



## ECRC / CTF-IA GSA/IA UPDATES and INFORMATION

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### PURPOSE

This is a joint newsletter from Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center and Commander, Task Force Individual Augmentee for all deployed Individual Augmentee (IA) Sailors. IA Sailors include Navy personnel on Individual Augmentee Manpower Management (IAMM), Mobilized Reserve Component (MOB RC) and Global War on Terror Support Assignment (GSA) orders. Our objective is to provide useful information to all IA and to maintain positive monthly contact with our Sailors with GSA orders. Our intent is to provide you with an opportunity to let ECRC and CTF-IA know if you or your family needs any additional support or if you are encountering any difficulties. This newsletter also provides a quick method to update your contact information, report an issue and allow us to rapidly respond as needed.

### MANDATORY RESPONSE FORM FOR GSA SAILORS

If you are a GSA assigned to ECRC, you are directed to maintain contact with ECRC every 30 days and ensure ECRC has your current contact information (military email, DSN and APO address). To update your contact information, click on the link below or respond directly to your Country Desk Clerk. If you have an issue which requires ECRC action/support, contact us via your Country Desk Clerk or via the ECRC Help Desk. Ensure you include your **Name, Rate/Rank, NE#, and Country Location** on all correspondence.

Click here to access the form: [ECRC RESPONSE LINK](http://www.ecrc.navy.mil/survey.pdf) (CTRL + click to open link – Must have Adobe Reader installed)  
(<http://www.ecrc.navy.mil/survey.pdf>)

***If you have problems opening the form:*** Send an email to your country desk:

- A. Team Iraq: [ecrc.gsa\\_iraq.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.gsa_iraq.fct@navy.mil)
- B. Team Afghanistan: [ecrc.gsa\\_afghanistan.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.gsa_afghanistan.fct@navy.mil)
- C. Team Kuwait/HOA/All-Others: [ecrc.gsa\\_other.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.gsa_other.fct@navy.mil)

Be sure to include your NAME, RATE, RANK, NOBLE EAGLE NUMBER, YOUR LOCATION (COUNTRY) and APO ADDRESS. Let us know if you need to update your contact information or if you need help resolving any issues.

### INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE NEWS AND UPDATES:

**NavAdmins** - <http://www.npc.navy.mil/ReferenceLibrary/Messages/>

#### USFF NAVY INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE (IA) WEBSITE

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE IA PROGRAM IS CRUCIAL TO ITS SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION AND [WWW.IA.NAVY.MIL](http://WWW.IA.NAVY.MIL) PROVIDES SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES A TREMENDOUS NEW TOOL.

#### FY-11 ENLISTED SELECTION BOARDS FOR NAVY RESERVE AND ACTIVE DUTY MASTER AND SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS CYCLE 205

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CYCLE WILL BE POSTED AT:

[HTTP://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/RESERVEENLISTED/SCPO\\_MCPO\\_SELBD.HTM](http://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/RESERVEENLISTED/SCPO_MCPO_SELBD.HTM)

[HTTP://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/ACTIVEDUTYENLISTED/SCPO+SELECTION+BOARDS.HTM](http://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/ACTIVEDUTYENLISTED/SCPO+SELECTION+BOARDS.HTM)

[HTTP://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/ACTIVEDUTYENLISTED/MCPOSELECTIONBOARDS.HTM](http://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/ACTIVEDUTYENLISTED/MCPOSELECTIONBOARDS.HTM).

RECORD REVIEW AND CORRESPONDENCE SUBMISSION GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED AT

[HTTP://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/ACTIVEDUTYENLISTED/GENERALINFORMATION.HTM](http://WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/BOARDS/ACTIVEDUTYENLISTED/GENERALINFORMATION.HTM)

OFFICIAL RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY NAVADMIN MESSAGE.

## **INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE NEWS AND UPDATES: (Cont.)**

### **ENHANCED CAREER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM - INTERACTIVE DETAILING**

THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ENHANCEMENTS THAT ENABLE SAILORS TO ACCESS AND APPLY TO CMS/ID VIA THEIR HOME COMPUTERS HAVE MADE THIS VITAL COMPONENT OF THE ENLISTED ASSIGNMENT SYSTEM MORE READILY AVAILABLE. THE IMPROVEMENTS DISCUSSED IN THIS NAVADMIN WILL MAKE CMS/ID MORE AGILE, MORE RESPONSIVE TO NEW/CHANGING FLEET REQUIREMENTS, AND MORE DYNAMIC IN EXECUTION. IN AGGREGATE, THESE INITIATIVES OFFER ADVANTAGES TO BOTH OUR SAILORS AND THE COMMANDS WHERE THEY SERVE, AND BETTER POSITION THE NAVY AND OUR PEOPLE FOR SUCCESS IN NAVAL OPERATIONS WORLD-WIDE.

### **MODIFICATION OF OBLIGATED SERVICE AND EXTENSION POLICIES**

THIS NAVADMIN ANNOUNCES THE MODIFICATION OF OBLIGATED SERVICE AND EXTENSION POLICIES WHICH WILL MEET OUR OBJECTIVE OF GREATER STABILITY AND IMPROVED PREDICTABILITY IN THE FORCE. IT WILL ALSO INCREASE PREDICTABILITY FOR SAILOR DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDE SAILORS WITH THE NEEDED FLEXIBILITY TO MAXIMIZE INCENTIVES AND MANAGE THEIR CAREERS.

