



***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.

ECRC GSA COUNTRY DESKS

Contact information for ECRC HQ administrative support.

Team Iraq: ecrc.gsa_iraq.fct@navy.mil

Team Afghanistan: ecrc.gsa_afghanistan.fct@navy.mil

Team Kuwait/HOA/All-Others: ecrc.gsa_other.fct@navy.mil

ECRC HELP DESK: ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil

MANDATORY RESPONSE FORM FOR GSA SAILORS

If you are a GSA assigned to ECRC maintain contact with your detaching command per guidance specified in NAVADMIN 293/08. As a member of ECRC we also want to maintain contact with you during your GSA tour. Ensure ECRC has your current contact information (military email, DSN and APO address) by responding to this letter. 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 this response form, to 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](#) (CTRL + click to open link – Must have Adobe Reader installed)

If you are unable to open the link, paste the following into your browser address window: <http://www.ecrc.navy.mil/survey.pdf>

If you have problems opening the form: Send an email to ECRC IA Help Desk: ecrc.hq.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.

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, describes screening requirements, 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. Understand that it takes a minimum of five to 10 business days for PSD to generate a TIS and another minimum of five business days to process a completed package once it is returned. If you redeploy without having completed your TIS, expect to complete your transfer requirements while on hold at ECRC.

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. You will not receive a TIS until you have follow-on PCS orders. 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 Command Career Counselor Note

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 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 ECRC.

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>

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:

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GSA CITI GTCC ACCOUNT

All GSA 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.tickle@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.

European Travel Tips

Ensure your card is processed successfully when traveling abroad. Traveling to Europe soon? Be aware that many countries throughout Europe, including the UK, Ireland, France, and others, have recently introduced a chip and pin payment system that utilizes cards embedded with a chip and protected through the use of a personal identification number. Some merchants in Europe have mistakenly refused to accept Visa cards issued by U.S. financial institutions because the cards do not have an embedded chip that can be read at the point of sale. The good news is that U.S. cardholders visiting Europe can continue to use their magnetic stripe Visa card in countries with this system. The merchants' terminals are designed to recognize and prompt appropriately, and you should still be able to sign a transaction receipt.

What is Visa doing to address this problem?

Visa is working with financial institutions and merchants across Europe to ensure that they understand correct card acceptance procedures. As with any major technology change, it is possible that some merchants don't fully understand what these changes mean to their business. Visa is taking all possible steps to minimize confusion and assure global acceptance.

What should I do if a merchant refuses to take my card?

If you encounter difficulties using your card in Europe, insist that the merchant swipe your card and follow the prompts on the terminal, or ask the merchant to contact his/her bank for instructions. You can also contact the Visa Customer Care Services number at 800-VISA-911, or use the international number, 1-800-55-8002, while traveling in Europe.

If my card is rejected at a fuel machine or ticketing kiosk, what should I do?

For locations where there is no sales clerk, such as ticketing machines, fuel pumps, and toll roads, and only chip and PIN cards are accepted, try to locate a terminal where a clerk can help make your transaction.

Knowing your payment options as a traveler is always an important part of preparing for any trip. Along with knowing your rights as a cardholder in terms of card acceptance, we encourage you to:

- Notify your issuing bank before traveling internationally.

- Check with your issuing bank regarding whether your card is subject to daily withdrawal restrictions while abroad, so you know how much money is available from an ATM on a daily basis. Using a Visa Credit card for major expenses such as hotels, travel tickets, etc., also helps to ensure that daily cash limits will not be a problem.

- Make a record of card account and telephone numbers for reporting lost or stolen cards and keep it in a safe place away from your wallet or handbag.

- Remember your PIN for ATM cash access.

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 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 begin 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 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
Select GSA EVAL/FITREP from the left hand side**

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.

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

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 TRANSITION (cont.)

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
NAVCENT Forward HQ Iraq:	navcentfwdiraq@iraq.centcom.mil
NAVCENT Forward HQ Kuwait:	yrgn.niasu.det@kuwait.swa.army.mil
NAVCENT Forward HQ HOA:	strength.management@hoa.usafricom.mil

YOUR TIME AT WARRIOR TRANSITION PROGRAM

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

WARRIOR TRANSITION (cont.)

