



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

OTHER ISSUES WITHIN THE PTS PROGRAM

*IA Sailors: I want to remind parent commands about their Sailors on IA. It is the **parent command's** responsibility to ensure that members who fall within the PTS window receive all their looks in PTS and that Sailors receive proper counseling to make an informed career decision. Command leadership needs to ensure that they conduct a **monthly review** of all PTS eligible Sailors. Don't forget about their IA Sailors particularly submitting "Special Circumstance" PTS applications for Sailors within 12-months of their PRD, who have less than 24-months of OBLISERV remaining on their contract.

*Engaged Command Leadership Teams: Command leadership teams should receive a **monthly PTS Brief** from their Career Development Team (CDT). It should be a complete overview of those Sailors currently in the PTS system and those who are approaching their PTS application window. This will give the COs the opportunity to identify those Sailors who may be at risk. Sailors in overmanned ratings are in jeopardy of being separated if they do not update their PTS application by requesting conversion opportunities. Moreover, one of the valuable lessons learned over the last year of Perform to Serve is that Sailors wait until they're inside the PTS application window before realizing that their ASVAB scores significantly limit their conversion opportunities. Early engagement by the CDTs will identify Sailors whose ASVAB scores are low and will need to take the in-service ASVAB (AFCT). A great example of taking a proactive approach to ensuring Sailors maximize their opportunities for conversions is the USS MAKIN ISLAND's (LHD 8) ASVAB Academy! Ooh rah MAKIN ISLAND!

*Sailor's responsibility: We're operating in a different environment now. Sailors are competing to stay. They cannot sit on the fence undecided, particularly in an overmanned rating. Sailor's have a personal responsibility to manage his or her career.

Update to Stop Movement to Japan!!

According to NAVADMIN 123/11 dated 7 Apr 11 - Due to current conditions, movement of Navy military personnel to commands and activities in Japan is authorized effective immediately. Subject to updated dependent entry approval by the Base CO, family members may be authorized to accompany service members with orders to areas outside Honshu Island, Japan. These areas include Sasebo and Okinawa. This stop movement order remains in effect for all military dependents whose sponsors are under orders to report to commands or activities on Honshu island, (e.g. Atsugi, Misawa, Iwakuni and Yokosuka) per refs a and e. Members with accompanied orders to the island of Honshu are not authorized to bring their dependents at this time. If the stop movement order for dependents is rescinded in the future, and all other overseas travel requirements are met, dependents will be able to join the member in Japan utilizing the member's original PCS order line of accounting. Navy Personnel Command (NPC) will not change orders to unaccompanied unless specifically requested by the member. Service members who request unaccompanied orders to Japan will not be authorized to move dependents to Japan when the stop movement order is rescinded. Specific details on overseas screening is contained within the NAVADMIN.

Special Programs/ Recruiting

Pers 4010 Special Programs is currently looking for qualified applicants who are interested in finding the best candidates for the finest fleet. Enlisted personnel in paygrades E-5 to E-8 are ordered to one of 26 Navy Recruiting Districts. The NAVCRUITDIST assigns personnel to one of approximately 1,500 Navy Recruiting Stations (NRSs) or 65 Military Entrance Processing Stations (MEPS) (classifiers only) located across the country. Some of the special benefits are Special Duty Assignment Pay; opportunity to be stationed at any desired location throughout the U.S.; and meritorious advancement up to E-7 through the Recruiting Command Advancement Program. See your CCC and MILPERSMAN 1306-964 to see if you are qualified. All personnel requesting recruiting duty need to ensure their screening forms are submitted within 30 days so in the event they are not found suitable they are not forced into the needs of the Navy window.

This week in our Navy History

April 4th, 1776 - Continental Navy frigate *COLUMBUS* captured HM Tender *Hawke*, which was the first American capture of British armed vessel
April 5th, 1946 - USS *MISSOURI* arrived in Turkey returning the body of Turkish ambassador to the U.S. and show willingness to defend Turkey.
April 7th, 1942 - Navy accepted African Americans for general service
And today, April 8th, 1925 - First planned night landings on a carrier, USS *LANGLEY*, were conducted by VF-1

Quote of the Week

Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower. - Steve Jobs