### **BLUE TO GREEN ARMY INITIATIVE UPDATE**

THE BLUE TO GREEN PROGRAM OFFERS TRANSITIONING SAILORS THE OPTION OF CONTINUING ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE WITH THE ARMY WITHOUT ANY BREAK IN SERVICE. SAILORS RETAIN THE BENEFITS OF ACTIVE SERVICE WHILE USING THE VALUABLE TRAINING, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES THEY DEVELOPED IN THE NAVY. TRANSITION TO THE ARMY MAY BE PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL FOR SAILORS SEPARATING FROM THE NAVY UNDER PERFORM TO SERVE (PTS) OR E-4 HIGH YEAR TENURE (HYT).

### **LOGISTICS SPECIALIST RATING ESTABLISHMENT**

THIS NAVADMIN ANNOUNCES THE OFFICIAL MERGER OF THE STOREKEEPER (SK) AND POSTAL CLERK (PC) RATINGS INTO THE LOGISTICS SPECIALIST (LS) RATING AS OF 1 OCTOBER 2009.

### **AFGHANISTAN PAKISTAN HANDS PROGRAM**

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NAVADMIN IS TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AFGHANISTAN PAKISTAN HANDS PROGRAM, AND TO ENCOURAGE VOLUNTEERISM FOR THE NAVYSPECIFIC SKILL SETS DESIRED. NAVY IS FULLY COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING THIS CRITICAL EFFORT.

### **REPORT OF THE 30 JULY 2009 NAVY UNIFORM BOARD**

THIS NAVADMIN ANNOUNCES THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (CNO) APPROVED UNIFORM POLICY CHANGES PROPOSED BY THE 30 JULY 2009 NAVY UNIFORM BOARD. CNO APPROVED UNIFORM CHANGES INCLUDE: NAVAL AIRCREW (NAC) DESIGNATION, WEARING OF ONE INSIGNIA FROM ANY SINGLE CATEGORY OF INSIGNIA, NAVY COSMETICS POLICY (WOMEN), UNITED STATES AFRICA COMMAND (U.S. AFRICOM) STAFF IDENTIFICATION BADGE, AND NON-SPARK SAFETY BOOT

### **FALL 2009 SEASONAL AND NOVEL H1N1 INFLUENZA PREPAREDNESS**

THIS YEAR'S FLU SEASON WILL INCLUDE THE SEASONAL AND THE NOVEL (H1N1) INFLUENZA VIRUSES. EACH WILL REQUIRE A SEPARATE IMMUNIZATION. THE SEASONAL VACCINE IS AVAILABLE NOW. THE H1N1 VACCINE IS UNDERGOING TESTING AND IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE IN MID-OCTOBER.

### **CNO GUIDANCE FOR 2010**

2010 CNO GUIDANCE REAFFIRMS FOCUS AREAS AND 18 INTENTIONS, WHICH WERE ARTICULATED IN PREVIOUS GUIDANCE [WWW.NAVY.MIL](http://WWW.NAVY.MIL).

### **SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS**

THIS NAVADMIN ANNOUNCES THE FY10 SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS (SRB) AWARD LEVELS FOR ACTIVE COMPONENT AND RESERVE COMPONENT FULL TIME SUPPORT (FTS) AND SUPERSEDES REF A.

### **Individual Augmentee News**

#### **Free Workshop Preps IA Warriors for Deployment**

BREMERTON, Wash. (NNS) -- Naval Base Kitsap (NBK) Bangor Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) held a Warrior Workshop at the Community Center in Jackson Park Aug. 12.

## **INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE NEWS AND UPDATES: (cont.)**

### **Chicago Returning Warrior Weekend Honors Military Members, Families**

CHICAGO (NNS) -- Service members from the Midwest region along with family members attended the Returning Warrior Workshop (RWW) in Chicago Aug. 8-9.

### **Fleet and Family Support Program Offers Workshops for IAs, Families**

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Fleet and Family Support Program offers a full range of workshops tailored to individual augmentees (IAs) and their families. The workshops ensure that Sailors and their families have the necessary information to properly prepare for and complete ...

### **Submariner Awarded Bronze Star for IA Service**

KINGS BAY, Ga. (NNS) -- A submariner was awarded Bronze Star for combat operations while serving an individual augmentee during a ceremony held at Naval Submarine Base Kings Bay, Ga., Sept. 17.

### **Chief Receives Anchors in Afghanistan**

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (NNS) -- A Sailor from Naval Hospital Bremerton currently deployed as an individual augmentee assigned to the Canadian-led Role 3 Multinational Medical Unit, a NATO trauma center, received her anchors along with four others at Kandahar Air Field (KAF) in Afgh ...