Help If You Need It

ECRC IA HELPDESK - ecrc.hq.fct@navy.mil

NMPS Norfolk - 757-438-3375

Helpdesk questions are normally answered within one business day

ECRC IA WEBSITE - 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 - 805-797-4700

SATO - 800-359-9999



Commander, Task Force - Individual Augmentee



Mission and Vision

We are a forward deployed Echelon II/III Naval Component Command/Fleet Command of Naval Forces conducting Maritime Security Operations in support of OEF/OIF; Partnership-Strength-Presence; and Struggle Against Violent Extremism within USNAVCENT Campaign Plan. We continue to provide a dedicated service component support to all IA Sailors Boots on Ground (BOG) in the COMUSCENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR) in order to optimize mission readiness and to manage mission risk during deployment.

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

About CTF-IA

We are located on NSA Bahrain in the COMUSNAVCENT Building, and we can be contacted at the following email address: AUGDIV@ME.NAVY.MIL. Visit our website at <http://www.cusnc.navy.mil/ctf-ia/>

Contact information for NAVCENT FWD HQs and CTF-IA Desk Officers

NAVCENT FWD HQS AFGHANISTAN: navcentfwdafghan@afghan.swa.army.mil
NAVCENT FWD HQS IRAQ: navcentfwdiraq@iraq.centcom.mil
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
NAVCENT FWD HQS KUWAIT: vrgn.niasu.det@kuwait.swa.army.mil
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CTF-IA CHIEF OF STAFF'S CORNER

Happy New Year

The New Year presents us with the opportunity to refocus our efforts and to improve personally and professionally through reflection on the past year's performance as well as through assessment of the year ahead and its challenges. Truthfully, this can be done at any time of the year, and should be accomplished as part of one's performance evaluation process. Taking stock in what you've accomplished, where you are in your career path, what qualifications and credentials have you earned, as well as those you still require is an important aspect of a successful Navy career. Do not let an IA tour break your focus on your Navy career. Although you may be working outside your rate or specialty, it's important and necessary work in support of our nation's objectives. Make every effort to work towards taking the next advancement exam. Talk to your Senior Enlisted Leader, Command Career Counselor or the Command Master Chief at the NAVCENT Forward Headquarters and discuss your options. What will be your next command? Do you have orders? Every Sailor should be negotiating with their detailee once they are 9 months from their PRD (follow on orders were discussed in depth in the December newsletter). Orders should be cut no later than 5 months from PRD. If you are within these windows without orders, contact your detailee and your NAVCENT Forward Headquarters for support. Remember to work for yourself as well as your command. Dedicate some spare time to professional reading and review of your advancement materials and sharpen your skills to work smarter. The time you invest in yourself is invaluable, and you will directly benefit from it in the long run. Take care of yourself, your family, and your shipmates and be safe.

OBTAINING REPLACEMENT NAVY DESERT CAMOUFLAGE UNIFORMS

When the Navy Desert Camouflage Uniform (DCU) is no longer serviceable due to normal use wear and tear, or damage, IA Sailors are able to acquire replacements via the NAVCENT Forward Headquarters in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait.

Contact your NAVCENT Forward Headquarters at the address below with your requirements and uniform type. They will send you the appropriate fitting sheet. Complete the fitting sheet with the necessary information (name, rate, insignia, uniform items, sizes, etc.), save the form and email it with your contact phone, duty station and "ship to" mailing address to the FWD HQ.

NAVCENT FWD HQ Kuwait: vrgn.niasu.det@kuwait.swa.army.mil

NAVCENT FWD HQ Iraq: navcentfwdiraq@iraq.centcom.mil

NAVCENT FWD HQ Afghanistan: navcentfwdafghan@afghan.swa.army.mil

This information will be forwarded to ECRC for processing. The uniforms will be shipped to the FWD HQ and delivery arranged. Unserviceable uniforms should be provided to the FWD HQ, laundered, in exchange for the new items as part of this process.

For IA Sailors issued Army Combat Uniform (ACU) and Flame Retardant ACU (FRACU), one-for-one uniform replacement may be accomplished through the Army Central Issuing Facility (CIF) as the first course of action to correct uniform issues. However, if there is not access to an Army CIF, then IA Sailors may reach-back to ECRC for one-for-one uniform replacement requirements. Follow the same procedures as above for DCU replacement, substituting the ACU or FRACU Fitting Sheet. If you have any questions, please contact your NAVCENT Forward Headquarters.

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

Theater IA Policy, Documents and Guidance

The below listed documents, guidance and policy's can be accessed by holding down the CTRL button while clicking on the line item.

[CTF-IA Prohibited Activities Guidance](#) – Provides guidance of Prohibited Activities for Individual Augmentee (IA) / ADHOC Sailors under Individual Augmentee Manpower Management (IAMM) / Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment (GSA) / Mobilizes Reservists (RC MOB) Orders.

