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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

Rule Changes for ITDY Family Travel

Service members traveling on indeterminate temporary duty (ITDY) orders are now authorized to escort their family members to and from an alternate location at government expense, according to NAVADMIN 227/10, which was released July 9. The message announced the change in the Joint Federal Travel Regulations (JFTR) law that went into effect March 15. The new policy adds an escort entitlement for Sailors to accompany their family during an authorized move. There is no change to family member travel. Under the new rules, service members must request approval of their itinerary prior to starting travel.

NAVADMINs address change you should know about for you and your Sailors

NAVADMIN 245/10 addresses changes to education priorities and management of off-duty voluntary education. Funding for TA will be allocated quarterly based on historic usage rates and remaining available funds. When this allocation is reached, no further TA applications will be processed for the remainder of that quarter. NAVADMIN 231/10 modified the retest option for CLEP, DANTES, DSST, and ECE exams. Not everything is free anymore, read this NAVADMIN for clarification. However free exam study sheets are available at the Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) website under the learning tab.

Call for Command Master Chief/Command Senior Chief packages

Hard-charging and highly motivated Master Chief and Senior Chief Petty Officers who meet the requirements are strongly encouraged to apply for the program. The deadline for applications is 1 December 2010. Master Chiefs and Senior Chiefs selected into the CMDCM program will be assigned by the CMC detailer based on billet availability, experience, qualifications, and desires. Initial CMC assignments will normally be sea-shore Code 2 or 4, regardless of current duty assignment. Ref A of the NAVADMIN 244/10 is OPNAVIST 1306.2E, Command Master Chief Program instruction. If you desire to serve others at a command and strategic level, submit your application, the program always needs relief for those moving up and retiring from the best of our Master Chief community.

Upcoming PTS System Improvements

Enhancements for PTS are set to take place this fall. It is worth noting that these enhancements are only possible due to Fleet input and customer feedback. These changes should make the system more productive for the Career Counselors and more robust for the Sailor. These changes include:

- Single system for identification of qualified PTS opportunities, submission of applications, and ECM decision. Full integration of Fleet RIDE/REGA/PTS
- Pre-populated PTS applications for all Sailors at SEAOS
- Batch submission capability to enhance Counselor productivity
- Robust reporting
 - Compliance, results and execution reporting
 - OPNAV/USFF/CPF/ISIC/Unit level reporting

"More often than not the hard road is the road we are supposed to take, not solely because it is hard, but because the things we prize most in life are the things for which we've worked the hardest"

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