## **ACCESSING YOUR ELECTRONIC SERVICE RECORD (ESR)**

**Sign-up for, and create, your Self-Service Electronic Service Record (ESR) account:**

1. Log onto the Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System (NSIPS).

**CTRL + CLICK to open link:** <https://nsipsweb.nmci.navy.mil/psp/NEDB/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/?cmd=login>

2. Under "Links" click on Navy Standard Integrated Personnel System.

3. Under "System Access Authorization Request" click on New Users (ESR Self Service).

4. Fill in form and click Validate and Create Self Service Account.

5. Go back to above link and log in to view your ESR.

Please refer to the ESR Self-Service Desk Guild and the ESR Frequently Ask Questions (FAQ) on the log in page.

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Also, the link to BOL "Web Enabled Record Review" provided below gives you access to your CD (formerly known as "micro-fiche"). **CTRL + CLICK to open link:** <https://werr.bol.navy.mil/>.

## **FAMILY TIPS OF THE MONTH**

### **Community and DoD Family Support Activities:**

[www.JointServicesSupport.org](http://www.JointServicesSupport.org) is a new website that lists all of the Yellow Ribbon Pre-Deployment and Reintegration programs, Family Readiness Programs, Warrior Support, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and more. These programs are PURPLE, this means that they invite ALL members of the Active, Reserve and Guard communities and their Families to participate.

### **Spouse Support:**

Use this link to find a comprehensive resource for Navy spouses and their families to access information about the Navy communities in which they reside or to which they may be relocating.

**CTRL + CLICK to open link:** <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CommandSupport/SpouseSupport/>

ECRC IA Family Helpdesk: [ecrc.fs.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.fs.fct@navy.mil), 24-7 Careline 1-877-364-4302.

## **FAMILY TIPS OF THE MONTH (cont.)**

## Has your family moved?

The Navy uses NFAAS to locate and assist your family during natural disasters and other emergencies. Update your family contact information in NFAAS by clicking here: (CTRL + CLICK to open link: <https://www.navyfamily.navy.mil/>) It will only take a few minutes to update your family information. You will need your social security number and birth date to get access. Select the [NFAAS-Navy Family Member] tab. Update your family information under the [MY INFO] tab. Enter all the people (under Location and Contact Info and Additional Family Members sections) you want contacted in case of emergency. You may also take a survey under the [ASSESSMENT] tab to further assist your family and make specific family needs known.

**TRICARE** Provides Emergency Care for Service Members, Families Traveling Overseas  
[http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story\\_id=41610](http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=41610)

## Returning Warrior Workshops

RWWs are a critical component of the Return, Reunion, and Reintegration program. These vital events are providing first-rate support for Navy's AC and RC Sailors and their families/significant others. During the RWW weekend, a broad spectrum of facilitators and clinical professionals provide a great deal of resource information and individual/group counseling opportunities to educate and support the Navy Family and assist Sailors' re-acclimation to their families and civilian lives. Click here for links to more information about free RWW weekends in your area [http://www.ia.navy.mil/rww\\_dates.doc](http://www.ia.navy.mil/rww_dates.doc)

**Child Care Aware** is a resources from the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. They can assist your spouse with Child Care referrals for employment, job search, respite care during deployment and more. Contact [www.naccrra.org](http://www.naccrra.org) or 1-800-424-2246.

**Heroes to Hometowns** is a program coordinated by the American Legion in support of military service members and their families. They help during pre-deployment through reintegration and also support veterans, as well as ill or injured veterans. This is a Service member, Veteran and Family support organization with lots of volunteer opportunities available. Their website is [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

# WARRIOR TRANSITION

## Going home is a journey... not just a destination.

When you started your mission, you may have been an active duty Sailor assigned as temporary duty, a GSA assigned as PCS or a mobilized reservist – then you became an IA. You are about to make your next transition to Returning Warrior. Every Returning Warrior has changed during their tour, and so has your family. This is normal and the Navy has developed tools to assist you and your family in the process.

### Preparation

Maintain regular contact with your Command and your family. As with any flight, dates and times may change, but if you keep your command and family informed, then they can plan when to meet you. In many cases your initial arrival in CONUS won't be near your Command or family, but they'll still want to know when you are back in the United States and when you plan to arrive home.

### ALL Personnel

60-45 days out from your BOG date contact your in-country NAVCENT Forward Headquarters to obtain a **Warrior Transition Program Quota**. Ensure your requested date is at least ten days prior to your BOG date. Sailors assigned in Kuwait should contact the Warrior Transition Center (WTC) directly for your quota and follow on travel.

1. Prior to detaching from your deployment Command you must have a stamped and signed set of your **Transfer Orders (Demobilization Orders for Reservists)**, a **Theatre Release Letter** (signed by an O6), and copy of your **Travel Itinerary**.
2. Check your **Military ID Card**. Inform the WTP staff immediately upon arrival if your ID card expires within 30 days of your BOG date.
3. All Active Duty Sailors are required to complete the online portion of the **PDHA** no earlier than 30 days prior to reporting to WTC.

