



## NPC FORCM WEEKLY

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*Career progression, community management, personnel matters, and general information from the desk of the Navy Personnel Command, Force Master Chief, FORCM Jon Port*

### *NCIS "Text Tip" Crime Reporting Tool*

The Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is reminding Sailors about the NCIS Text Tip Tool reporting system which allows anonymous reporting of a sexual assault or any type of crime. The smart phone app "**TipSubmit**" can be downloaded and used to contact NCIS and other participating law enforcement agencies. Open the app then choose NCIS from the drop down menu. Type "**NCIS**" first in your tip before sending it to **274637 (CRIMES)** to ensure that the information is properly routed. Users must put '**NCIS**' first in the text because there are over 900 law enforcement agencies that use the system and without this, it probably won't make it to NCIS. The NCIS mission is to investigate and defeat criminal, terrorist and foreign intelligence threats to the Navy and Marine Corps. Crimes investigated by NCIS include: rape, narcotics, child physical and sexual abuse, burglary and robbery, theft of government and personal property, fraud and homicide. The NPC Sexual Assault page at <http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/support/readiness/Pages/SexualAssault.aspx> includes a link to NCIS website for more information on tips and reporting.

### *Medical Service Corps: Now accepting applications!*

The Navy announced requirements for the Fiscal Year 2013 Medical Service Corps (MSC) In-service Procurement Program (IPP) in [NAVADMIN 118/12](#). The MSC IPP is a continuum of service initiative which provides a path for career motivated Sailors and Marines to obtain a commission. Continuum of service is one of the five key focus areas of the 21st Century Sailor and Marine initiative and gives Sailors and Marines more career options. Qualified enlisted personnel can obtain a commission as a MSC officer in health care administration, environmental health, industrial hygiene, pharmacy, occupational therapy, social work, radiation health or as a physician assistant. IPP is open to active-duty enlisted Sailors, Marines and full-time support Navy Reservists in pay grades E-5 through E-9. Waivers for E-4 will be considered on a case by case basis for physician assistant applicants only. According to the NAVADMIN, applicants must be under the age of 42 by the time of initial commissioning and no age waivers will be granted. The selection board will convene in October 2012. Applications for the program must be postmarked no later than August 17. Complete application procedures and education requirements are provided in NAVADMIN 118/12 and OPNAVINST 1420.1B (chapters 1, 2 and 6). Detailed application information can also be found on the Navy Medicine Professional Development Center website at <http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/navmedmpte/pages/mscippainserviceprocurementprogramphysicianassistant.aspx>.

### *Legalman Rating is looking for Sailors seeking Conversion*

The LN community is in high demand for sailors seeking conversion to the Legalman rate. If you have a sailor who is interested in becoming a Legalman or wants information concerning the rate please have them contact LNCM Jondell Ritchie at Email: [Jondell.ritchie@navy.mil](mailto:Jondell.ritchie@navy.mil) or Comm: 757-341-4517 or LNC Sandy Veit at Email: [sandy.veit@navy.mil](mailto:sandy.veit@navy.mil) or Comm: 757-341-4656. They are looking to fill the June class so if you have qualified candidates please contact them as soon as possible.

### *Rating Change May Strengthen Career*

Rating conversion allows career-minded Sailors in overmanned ratings to stay Navy and may help shape the force to meet future manning requirements. Sailors can apply for rate conversion during their Perform to Serve (PTS) negotiation window. When Sailors with less than 14 years of service are within 12 months of their end of active obligated service (as extended) date, they must compete for a PTS quota to continue their career. The Fleet Rating Identification Engine-PTS (FR-PTS) provides Sailors with billet availability information in their current rating and other ratings one might qualify for, based on their year group (YG) and Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score. When an individual enters the Navy, they may not be assigned the rating they initially wanted and conversion gives them an opportunity to try something different or perhaps convert into a rating in which they can excel and advance. It also gives Sailors the chance to discover new skill sets and talents. Sailors considering conversion can ask their career counselor to review the YG manning for the rating into which they would like to convert.

### *This Week in Navy History*

16<sup>TH</sup> 1924 - Navy commenced relief operations in Mississippi Valley floods, lasting until 16 June 1924.  
17<sup>TH</sup> 1778 - Sloop-in-war *RANGER* captured British brig.  
18<sup>TH</sup> 1942 - *USS HORNET* launched Doolittle's Army bombers for first attack on Japan.  
19<sup>TH</sup> 1861 - President Lincoln ordered blockade of Southern ports from South Carolina to Texas.  
20<sup>TH</sup> 1861 - Norfolk Navy Yard abandoned and burned by Union forces.

### *Quote of the Week*

**"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."**

- Gandhi