



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

FINAL WEEK TO REQUEST PTS QUOTA!!

If your PTS quota was revoked on 1 March 2011, Navy announced that it was offering some exceptions to the recent expiration of more than 16,500 Perform to Serve (PTS) quotas. NAVADMIN 352/10 reminded the Fleet that PTS quotas issued before Oct. 1, 2009, expired March 1. However, the Navy is offering some affected Sailors the opportunity to request reinstatement of their quota. See [the decision memo](#) for [rules for eligibility](#). Remember, **PTS quotas expire 13 months** from the date of approval. Check out the PTS webpage for information and guides at the [Fleet RIDE-PTS](#) page on NPC's website. The Decision Memorandum for Restoral of Rescinded Perform to Serve (PTS) Quotas signed by the Chief of Naval Personnel is valid until **1 May**, so please remember to get your 1306/7 request to your Enlisted Community Manager as soon as possible! They are standing by to assist in processing the request as quickly as possible.

Hard and Soft EAOS explained

We use these terms a great deal and although senior enlisted members understand them and Career Counselors understand them, our junior Sailors do not. I can tell they do not due to questions they pose in email or on Facebook. So to clarify a hard EAOS is the date at which your current enlistment ends. A soft EAOS is the date your contract ends and when you also have an inoperative extension on file. For example, if you have an EAOS of March 1st, 2012 and you have a 12 month extension, then your **hard** EAOS is March 1st, 2012 and March 1st, 2013 is your **soft** EAOS. I hope this clarifies the difference.

RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS ON OFFICIAL ORDERS?

We've been asked by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to reemphasize U.S. entry requirements for returning military members traveling on official business. Many military personnel returning from overseas routinely do not have a copy of their military travel or leave orders on their person. Instead, they often place their orders in checked baggage and as a result have to be sent to CBP secondary screening or have their baggage pulled from the aircraft, delaying the traveler and extending the clearance process. Military personnel on official business **require military ID card and Travel orders that indicate active-duty status**. Please comply. It saves time for you and CBP.

Enlisted Early Transition Program – Early Career Transition Program

Enlisted Early Transition Program allows eligible Sailors to apply for a voluntary early separation up to 24 months prior to their Hard End of Active Obligated Service. Commanding officers will maintain final disapproval authority and do not need to forward requests they cannot support. Final approval authority rests with Navy Personnel Command, PERS 832, with positive CO endorsement. The Montgomery GI Bill, Post 9/11 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2008, and veteran's benefits will remain in place for qualified Sailors separating under the EETP. Sailors should be aware that those who voluntarily separate under the Enlisted Early Transition Program will be subject to recoupment of bonus or special pays if they have not fulfilled the term of service for which they were already paid. Early Enlisted Transition Program (EETP) is a **separate program** from the Early Career Transition Program (ECTP – NAVADMIN 088/11). EETP involves requesting separation from the Navy up to **24 months from EAOS** as extended while ECPT involves **transitioning to the SELRES** to complete their service requirement.

This week in our Navy History

April 18th, 1917 - Naval Armed Guard crew onboard SS MONGOLIA engaged and damaged a German U-boat. This was the first engagement of U.S. Navy personnel against the enemy in World War I.
April 23rd, 1918 - USS STEWART destroyed a German submarine off France.
April 21st, 1898 - U.S. went to war with Spain.
And on 1778 - Captain John Paul Jones of RANGER led landing party raid on Whitehaven, England

Quote of the Week

“The thing that the flag stands for were created by experiences of a great people. Everything it stands for was written by their lives. The flag is the embodiment, not of sentiment, but of history “— President Woodrow Wilson