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VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (NNS) -- As part of the software backbone used to support the functionality of the Navy College Program website and Navy College Virtual Education Center (NCVEC), the Navy College Management Information System (NCMIS) is continually updated.

“Our recent NCMIS upgrades include the latest updates to the Post-9/11 GI Bill, including online acknowledgement of Transferability of Education Benefits (TEB) requirements; Improvements to the MyEducation Application including individual notifications to Sailors; and Upgraded Advanced Education Voucher/Graduate Education Voucher (AEV/GEV) functionality,” said Steve Ramey, NCMIS program manager for the Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center.

Here are three things to know about the NCMIS enhancements:

- Updated Post-9/11 GI Bill Process.  As announced in NAVADMIN 236/18, all Sailors are required to sign a Statement of Understanding (SOU) to begin the process of transferring unused GI Bill Education Benefits to family members.  Once logged into MyEducation from the Navy College Program website, the service member reviews the SOU and agrees to the statement.  Further instructions will guide the Sailor to the milConnect website (https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect/) to transfer benefits.  All Transfer of Education Benefit (TEB) requests must be approved by Navy Personnel Command or Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command.  Sailors can see the status of their TEB by logging into milConnect.

- Sailors will now receive individualized messages within MyEducation.  The MyEducation Application is used by Sailors to submit funding requests for tuition assistance (TA) and for Navy College Program for Afloat College Education (NCPACE) distance learning (DL) courses.  Updates to the Navy College Program Notification Center functionality will keep all communication with a service member within MyEducation and the Navy College Management Information System (NCMIS).  This will allow any Navy College staff member to access the Sailor’s record of communication to ensure continuity of service resulting in an improved counseling experience.

- Updates to the Advanced Education Voucher (AEV) and Graduate Education Voucher (GEV) program functionalities.  For participants in the AEV or GEV program, changes have been made to prevent FY crossovers, allow school fees to be entered for reimbursement, and provide better visibility of remaining program funding on the service members’ record.

Navy College staff are always seeking feedback about the VOLED program.  The link to the new NCP customer service opinion survey is: https://www.research.net/r/NCVEC_CSAT_SURV_V2

More information can be found by visiting the Navy College Program website: https://www.navycollege.navy.mil/index.htm including how to start the education process, complete required training, submit a Help Request through the NCVEC, initiate a Live Chat session, or review knowledge management articles.  The NCVEC can be reached toll free by calling 1-877-838-1659; DSN 492-4684, Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. EST.

An additional program, the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP) works closely with the Department of Labor to provide nationally-recognized apprenticeship programs that result in journeyman-level certificates of completion for members of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.
For more information about USMAP or to register for an apprenticeship, visit https://usmap.netc.navy.mil/usmapss/static/index.htm.

NCMIS updates are part of the Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education (MPT&E) Transformation, a modernization effort that will overhaul the way human resources (HR) services are provided to all Sailors, their families, and future recruits. Over the next several years, the Transformation will change how services are offered throughout a Sailor's entire "Hire-to-Retire" life cycle, by streamlining processes and systems to improve the speed, accuracy, and quality of HR services.

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Historically, the board has been held in June and November, with Navy Personnel Command, Officer Career Progression Department (PERS-8) serving as the board sponsor.

Navy shifted the lateral transfer and redesignation board to August in order to increase the likelihood that officers receive promotion results prior to the August board results.

The process change, part of Navy’s Sailor 2025 personnel system modernization efforts, will better match officer skill sets with individual community needs.

A NAVADMIN announcing the convening and application deadline for the February 2019 Board will be released in the coming months. Additional information will be made available on the NPC Lateral Transfer/Redesignation website at http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/boards/administrative/TransferRedesignation/Pages/default.aspx.

The lateral transfer and redesignation process is a key tool, by which the Navy manages the talents of its officers. It provides flexibility in officer community Manning and maximizes the Navy’s return on investment in officer training and education, by leveraging the specialized skillsets of officers throughout their careers.

For more information on the board read NAVADMIN 246/18 at www.npc.navy.mil.
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Service members will now see web-based updates to better serve Sailors, Marines, Soldiers, and Coast Guardsmen. These changes went into effect Oct. 1.

Here are 4 things service members should know about changes to USMAP’s website and processes.

1. Enrollment is now automated. Up to now, all enrollments have been processed manually by USMAP staff. If applicants meet the trade requirements for the apprenticeship they are applying to, they can go to the USMAP website (https://usmap.netc.navy.mil) and complete the automated enrollment process. Requirements include career aspects such as Military Occupation (e.g. Navy/Coast Guard rating, Navy Enlisted Classification, or Marine Corps/Army Military Occupational Specialty), and service training.