NAVCENT Forward HQ Afghanistan: [navcentfwdafghan@afghan.swa.army.mil](mailto:navcentfwdafghan@afghan.swa.army.mil)  
NAVCENT Forward HQ HOA: [cjtf-hoaj1travel@hoa.usafricom.mil](mailto:cjtf-hoaj1travel@hoa.usafricom.mil)  
NAVCENT Forward HQ Iraq: [navcentfwdiraq@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:navcentfwdiraq@iraq.centcom.mil)  
NAVCENT Forward HQ Kuwait: [vrgn.niasu.det@kuwait.swa.army.mil](mailto:vrgn.niasu.det@kuwait.swa.army.mil)

# WARRIOR TRANSITION (Cont.)

## **YOUR TIME AT WARRIOR TRANSITION CENTER**

The Warrior Transition Center is located on Camp Arifjan, Kuwait. Immediately upon arrival at Camp Arifjan check in with the WTC staff for berthing assignment and schedule information. All sailors will be berthed in tents during transition at WTC. At WTC you will:

1. **Day One: Gear Drop and Weapons Turn-in.** Weapons must be cleaned to inspection standards and free of all oils prior to turn-in. Weapons can be cleaned at WTC the day prior to and the day of gear drop. Gear must be free of “pinch-able dust.” You will also complete your electronic **PDHA, Navy Deployment Survey, Admin Review** (review of your Orders, Theatre Release Letter, and Travel Itinerary) and attend a PDHA Provider appointment. At the conclusion of Day One there will be a mandatory Departure Requirements briefing for all returning Sailors.
2. **Day Two:** On Day Two you will be scheduled to attend the CNO mandated **Warrior Transition Workshop**, and remaining PDHA Provider appointments will occur.
3. **Day Three:** Dependent on Class size, the morning of Day Three may include the completion of any outstanding PDHAs and Transition Workshops. You will attend a mandatory **Admin Brief** where you will receive final Travel Itineraries, Orders and Theatre Release Letters (those requiring Admin corrections), ECRC Information Package and Customs/ Rotator times. Sailors scheduled for the **Rotator flight** will be transported to **Military Customs** for clearing and staging for the Rotator.
4. **Day Four:** The **Rotator flight** will normally depart theatre in the early morning.

### **Travel**

For most Sailors, your trip home will normally be on a military flight called a “rotator.” This means the flight may make several stops to pick up additional passengers – somewhat like a bus route. You will be required to wear your uniform on the rotator. The first CONUS destination will normally be Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) Airport. Once there you will collect your checked bags and exit through Immigration and Customs. In most cases you will immediately proceed to your next flight - a commercial connection. IAMM (temporary duty from a parent command) will be in a travel status and can proceed to your parent command location. GSA and Mobilized Reserve will proceed to NMPS. Your travel arrangements should have been made for you before you left theatre. Most Returning Warriors can proceed to the ticket counters located up one level from customs. If you cannot make your scheduled flight, ask the ticket agent and they will adjust your travel as needed. If you find that you do not have follow on flight information, contact the SATO Office immediately. Notify ECRC or your parent command of any changes to your itinerary. At WTP GSA’s will have the opportunity to sign up for ECRC to meet you and provide transportation to berthing.

If you are scheduled for a commercial flight your travel to the airport will be coordinated through the Warrior Transition Center.

**Civilian clothes** are required for commercial flights; closed toe shoes, long pants, full length shirt w/sleeves (no military or provocative print).

Whether or not you are scheduled for a commercial flight, bring a complete set of civilian clothes with you to WTC. Travel plans can change at the last minute. A limited selection of civilian clothes is available at the Camp Arifjan PX.

### **Help If You Need It**

**ECRC IA HELPDESK - [ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil)**

**Helpdesk questions are normally answered within one business day**

**ECRC IA WEBSITE - [www.ecrc.navy.mil](http://www.ecrc.navy.mil)**

**The constant current source for IA information**

**ECRC Norfolk Staff Duty Officer - 757-763-8640**

**ECRC San Diego Staff Duty Officer - 619-929-4884**

**24 HR Toll Free Family Hotline -1-877-364-4302**

**NMPS Norfolk - 757-438-3375**

**NMPS San Diego - 619-887-8080**

**NMPS Gulfport - 228-871-3199**

**NMPS Port Hueneme - 875-797-4700**

**SATO - 800-359-999**

***SAVINGS DEPOSIT PROGRAM (SDP)***

The DOD Savings Deposit Program (SDP) was established to provide members of the uniformed services serving in a designated combat zones the opportunity to build their financial savings. Amounts up to \$10,000.00 may be deposited, earning 10% interest annually. Members must be receiving Hostile Fire Pay and be deployed for at least 30 consecutive days, or 1 day in each of 3 consecutive months in order to participate in the program.

**Withdrawal Procedures:**

Withdrawal request may be e-mailed to CCL-SDP@dfas.mil (SDP mailbox), or faxed to (216) 522-5060 "Attention: SDP". Members may submit a withdrawal request on-line using myPay. Additionally, requests can be mailed to the following address:

DFAS- Cleveland Center (DFAS-CL)  
ATTN: SDP  
Special Claims  
1240 East 9th St .  
Cleveland , OH 44199-2055

Members must include name, social security number, and date of departure from the combat zone. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) information must include the bank name, routing number, account number, and account type (savings or checking). If a hard copy check is requested, a complete mailing address must also be provided. Make sure that your allotment has stopped before requesting withdrawal.

