15 Jan 2011. Applicants must be a PO1 or PO2 eligible for advancement, be within 12 months of their PRD and released from their respective detailer as applicable. All qualified applicants will be screened and considered on a competitive basis. Results are expected to be released mid-February 2011. Personnel successfully chosen for conversion are considered available for immediate transfer. Please pass the word to all interested applicants.

January Ready Now! Newsletter:

<http://www.navyreserve.navy.mil/Ready%20Now/Shared%20Documents/Newsletter.aspx>

January RC Communicator:

http://www.navyreserve.navy.mil/RC%20Communicator/010111_RC_Communicator_Jan.pdf

Administrative Procedures for Navy Reservists [BUPERSINST 1001.39F](#)

Administrative Procedures for the Drilling Reserve and Participating Members of the Individual Ready Reserve [COMNAVRESFORINST 1001.5F](#)

Please use the above links if you have any questions regarding Administrative Policy. Make sure you are up to date regarding any changes to current policy regarding your Sailors!

NAVADMINS:

011/11 **MILITARY SAVES WEEK, 20-27 FEBRUARY 2011**

010/11 **OBSERVANCE OF AFRICAN AMERICAN/BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2011**

Around the Force

VA Governor signs ESGR Statement of Support. RDML Cutchen was in attendance this week for VA Governor Robert F. McDonnell's signing of an ESGR Statement of Support. Governor McDonnell joins Fortune 500 companies, government agencies and thousands of employers in support for our armed forces. The Governor is sending a clear message to the employees of the Commonwealth that VA supports their desire to serve America on a part-time basis, and full-time active duty when called – and that they will be able to return to work when their service is complete.

Reserve Officer helps Haiti improve disaster response. CDR Harold J. Pierre, a Reserve Officer on ADSW assigned to US Military Group, Haiti established cooperative relations between the US Military Liaison Office (MLO) and GOH leaders in order to meet key project milestones and approval of diplomatic notes for the execution of 48 Humanitarian Assistance Projects. He Initiated and developed a comprehensive \$39M program to improve the Haitian Government's capacity to respond to disasters.



DCNR, OCNR Staff Directors attend AUSN Capitol Hill Reception. DCNR, his wife, and seven OCNR Officers attended the Association of the United States Navy's Capitol Hill Reception on 19 January. In attendance were Rep Joe Wilson, Rep Walter Jones, Rep Tim Murphy, and Rep Roscoe Bartlett, as well as VCNO, Secretary McCarthy (ASD RA), Secretary Garcia (ASN M&RA), and RADM Copeman (CLA). The Association honored Senator Inouye and PSMs from the House/Senate Armed Services Committees for their support of the Navy. DCNR spoke at length with Reps Murphy and Wilson, as well as the VCNO, Secretary Garcia, Dick Walsh (SASC PSM), John Chapla (HASC PSM), and Mike Higgins (HASC PSM).

30 Day Outlook

- * OCONUS Trip (12 Jan – 23 Jan)
- * Navy Recruiters of the Year Ceremony (26 Jan)
- * Retirement Ceremony ICO CTTC Harmon (4 Feb)
- * Warriors Resilience Conference (7-8 Feb)
- * Executive TAP (14-18 Feb)

60 Day Outlook

- * Navy Reserve 96th Anniversary (3 Mar)

As of 20 January 2011:	
<u>Operational Support Snapshot</u>	<u>RC Flu Vaccination Status</u>
FY11 Pres Bud End Strength	Vaccine Received: 100%
RC Sailors (FTS/SELRES) Onboard:	Force Vaccinated (MRRS status): 93.30% (from 93.00%)
RC Sailors Performing Operational Support:	<u>RC Medical Readiness</u>
RC Sailors Mobilized or Deployed:	Fully Medically Ready: 80.6%(from 79.1%)
RC Chief's Mobilized	Partially Medically Ready: 8.3% (from 9.1%)
RC Flag Officers on Active Duty:	Total: 88.9% (from 88.2%)