[CTF-IA Voluntary Service Agreement](#) – FORM.

[CTF-IA IA Extension Guide](#) – Provides guidance on Extensions of U.S. Navy Personnel in support of Joint Manning Document (JMD) Individual Augmentee (IA) and Request for Forces (RFF) /Force Tracking Number (FTN) AD-HOC billet requirements in U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND area of responsibility.

[Remissioning Policy Letter \(VCNO\)](#) – Provides policy guidance to Re-Missioning of Navy personnel in support of Joint Manning Document (JMD), AD-HOC Request for Forces (RFF) and Force Tracking Number (FTN) requirements.

[CTF-IA IA/Adhoc Eval Guidance](#) – Provides guidance on Performance Evaluation for Individual Augmentee (IA) / AD-HOC Sailors under Individual Augmentee Manpower Management (IAMM) / Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment (GSA) orders.

[Personal Awards Program With COMUSNAVCENT-COMFIFTHFLT](#) – To promulgate policy and procedures for the Personal Awards Program within Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ Commander, U.S. Fifth Fleet (COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT).

FAMILY TIPS OF THE MONTH

Community and DoD Family Support Activities:

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, 24-7 Careline 1-877-364-4302.

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

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

FAMILY TIPS OF THE MONTH (cont.)

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 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

Operation Purple Camp has FREE programs for Kids and Families!

"The mission of the Operation Purple program is to empower military children and their families to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships. The program is joint or "purple"-encompassing all Service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve."

There are three types of programs:

Operation Purple Camp is a week long summer camp for kids who's parents are deployed or have recently (deployment took place 12-15 months prior to camp) been deployed.

Operation Purple Leadership Experience (also a summer camp) is for military teens who are interested in developing leadership and teen mentoring skills that they then bring back to their community.

Operation Purple Family Retreats are offered year round. They are four day weekend retreats specifically designed to help families "reconnect after deployment."

All three camp types are held in America's National Parks. Each program has an emphasis on environmental education to include traditional activities such as hikes, orienteering, canoeing, and arts and crafts. They also include military family focused activities where kids, teens and families learn about communication, problem solving, working as a team and how build personal and family resiliency.

The Program, Housing and Meals are provided free of charge, the only cost to the family is transportation to and from the camp. For more information contact the National Military Family Association at OPC@militaryfamily.org.

SAVINGS DEPOSIT PROGRAM (SDP)

The DOD Savings Deposit Program (SDP) was established to provide members of the uniformed services serving in a designated combat zone 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

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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](#).

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 took effect Aug. 1.

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>

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)

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>.

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.

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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.

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.

NAVADMIN UPDATES AND NAVY NEWS

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

NAVADMIN 006/10 SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS PROGRAM STATUS

THIS NAVADMIN PROVIDES A STATUS UPDATE OF THE FY-10 SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS (SRB) PROGRAM AND A REMINDER FOR COMMANDS TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE THEIR SAILORS ON THE INCENTIVES PRESENTED THROUGH THE SRB PROGRAM.

NAVADMIN 004/10 FY-10 INCENTIVE SPECIAL PAY FOR SPECIALTY NURSES

THIS NAVADMIN PROMULGATES THE REGISTERED NURSE INCENTIVE SPECIAL PAY (RN-ISP) FOR SELECTED SPECIALTIES DURING FY-10.

NAVADMIN 003/10 JANUARY-MARCH 2010 AWARD OPPORTUNITIES IN SUPPORT OF BUILDING A TOP 50 NAVY

THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF QUARTERLY ANNOUNCEMENTS INVITING ALL NAVY COMMANDS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN NAVY'S TOP 50 EXTERNAL RECOGNITION EFFORTS.

NAVADMIN 251/09 USFF NAVY INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE (IA) WEBSITE

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE IA PROGRAM IS CRUCIAL TO ITS SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION AND WWW.IA.NAVY.MIL PROVIDES SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES A TREMENDOUS NEW TOOL.

NAVADMIN UPDATES AND NAVY NEWS (cont.)

NAVADMIN 265/09 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.

NAVADMIN 249/09 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.

NAVADMIN 242/09 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.

NAVADMIN 223/09 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).

NAVADMIN 304/09 COSMETIC POLICY UPDATE

THIS NAVADMIN ANNOUNCES THE PROCESS AND PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING COSMETIC PERMANENT MAKEUP. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING PERMANENT MAKEUP PROCEDURES AND POLICY IN THE FORM OF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ), VISIT:

[WWW.NPC.NAVY.MIL/COMMANDSUPPORT/USNAVYUNIFORMS](http://www.npc.navy.mil/commandsupport/usnavyuniforms)

NAVADMIN 255/09 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).