**Withdrawals:**

Members may close their SDP accounts only after departing the combat zone. Interest will continue to accrue on the account up to 90 days after departure from the combat zone. Should the 90 day period end on any day other than the last day of a month, interest will accrue through the last day of the preceding month. If the 90-day period ends on the last day of a month, interest accrues for that month. Members in a combat zone may withdraw accrued interest over the \$10,000.00 principal quarterly.

Withdrawals of funds on deposit may be made in an emergency only when the health or welfare of a member or dependents would be jeopardized if the withdrawal were not granted. Emergency withdrawals must be authorized by the members' commanding officer.

**SDP Help Line:**

Toll Free (Stateside Only): 1-888-332-7411  
Commercial: 216-522-5096  
DSN: 580-5096  
Fax: (Attention SDP): 216-522-5060  
E-mail: CCL-SDP@dfas.mil

Click here to view the [DOD Savings Deposit Program pamphlet](#).

## **HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

### **\$555 Million DoD Homeowners Assistance Program Details Announced**

<http://www.defenselink.mil/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=13009>

The Department of Defense (DoD) today announced details for the temporary expansion of the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP). Using \$555 million in funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), this program is designed to partially reimburse eligible military personnel, surviving spouses, and federal civilian employees whose service to the nation has required them to relocate and sell their primary residence at a loss.

Potential eligible personnel include:

- Active and former service members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard;
- Civilian employees of the DoD, Coast Guard, and non-appropriated fund activities; and
- Surviving spouses of both fallen service members and civilian employees.

Potential eligible personnel who have sold a primary home for a loss or are considering selling their home are encouraged to visit the DoD HAP Web site (<http://hap.usace.army.mil>) to check specific program criteria, and if eligible, apply online.

## **HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (cont.)**

The DoD HAP has been providing financial assistance to military personnel and DoD civilians since 1966, mainly at base realignment and closure (BRAC) sites where government action caused a decrease in market home values. While the HAP expansion is not designed to pay 100 percent of losses or to cover all declines in value, it can help protect eligible applicants from financial catastrophe due to significant losses in their home values.

Supporting military families is one of administration's highest priorities and includes leadership and engagement by Michelle Obama and Jill Biden. In February 2009, the Congress provided ARRA funding for a temporary expansion of the HAP to address unique economic pressures faced by military personnel who are forced to relocate during these unusually adverse housing market conditions. After conducting an extensive analysis to determine how best to prioritize the finite funds available while maximizing assistance to as many people as possible, the DoD developed specific eligibility criteria designed to take care of people in the greatest need. These program details have been published in the Federal Register and are now available for public comment.

ARRA funding allows the DoD to temporarily expand HAP to partially reimburse losses from the sale of a primary residence in the following priority order:

1. Homeowners wounded, injured, or ill in the line of duty while deployed since Sept. 11, 2001, and relocating in furtherance of medical treatment;
2. Surviving spouse homeowners relocating within two years after the death of their spouse;
3. Homeowners affected by the 2005 BRAC round, without the need (which existed under previous law) to prove that a base closure announcement caused a local housing market decline; and
4. Service member homeowners receiving orders dated on or after Feb. 1, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2009, for a permanent change of station (PCS) move. The orders must specify a report-no-later-than date on or before Feb. 28, 2010, to a new duty station or home port outside a 50-mile radius of the service member's former duty station. These dates may be extended to Sept. 30, 2012, based on availability of funds.

Each of these general categories has more specific eligibility requirements which have been updated at the DoD HAP Web site (<http://hap.usace.army.mil>). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers executes the program for all the military branches and HAP administrators will immediately start processing applications.

## ***POST 9/11 GI BILL***

### **DoD Announces Transferability Options For 'Post 9/11 GI Bill'**

The Defense Department announced June 23 its policy for transferring educational benefits to the spouses and children of service members under the "Post 9/11 GI Bill," which takes effect Aug. 1.

[http://www.npc.navy.mil/AboutUs/NPC/PublicAffairs/NewsDetails/911\\_GIBill.htm](http://www.npc.navy.mil/AboutUs/NPC/PublicAffairs/NewsDetails/911_GIBill.htm)

## ***PAY AND ALLOWANCE CONTINUATION (PAC) PROGRAM***

In May 2008 PAC program replaced PIC program. PAC authorizes the continuation of pay and allowances for up to one year (longer with waivers) to service members who incur a wound, injury or illness in the line of duty while serving in a combat operation or combat zone. This program allows members to receive all pays and allowances they were receiving at the point of injury for up to one year or longer with waivers, while still receiving treatments for wounds sustained in combat. Read more at

<http://www.dfas.mil/mil-news/june2008/payandallowancecontinuationprogram.html>

## ***SERVICE MEMBER'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE TRAUMATIC INJURY PROTECTION (TSGLI)***

TSGLI coverage became effective on December 1, 2005 for all participants in the SGLI program. As the program was being implemented the VA announced it would initiate a Yearly Review of TSGLI. The VA and DoD undertook a complete evaluation of the losses covered by TSGLI as well as the definitions of eligibility. Several changes were made to the TSGLI regulations and became effective on November 26, 2008. Read more at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm>.