2. The reporting process is changing. Instead of printing out weekly and monthly logs that had to be signed by three supervisors and retained by the service member, participants can now submit monthly logs through the USMAP website, documenting on-the-job (OJT) hours to their supervisors "electronically." The supervisors will receive an email link to approve the logs. The same goes for a semi-annual report that is signed by a commanding officer or someone authorized to sign by direction.

3. You will still get a certificate in the mail. When you finish your apprenticeship, you will receive an email with final details. You will need to ensure your address is correct in your online USMAP profile. The Department of Labor completion certificate and a Journeyman Card will take approximately four to six weeks to arrive in the mail. Make sure you keep this with your important papers to use as a resource and proof of completion towards annual military evaluations, promotion or officer programs, and when applying for post-service jobs. For Sailors, completion will continue to also be documented through Electronic Training Jacket, Navy Training and Management Planning System, and Fleet Training Management and Planning System. For all service members, USMAP completion will also be annotated on your Joint Service Transcript, which is available to you even after you leave the service at https://jst.doded.mil/

4. You will need to retain a copy of your own record after you leave the service. Need to show an employer your logs as proof of OJT hours? Make sure to save a copy of your documents from your profile. The USMAP website currently requires CAC authentication to access your records, so once you leave the service, you will not be able to log back in to retrieve your documents.

USMAP is managed by Naval Education and Training Command as part of a group of programs offering credentialing, apprenticeship and voluntary education opportunities.

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Although cybersecurity is important every day, October’s National Cybersecurity Awareness Month provides the Navy with the opportunity to highlight the critical importance of cybersecurity throughout the enterprise – outlining how adversaries operate, what the Navy is doing to improve its cybersecurity, and what you can do at work and at home to protect the Navy and yourself from cyber threats.

The consensus among our senior military and civilian leaders is clear; the cyber threat is real, and the stakes – in this new era of great power competition – are high.

“Americans and our allies are under attack every day in cyberspace.”
– John Bolton, National Security Advisor

“...persistent campaigns in and through cyberspace that pose long-term strategic risk to the Nation...”
– Department of Defense upon release of its 2018 Cyber Strategy

Despite alarm bells by senior officials, skepticism about the cyber threat remains. Because we can’t see what’s happening in cyberspace like we can in the physical world, observers and stakeholders alike may not fully grasp the prevalence and severity of cyber threats.

Someone would probably notice if coworkers tried to copy or photograph hundreds of thousands of pages of military documents. Yet the same result, the loss of valuable and potentially mission-critical information can be accomplished inconspicuously through a cyberattack, and in fact, hackers have remotely compromised the networks of defense contractors and stolen sensitive military data through just such means.

Similarly, a kinetic attack on a power plant would be obvious and invite an immediate response, while cyberattacks are unseen and more difficult to trace, which is why Russian hackers were able to covertly disable equipment at a Ukrainian power company in 2016, cutting off power to the city of Kiev for over an hour.

Lest we think our infrastructure is immune, the U.S. government acknowledged Russian hacking and infiltration of our power companies earlier this year, reinforcing the fact that our adversaries are capable of and continuously attempting to breach our networks, systems and critical warfighting infrastructure in an effort to compromise military readiness and operational security.

Understanding the consequences of our actions in cyberspace is essential to combating cyber threats, and Cybersecurity Awareness Month is an important time for us all to be reminded of the ways in which we can contribute to either the strength or the weakness of the enterprise, through our day-to-day actions – at work, at home and at sea.

Connecting an unauthorized thumb drive that contains malicious software to the network is an innocent mistake with potentially damaging consequences. A weak password could allow adversaries to gain access to the network, and causes a majority of system breaches. Posting updates on social media that give clues as to the locations of ships and Sailors could compromise operational security.

In the vast majority of cases, cyber threats don’t cause fires or explosions, and they are not accompanied by
grand declarations by state actors, which is exactly what makes them so dangerous. They are unseen, they are real and they can be crippling to our Navy. Sailors, civilians, contractors and families are our front line of defense in this fight – and by adhering to cybersecurity policies, directives and best practices – we can all help keep the Navy secure, as well as protect ourselves and our families while online.

The Navy is counting on you to help protect it from cyber threats. Be on the lookout for updates throughout the month providing information on how our adversaries operate, what the Navy is doing to combat threats, and what you can do to protect the Navy and yourself in the cyber domain.

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