NAVADMIN 297/09 POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH RE-ASSESSMENT UPDATE

THIS NAVADMIN ANNOUNCES POST DEPLOYMENT HEALTH RE-ASSESSMENT (PDHRA) UPDATES AND GUIDANCE ON THE DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENT (DHA) PROGRAM. TO ENSURE SAILORS ARE SCREENED FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS BEFORE AND AFTER CERTAIN DEPLOYMENTS.

NAVADMIN 290/09 FEBRUARY 2010 NAVY-WIDE EXAMINATIONS FOR SELECTED RESERVE PERSONNEL TO PAYGRADES E4-E7 AND FY-11 SELRES E7 SELECTION BOARD

ALL CANDIDATES SERVING ON VOLUNTARY RECALL, ACTIVE DUTY TRAINING, OR ACTIVE DUTY UNDER ANY PRESIDENTIAL RECALL AUTHORITY, INCLUDING MOBILIZATION, WILL COMPETE FOR ADVANCEMENT AS SELRES INACTIVE (USNR-INACTIVE) IN CYCLE 086.

NAVADMIN 289/09 TEMPORARY EXPANSION OF THE HOMEOWNERS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

RECENTLY, AS PART OF THE ARRA, CONGRESS PROVIDED \$555 MILLION TO TEMPORARILY EXPAND ELIGIBILITY TO ADDRESS THE UNIQUE ECONOMIC PRESSURES FACED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO ARE FORCED TO RELOCATE DURING CURRENT ADVERSE HOUSING MARKET CONDITIONS.

Individual Augmentee News and News From Around the Fleet - <https://navcms.news.navy.mil/local/IA/>

Normandy, HSL 46 Det 3 Provide Relief to Haitian Earthquake Victims

Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HSL) (Light) 46 Detachment 3, embarked aboard USS Normandy (CG 60), completed the first of many humanitarian relief missions inside Port-au-Prince, Haiti Jan. 18.

USS Fort McHenry Arrives in Haiti

The amphibious dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) arrived in Haiti Jan. 18 to provide humanitarian assistance and disaster relief in support of Operation Unified Response in the aftermath of...

USS Bataan Receives MEDEVAC, Treats Three Injured Haitians

Amphibious assault ship USS Bataan (LHA-5) received two medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) helicopters at approximately 8:15 p.m. Jan. 19, with three injured Haitians aboard who received immediate medical c...

U.S. Fleet Forces Commander Provides Update on Navy Contributions to Haiti Relief Efforts

Adm. J. C. Harvey, Jr., commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF), provided an overview of the Navy's contributions to the Haiti relief effort during a press conference at Naval Station Norfolk Jan....

CNO Podcast: Navy's Relief Efforts in Haiti

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- "Right now what we are doing is responding to the most urgent needs that are there..." said Roughead. "We are looking at ways that we can provide immediate relief, provide the medical capability that is required, provide the mobility that we can provide..."

Navy Message Provides Guidance on SRB Program

Navy officials provided a status update for the Selective Reenlistment Bonus (SRB) program Jan. 8 notifying Sailors that some SRB awards may be discontinued as manning levels in critical skills are me...

Top Navy Leaders Visit Sailors on the Ground in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (NNS) -- The chief of naval operations (CNO) and master chief petty officer of the Navy (MCPON) visited Sailors assigned to the International Security Assistance Force Joint Command (IJC) in Kabul, Afghanistan, Jan. 7.

CNO Lands on Carrier Operating in the North Arabian Sea

The chief of naval operations (CNO) arrived aboard USS Nimitz (CVN 68), the aircraft carrier currently conducting operations in the Northern Arabian Sea, Jan. 6.

Ike Takes Part in Dramatic Rescue at Sea

Only hours after departing for its 2010 deployment, Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) diverted from flight operations to assist the U.S. Coast Guard in a rescue at sea th...

Ike Strike Group Deploys

The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) (IKE) Carrier Strike Group (CSG) deployed Jan. 2 for a six-month deployment in support of 5th and 6th Fleet operations.

US Sailor in Afghanistan Receives Call from President Obama

A U.S. Navy service member received a phone call from President Barack Obama at Forward Operating Base Sharana, Afghanistan, Dec. 24.

NMCSDF Staff Serving as Individual Augmentees

SAN DIEGO (NNS) -- Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSDF) regularly deploys Sailors as individual augmentees (IA) and as part of medical teams predominately in Central Command, which includes Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Bahrain.