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Greenert made the comments during an all-hands call aboard the USS Kearsarge at Naval Station Norfolk. The amphibious assault ship returned from an eight-month deployment in November.

Greenert says the lengthy deployments became necessary due to operational needs and because of automatic spending cuts known as sequestration.

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Greenert told sailors it was regrettable they had to deploy for so long and that their next deployment beginning in the fall of 2015 should be shorter.

Greenert's remarks came on Day 75 of the U.S. air strike campaign against Islamic State fighters in Iraq and Syria. That effort has been carried out primarily by Navy ships and squadrons. He told reporters that the Navy can still make it work - as long as all that is needed is no more than one aircraft carrier strike group at a time.

"We can sustain that," Greenert said. "That's part of our plan. So, sustaining a carrier with an air wing in the Arabian Gulf, we can do that. And it doesn't have to include eight and nine-month deployments. The key is getting that maintenance done on the front end. Getting it done on time to give them enough time. And that's part of this plan we call optimizing the Fleet Response Plan that we currently have. Give enough time to do the maintenance to do the training, certify them, send them on deployment."

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By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Les Long, Naval Special Warfare Group 2 Public Affairs

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP) Vice Adm. Bill Moran visited Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Sailors during an all hands call on Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story, Oct. 21.

Moran discussed a variety of topics, including enlisted retention boards, retirement, and compensation.

"I don't often get to see and talk with NSW Sailors for a lot of reasons, mostly because you're always deployed," Moran said. "I have enormous respect for this community, from the enablers to the tactical guys to the boat drivers."

One of the topics Moran addressed was Sailors' concerns about the possibility of another enlisted retention board (ERB). The ERB was a manpower reduction tool that resulted in a force reduction of nearly 3,000 Sailors in 2011.

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Discussions in Congress regarding changing the current retirement system for military members has service members across all branches worried that their benefits will be changed or reduced.

"If there's a change to the Navy's retirement system in the future, it will only affect Sailors who join after the system change," he said. "If we come up with a better system in the future, you will have the opportunity to opt-in, but you will never be forced to opt-out of the current system."

Moran also responded to rumors that service members were facing a possible pay cut.

"Your pay will continue to increase, but it's not going up as fast as many of us have seen over the last 13 years," he said. "Over time, our pay has caught up to and jumped slightly ahead of our civilian counterparts," said Moran.

Moran said, "My role and commitment to you is to ensure, the best that I can, that you're properly compensated, you're properly taken care of, and, most importantly, your families are properly taken care of."

As the Chief of Naval Personnel, Vice Adm. Moran answers to the Chief of Naval Operations on matters of the Navy's manpower readiness. He also serves as the deputy chief of naval operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training Education/N1) and oversees the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Navy Personnel Command, and the Navy Manpower Analysis Center.

For more news from Naval Special Warfare Group 2, visit www.navy.mil/local/nswgtwo/.

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The Uniform Matters Office continues to receive a large number of questions and plenty of feedback on the optional wear of the Navy and command ball caps.

Based on your questions, here are the top five things you need to know about wearing ball caps:

1. The Navy ball cap is a seabag-issued item first received by Sailors at boot camp. Replacements can be purchased using the annual clothing replacement allowance for enlisted E1-E6 personnel. It is considered the property of the Sailor upon purchase.
2. The command ball cap is organizational clothing procured by the command (meaning that the supply officer buys them using operating target (OPTAR) funds) and issued to the Sailor by their assigned command. Sailors may purchase command ball caps with their personal funds, just as they purchase command badges, patches, belt buckles, and other permissible uniform items. However, since the command ball cap is not a seabag item, Sailors cannot be required to purchase it.
3. If a Sailor is authorized to wear NWUs out in town, he or she may wear the Navy or command ball cap. Ball caps may be worn with civilian clothes provided they do not have rank insignia or command titles reflected (i.e. CO, XO, CMC, CHENG, OPS, DECK LCPO, etc.). Command ball caps may substitute the Navy logo with the command name and logo and a Sailor's last name can be embroidered centered on the back of the cap in command colors. The ball cap is made of standard navy blue wool, synthetic, or blended fabric.

4. Commands may prescribe the eight-point cover with the NWUs for Sailors in formation at a ceremony or formal occasion. In this case, the ball cap shouldn't be worn.

5. The Navy and command ball caps may be worn with the NWU, Navy flight suits, navy blue coveralls, flame resistant coveralls, and the Navy physical training uniform.

For more information on uniform regulations and a list of FAQs relating to the ball caps, visit the Uniform Matters Office website at: <http://www.public.navy.mil/BUPERS-NPC/SUPPORT/UNIFORMS/Pages/FAQs.aspx>.

Email umo_cmc@navy.mil for feedback on uniform matters and usnpeople@gmail.com for feedback on other personnel matters.

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The Navy Enlisted Occupational Classification System Board approved a request to add CFLs at the end of July, Navy fitness program manager Bill Moore confirmed to Navy Times.

"This is one idea we've been working the past year," Moore said in an Oct. 15 phone interview.

The change brings legitimacy to a position that's becoming more and more important as the Navy devotes time and effort to keeping sailors in shape.

"By making it an NEC, I think you're going to start getting a lot more people who are passionate about fitness but don't want to just pick up another collateral. It holds a lot more weight," Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class (AW) Mike McCastle, a CFL at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington, told Navy Times in September. The official recognition will add CFL to sailors' personnel records as proof they've completed fitness instruction training.

That way, a commanding officer looking to fill a rating billet – and also in the market for a CFL – can possibly fill two jobs with one sailor.

"If you have a CFL that's transferring, and they have a couple of candidates that are coming into the command, the commanding officer can look at their credentials and say, 'OK, I need a CFL, and here's one that's available,'" Moore said in the interview.

Boosted Status

The new policy is unexpected. Just a little more than a month ago, after a group of command fitness leaders posted nine proposed changes to the service's physical readiness program on the online forum Reddit – which soon rocketed around the force – the Navy said none of the proposed changes was likely to win approval.

In an early September interview, the chief of naval personnel's senior enlisted adviser specifically said that the idea to give command fitness leaders an NEC wasn't being considered by her office. She did not mention that the Navy already had approved the NEC a month earlier.

Moore said there are no other changes coming to the way the Navy does BCA or PRT.

The move will help with accountability for CFLs. Today, a sailor can volunteer to be his command's fitness leader and get right to work, as long as he attends the five-day Fitness Leader Certification Course within the following three months.

Now, not only will the Navy be able to track CFLs the way they track other specialties, they'll be able to guarantee that no one is assigned to a CFL job without getting their classification first – a way to ensure that fitness programs and tests are run similarly from command to command. Though a NAVADMIN is in the works, Moore's office could not confirm an exact release date.

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