## ***NAVY DEPARTMENT AWARDS WEB SERVICE***

Have questions concerning awards? Log into the Navy Department Awards Web Service (NDAWS) and get the latest information on Navy awards. You can look up Personal Awards you have received and Unit Awards your previous commands have received. Do you have questions concerning awards you received but are not showing in your records? Visit NDAWS, click on the link below. **CTRL + CLICK to open link:** [https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webbas01.nsf/\(vwWebPage\)/home.htm?OpenDocument](https://awards.navy.mil/awards/webbas01.nsf/(vwWebPage)/home.htm?OpenDocument)

## ***EXPEDITIONARY COMBAT READINESS CENTER (ECRC)***

### ***ECRC GSA COUNTRY DESKS***

**Contact information for ECRC HQ administrative support.**

**Team Iraq:** [ecrc.gsa\\_iraq.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.gsa_iraq.fct@navy.mil)

Telephone Number: 757-462-4744 Ext(s) 128, 276, 282, or 221

**Team Afghanistan:** [ecrc.gsa\\_afghanistan.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.gsa_afghanistan.fct@navy.mil)

Telephone Number: 757-462-4744 Ext(s) 247, 221, 136 or 252

**Team Kuwait/HOA/All-Others:** [ecrc.gsa\\_other.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.gsa_other.fct@navy.mil)

Telephone Number: 757-462-4744 Ext(s) 123, 126, 143 or 235

### ***GSA CITI GTCC ACCOUNT***

All personnel are directed to verify their account balances as soon as possible to avoid any unfavorable information being passed to the credit reporting agencies and/or accounts being forwarded to collection agencies and processed for pay garnishments.

1. GSA personnel who requested Express Delivery service have been charged a fee of \$20.00 by CITI Bank. Even if you have never used the card, you have a balance due and must make appropriate payment. The expedite fee of \$20.00 is reimbursable.
2. To minimize improper usage of the GTCC and reduce the number of GTCC delinquencies, ECRC will deactivate all CITI GTCC accounts for GSA personnel who are not deployed in a billet which requires in-theater travel or are required to reside in off-base billeting. Personnel who are in a training status will not be affected. If you are occupying a billet in theater which requires you to travel or you are assigned to an area that does not have government billeting facilities contact one of the following IAW with the type of orders you have:

GSA Personnel: Contact YNC(EXW) Tickle: [michael.tickle1@navy.mil](mailto:michael.tickle1@navy.mil)

IAMM Personnel: Contact your parent command. ECRC cannot change your GTCC account status.

Mobilized Reservists: Contact your NOSC. ECRC cannot change your GTCC account status.

### ***GSA PERSONAL MAIL***

ECRC does not have a mailroom or personnel to handle personal mail. Take advantage of mail forwarding offered by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). GSA personnel are advised to submit a Change of Address form with the USPS to ensure mail is sent to their theater APO address. If you have forwarded mail to ECRC, contact your Country Desk representative immediately and provide a forwarding address. If no forwarding address information is provided, expect personal mail arriving at ECRC to be returned to sender after 30 days.

### ***GSA COMMAND CAREER COUNSELOR NOTES***

## **NEGOTIATING PCS ORDERS**

\*\*\*Shortly after arriving in theater most GSA's will be in the window for PCS Orders\*\*\*

As a general rule, if you are within nine (9) months of your PRD you should be checking CMS or contacting your detailer for follow-on orders. If you have not received orders or have not selected orders by the 5 month mark prior to PRD, it is imperative that you contact your detailer or one of the ECRC HQ Career Counselors for assistance.

Some basic information for when you receive your follow-on orders are as follows:

1. Read your orders in their entirety to ensure that you complete all required Screening Requirements, Obligated Service Requirements and that the number of dependents on your orders is correct.
2. You have 30 days to complete a Special Duty Screening, once you are notified via detailer e-mail, ECRC country desk, or PCS orders. You must update your ECRC Country Desk Clerk within 15 days after receipt of notification on status of screening.
3. 90 days prior to your PRD (ECRC transfer date), PSD will release a Transfer Information Sheet (TIS) to ECRC. ECRC will forward the TIS to you electronically. Complete all items on the TIS and return to ECRC. As a reminder, your transfer date is the day you transfer from ECRC and is not necessarily the same as your redeployment date. PSD will only issue TIS's based on your transfer month.
4. If you do not receive a Transfer Information Sheet (TIS) within 90 days of your expected PRD, contact your ECRC Country Desk Clerk.

### **Useful Links:**

**CTRL + CLICK to open link:**

- Enlisted advancement information: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/EnlistedCareerProgression/>
- Find pay and benefits information: <http://www.npc.navy.mil/CareerInfo/PayAndBenefits/>

### **Want to contact your detailer?**

<http://www.npc.navy.mil/Enlisted/Detailers.htm>

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The most current and authoritative advancement information for active-duty and Reserve Sailors is available and can be viewed and downloaded for free by visiting the Navy Advancement Center's Web site at <https://www.advancement.cnet.navy.mil>.

### **ECRC HQ Command Career Counselor:**

NCC(SW/AW) Reep  
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757-462-4744 ext 117  
DSN: 253-4744 x117

## ***GSA FOLLOW-ON PCS ORDERS AND RE-DEPLOYMENT***

One of the most important parts of your re-deployment from theater is the completing your Personnel Support Detachment (PSD) PCS Transfer Information Sheet (TIS). The PCS TIS identifies your entitlements (DLA/TLE, advance pay etc.) defines PCS travel information and desired transfer date from ECRC.

