



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

TAX FILING DEADLINES FOR JAPAN, BAHRAIN AND LIBYA

Service members participating in, or in support of, contingency operations overseas receive an automatic extension to file tax returns and pay any tax they may owe. Personnel assigned overseas, including Japan, receive an automatic two-month extension to 15 June 2011 to file and pay their 2010 income taxes. This automatic two-month extension is for filing and paying only, so taxpayers who owe taxes (and will not have a refund from the IRS) will be charged interest on any unpaid amounts beginning 18 April. However, they will not be charged a late payment penalty or a late filing penalty. Eligible individuals can receive tax filing information and assistance at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program/Electronic Filing (ELF) centers. In addition to preparing and filing 2010 tax returns, these centers can also submit Form 4868 electronically. A list of U.S. Navy VITA centers is available online by accessing the U.S. Navy JAG website at: http://www.jag.navy.mil/organization/code_16_tax_info.htm.

CAREER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM/ INTERACTIVE DETAILING

Since September 2010, CMS/ID has been undergoing several changes in appearance and navigation that make it more user-friendly. These improvements have not changed CMS/ID functionality, just made the system more intuitive and easier to navigate. Now you can save job search results in Microsoft Excel format. This should make it easier for you to have conversations with your CoC or spouses, or even to just sleep on it! For additional information the “Help” tab contains a link to the CMS/ID Tutorial, a “how-to” guide that provides instructions and demonstrations on using CMS/ID. For specific questions about the system, you may also contact cmsidhelpdesk@navy.mil.

UPDATE ON PCS

Currently the average PCS lead time that the Detailers worked very hard to keep at 4-6 months has now been reduced to 2 months or less. However there is some good news in the PCS front; Sailors transferring **through June** either now have or will receive orders! Detailers have plans in place pending the outcome of the Continuing Resolution that expires April 8. Expect notification as news regarding the Continuing Resolution and Defense Budget becomes available.

OBLISERVE REQUIREMENTS

A surprising takeaway from rescinding legacy PTS quotas on 1 March in accordance with NAVADMIN 352/10 was an alarming number Sailors who failed to OBLISERV prior to executing their PCS orders. PCS orders clearly state an obligated service requirement to execute the orders. Obligated service to (**MAY 2014 example**) is required for this assignment which may be satisfied by reenlistment or extension of enlistment. Early reenlistment is authorized to obligate for these orders and prior to transfer. Your initial point of contact for questions about OBLISERV is your Command Career Counselor. Circumstances such as potential monetary loss under critical skills bonus or SRB, refer to MILPERSMAN 1306-106. Use of NAVPERS 1070/613 for periods of more than 12 months requires NAVPERSCOM (PERS-81) authorization. Commands must ensure their Sailors are within 30 days of receipt of PCS orders. You are putting your Sailors at risk of losing not only their orders but their approved PTS quota based on the **13 months expiration** of their quota due to the simple fact of not ensuring they obligated prior to transferring. In many cases, members will not get their quota reinstated and will be directed to separate at EAOS. Chain of command involvement is crucial before hand; it’s easy for the Chain of Command to be involved afterwards when it’s too late for the Sailor. Involvement now means the sailor stays Navy.

This week in our Navy History

March 28th, 1800 - *ESSEX* became the first U.S. Navy vessel to pass Cape of Good Hope
March 29th, 1973 -Naval Advisory Group and Naval Forces Vietnam disestablished; last U.S. Prisoners of War left Vietnam.
March 31, 1854 - Commodore Matthew Perry negotiated Treaty of Kanagawa opening trade between U.S. and Japan
And on April 1st, 1893 - Navy General Order 409 of 25 February 1893 established the rate of Chief Petty Officer.

Quote of the Week

Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof” – Words inscribed on the Liberty Bell