PCS TIS packages can only be generated by your servicing PSD after your orders are received so it is imperative you communicate with your detailer and receive a copy of your follow-on PCS orders as soon as possible during your GSA tour. The TIS will be delivered to you via the e-mail address you have provided with instructions on how to complete the form and when the TIS must be returned. Your completed TIS will be reviewed at ECRC HQ and forwarded to your servicing PSD, Norfolk or San Diego, for processing.

Time line:

Receive follow-on PCS orders from PERS

90\* Days prior to PRD: Receive TIS from ECRC HQ.

60 Days prior to PRD: Return completed TIS to ECRC HQ.

30 Days prior to PRD: ECRC HQ confirms TIS status with servicing PSD and provides updates to member as needed.

## ***GSA FOLLOW-ON PCS ORDERS AND RE-DEPLOYMENT (cont.)***

**\*If you have follow-on PCS orders and do not receive a Transfer Information Sheet (TIS) within 90 days of your expected PRD (ECRC transfer date), contact ECRC HQ. As a reminder, your transfer date is the day you transfer from ECRC and is not necessarily the same as your redeployment date. PSD will only issue TIS's based on transfer month.**

It is important to remember that it is your responsibility to negotiate follow on orders with your detailer as soon as you fall within the normal detailing window, 9 months of your PRD. ECRC Command Career Counselors are here to assist you in this process. Due to the unique duties that you are performing it is imperative that you complete and submit your TIS on time to ensure PSD has sufficient time to set up your PCS transfer. Upon return from theater you will only have a few days at NMPS Norfolk/San Diego and ECRC to execute your transfer. Any issues (i.e. TIS not submitted, screening not completed, etc.) will only delay your detachment and PCS transfer to your next duty station.

## **GSA FITREP AND EVAL GUIDANCE**

1. Interested in getting a copy of a past FITREP or Evaluation? Log on to Bupers On Line. Once logged in, click on the last item on the menu entitled "Web Enabled Record Review". Once you select this, you'll need to click on "Proceed" to be able view your Official Military Personnel File (OMPF). You'll then need to click one of the boxes on the left side choosing which file to view (NAVPERS appears by each box). You'll then get a window stating "A checked box means the document etc....." Click OK. The screen will look like it's about to load the requested document when a pop out blocker will appear on top of your screen. Go ahead and click on that and chose "Download file". The document should then appear and you'll be able to print it off. You'll be able to view more than just a past FITREP or Evaluation; you can review your entire record on file.

2. In accordance with BUPERSINST 1610.10B, the following guidance is provided for the completion of Evaluations and Fitness reports while on a GSA Tour.

A. GSA Periodic/Detaching Reports: The GSA sailor is forward deployed from the parent command and will therefore receive Not Observed (NOB) Periodic and Detachment of Individual reports from ECRC to maintain regular report continuity as required by BUPERSINST 1610.10B. A signature from the member is not required on NOB reports. ECRC does not issue periodic reports to members onboard less than 90 days who will not exceed the 15 month reporting window. ECRC mails reports directly to the Bureau of Navy Personnel (PERS-32) for inclusion in the official record.

B. Concurrent Reports: Concurrent reports document observed performance and are viewed by selection boards. GSA personnel may receive a Concurrent Detachment of Individual report to document their performance during their GSA tour. This report is initiated by the Concurrent Reporting Senior (the OIC or CO at your deployed command) where the GSA member is temporarily assigned and has direct observation of the Sailor. The Concurrent report period should begins the day the GSA sailor reports to their theater command and conclude at the date of detachment for redeployment back to ECRC.

(1) Signature Blocks for Concurrent Reports:

Block 22 OIC or CO of your theater unit

Block 47: JORDAN, M L, CAPT, ECRC, UIC 4591A (E7 & above)

Block 52: MIHELICH, J L, CDR, ECRC, UIC 4591A (E6 & below)

C. Forwarding Concurrent Reports to ECRC. Scan and email reports to ECRC HQ at: [ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil) a minimum of two weeks prior to detachment from GSA tour. The report will be signed by your Regular Reporting Senior as listed above, scanned, and mailed to PERS-32 for inclusion in your official record. Copies are available upon return and transfer.

**More information and guidance can be found on our website – [www.ecrc.navy.mil](http://www.ecrc.navy.mil)  
Select GSA EVAL/FITREP from the left hand side**



## Theater IA Policies

### VCNO Re-Missioning Policy

In order to ensure deploy within the parameters defined by the Joint Manning Documents (JMD) billet, Request for Forces (RFF) mission description, or Force Tracking Number (FTN) requirements, the Vice Chief of Naval Operations provides guidance covering the re-Missioning of Navy personnel. This Policy is located on NAVCENT Collaboration at Sea (CAS) SIPR Website: <http://205.0.215.195/fleet/c5f/site.nsf/Main.html?openpage>. To open CTF-IA page, go to “Links” and select “CTFs and DESRONs”; and under “CTF Commands”, select “CTF Individual Augmentee”. Under CTF-IA DOCUMENTS, click “CTF-IA Policies”; and then select the link titled “VCNO\_NAVCENT Re-Missioning Policy”.

### Utilization of U.S. Navy Medical Personnel in Non-Medical Roles

The Force Surgeon in collaboration with the Force Judge Advocate at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command issued policy guidance for the proper utilization of Medical Personnel in Non-Medical Roles. This memorandum is located can also be found under the policy section of the CTF-IA page on NAVCENT CAS website.

RDML Cropper, Commander Task Force Individual Augmentee, has issued the following policies that are also located under “CTF-IA Policies” section of the CTF-IA page on the CAS website.

- **Protective Security Details (PSD) (June 2009)**
- **Physical Readiness Test in Theater (June 2009)**
- **Assignment of U.S. Navy Personnel to Accountable Officer/Property Book Officer/Personal Property Manager Duties. (Apr 2009)**
- **14 Day Turnover Policy Letter (Mar 2009)**

NAVCENT Forward Iraq (NFI) has issued the following policy guidance, which located on NFI SIPR website:

[https://www.force.s-iraq.centcom.smil.mil/Special\\_Staff/NFI/default.aspx](https://www.force.s-iraq.centcom.smil.mil/Special_Staff/NFI/default.aspx)

- **Leave Authorization During Redeployment (May 2009)**
- **Redeployment Standard Operation Procedures (May 2009)**
- **Leave/Pass Policy and Emergency Leave Procedures for US Navy Personnel Assigned in the Iraq Theater (Apr 2009)**
- **Policy for Additional Weapons, Exchange, or Replacement (Apr 2009)**

NAVCENT Forward Afghanistan has issued the following policy guidance:

- **Theater Guidance on Evaluations and Fitness Reports (March 2009)**
- **Leave Policy and Procedures for US Navy Personnel Assigned in the Afghanistan Theater (March 2009)**
- **Policy for Additional Weapons, Exchange, or Replacement (March 2009)**
- **Extension Policy for Deployed on GSA/IA Assignments in Afghanistan (Feb 2009)**

## IA Policy in Staffing

### Limit IA/Ad-hoc Sailor tour lengths in CENTCOM AOR

- Policy will limit IA/ Ad-hoc Sailor to:
  1. No more than 24 month tour lengths or a second rotation for most assignments (whichever is longer).
  2. Navy Guard Forces/ Detainee Operations, Embedded Training Teams, Provincial Reconstruction Teams, and Counter-Improvised Explosive Device units will serve for only one 12 month tour length or one rotation, and then return to their parent commands.
- Regardless of which category IA/Ad-hoc fall into above, they must:
  1. Return to the Fleet for 12 months minimum (continuous).
  2. Complete the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA), and be screened by health care providers.

## **Commander Task Force- Individual Augmentee (CTF-IA) - cont.**

### **Contact information for NFHQs and CTF-IA Desk Officers.**

NAVCENT FWD HQS AFGHANISTAN: [navcentfwdafghan@afghan.swa.army.mil](mailto:navcentfwdafghan@afghan.swa.army.mil)

NAVCENT FWD HQS IRAQ: [navcentfwdiraq@iraq.centcom.mil](mailto:navcentfwdiraq@iraq.centcom.mil)

[http://force.intranet.s-iraq.centcom.smil.mil/Special\\_Staff/NFI/default.aspx](http://force.intranet.s-iraq.centcom.smil.mil/Special_Staff/NFI/default.aspx)

[https://mnfi.intranet.iraq.centcom.mil/Special\\_Staff/NAVCENTFWD\\_Iraq/default.aspx](https://mnfi.intranet.iraq.centcom.mil/Special_Staff/NAVCENTFWD_Iraq/default.aspx)

NAVCENT FWD HQS KUWAIT: [vrgn.niasu.det@kuwait.swa.army.mil](mailto:vrgn.niasu.det@kuwait.swa.army.mil)

TF-IA STAFF, BAHRAIN: [AUGDIV@me.navy.mil](mailto:AUGDIV@me.navy.mil)



Are you currently on a Civil Affairs related IA and in the process of negotiating your next set of orders? Are you interested in utilizing your expeditionary, language and cultural skill sets in a personally and professionally rewarding tour in Maritime Civil Affairs? MCAG is looking for you!

MCAG is seeking officers to fill Maritime Civil Affairs Team Leader positions (sea duty), enlisted personnel to become Civil Affairs Generalist Team Members (sea duty), and both officer and enlisted for headquarters staff positions (shore duty). Sailors in the BM/HM/IT/ET and Construction ratings are encouraged to contact our

Manpower Placement Officer, LT Rinchetti ([andrew.rinchetti@navy.mil](mailto:andrew.rinchetti@navy.mil)) and inquire about billet availability on our deployable Maritime Civil Affairs Teams.

Additionally, we are seeking personnel with culturally diverse backgrounds and foreign language proficiency, regardless of designator or rate.

**ECRC Headquarters NAB Little Creek - 1213 5th Street, BLDG 3542, Norfolk, VA 23521**

**ECRC IA Help Desk [ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil](mailto:ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil) ECRC Website <http://www.ecrc.navy.mil>**