Reserve Officer Promotion Brief

March 2021
Scope & Purpose

- **Scope:**
  - This brief covers the process for Navy Reserve and Full-Time Support Officer regular statutory promotion boards as governed by SECNAVINST 1420.3
  - Provides an overview ONLY, not to be taken as comprehensive or authoritative

- **Purpose:**
  - Answer the question: “How does the board process work?”
  - Emphasize the importance of personal record management
Officer Promotion Plan: How Do I Know When Am I Eligible?

- **Notice Of Convening Promotion Selection Boards NAVADMIN**
  - Announces next Fiscal Year’s zones for each competitive category of officers
  - Always released in December –Not less than 30 days prior to first board
  - Based on the Promotion Plan produced by OPNAV N13

- **Individual Eligibility**
  - Based on your Date of Rank and Precedence Number, which is available on MyNavy Portal (MNP) or BUPERS Online (BOL), which contains the Naval Register
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Help, I’m in zone! What do I do now?

- View your OSR/PSR and Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) by selecting “My Record” on MyNavy Portal:

  https://my.navy.mil/

- Check everything in your record (see next slide for details)-- if something is missing, submit a letter to the board with the missing/correct document(s) as an enclosure(s)
Maintaining Your Record

- **Check:**
  - Regular FITREP Continuity
  - Awards
  - Education Information
  - Service Schools
  - Subspecialty Codes
  - Special Qualifications (AQDs)
  - Naval Officer Billet Classification codes (NOBCs)
  - Ensure that you have a precedence number!
Board Membership Composition

- **Reserve Regular Unrestricted Line (Minimum Criteria):**
  - **RADM Promotion Board:**
    - 3 Air warfare officers (13XX)
    - 3 Surface warfare/special warfare/special operations officers (111X/113X/114X), at least 2 must be 111X. Third may be 113X/114X or another 111X
    - 1 Submarine warfare officer (112X)
    - President must be VADM or above, all other members must be RADM, with at least one ADL officer
    - Minority/Female Representatives
  
  - **RDML Promotion Board:**
    - 4 Air warfare officers (13XX)
    - 4 Surface warfare/special warfare/special operations officers (111X/113X/114X), at least 3 must be 111X. Fourth may be 113X/114X or another 111X
    - 1 Submarine warfare officer (1120)
    - President must be VADM or above, all other members must be RDML, with at least one ADL officer
    - Minority/Female Representatives
Board Membership Composition

- Reserve Regular Unrestricted Line (Minimum Criteria):
  - CAPT through LCDR Promotion Boards:
    - 7 Air warfare officers (13XX), including at least one NFO (132X)
    - 6 Surface warfare/special warfare/special operations officers (111X/113X/114X), at least 5 must be 111X. Sixth may be 113X/114X or another 111X
    - Submarine warfare officers (112X)
    - At least one member must be an ADL officer
    - CAPT promotion board president shall be VADM, two additional members must be in or selected to RADM or RDML. All others CAPTs or above
    - CDR promotion board president shall be RADM, two additional members must be in or selected to RADM or RDML. All others CAPTs or above
    - LCDR promotion board president must be in or selected to RADM or RDML. At least three other members must be in or selected to CAPT. All others may be LCDRs or above
    - Minority/Female Representatives
Board Membership Composition

- **Reserve Regular Restricted Line (Minimum Criteria):**
  - 1 RL (from competitive category if available)
  - 4 URL officers with 1 from each major warfare (Aviation/Surface/Submarine)
  - Grade of members should be same as URL counterparts
  - At least one member must be an ADL officer
  - Minority/Female Representatives

- **Reserve Regular LDO (Minimum Criteria is 5 Officers):**
  - One member shall be a LDO from same competitive category
  - LDO (Line), majority members must be URL
  - LDO (Staff), at least one member from SC, and CEC when considering LDOs from those communities
  - Members shall be serving in a grade higher than that of the officers being considered
  - At least one member must be an ADL officer
  - Minority/Female Representatives
Board Membership Composition

- Reserve Regular Staff Corps (Minimum Criteria):
  - 5 or more members, with at least one URL member. Remaining members may be from competitive category under consideration
  - Chaplain Corps Board – must have 5 URL Officers and at least 1 CHC Chaplains selected without regard to religious affiliation
  - Medical Corps – Should include Medical / Surgical Specialties Representation
  - Nurse Corps – Should include Advanced Practice Nurses Representation
  - Medical Service Corps – Should include Health Care Administrators / Health Clinical Care / Health Care Scientists Representation
  - At least one member must be an ADL officer
  - Minority/Female Representatives
Board Membership Composition

- Reserve Regular Staff Corps (Minimum Criteria) cont:
  - Grade of members:
    - RADM: President must be RADM or above, remaining members must be serving in a grade higher than officers under consideration
    - RDML: President must be RDML or above, remaining members must be serving in a grade higher than officers under consideration
    - CAPT: President should be RDML or above. CAPTs selected for promotion to RDML may be used if flag officers from respective corps are not reasonably available. Remaining members must be CAPTs or above
    - CDR: President should be RDML or above. CAPTs selected for promotion to RDML may be used if flag officers from respective corps are not reasonably available. Remaining members must be CDRs or above
    - LCDR: President should be CAPTs selected for promotion to RDML or above. CAPTs may be used in the small competitive categories where continued use of a small number of flag officers is not practical. Remaining members must be LCDR or above
Lieutenant All Fully Qualified is a selection process conducted by PERS-80

- All officers who will have completed the LTJG statutory time in grade requirement of 24 months within the next fiscal year will normally be placed on the select list for Lieutenant if on the most recent observed regular fitness report, the officer did not receive a promotion recommendation of “significant problems” or “progressing”
- Performed twice per year, AFQOL #1 in May and AFQOL #2 in December.
- Eligible officers may only be considered once per year.

All records are screened and reviewed for adverse information

- Those who are selected for promotion will be promoted on the first day of the first month following the anniversary of 24 months in grade. The monthly promotion NAVADMIN message released by CNP is the authority for promotion
Promotion to Lieutenant Junior Grade

- Commanding officers are authorized to make the initial determination as to the basic qualifications of officers under their command to serve in the grade of lieutenant junior grade (LTJG).

- Officers may be promoted to LTJG as soon as qualified, but not earlier than the date of completion of 24 months service in grade as Ensign (ENS).
  
  - For example, an ENS whose date of rank is 2 October 2017 will complete 24 months in grade on 1 October 2019 and will be eligible for promotion on 2 October 2019.
The Promotion Selection Board Precept:

- Signed by SECNAV
- **ONE** issued each FY and covers all O6 and below statutory boards convened for that FY
- Promulgates general guidance on the function and procedures of all statutory selection boards
- Contains the required oaths for the board members and recorders to ensure strict confidentiality of proceedings
- Addresses equal opportunity and diversity guidance
- Addresses processing and routing of promotion selection board reports
- References SECNAV approved community briefs & competency/skill information
Pre-Board (Convening Order)

The Promotion Selection Board Convening Order:

- Signed by SECNAV or ASN
- Issued for EACH board and provides the authority to convene the board
- Provides the date, time, and location of the selection board along with official list of membership, recorders, and admin support for that particular board
- Sets the “best and fully qualified” selection standard along with the authorized percentage to select for each competitive category
- Defines skill requirements to be considered by the board for each competitive category
- Defines additional considerations by the board for each competitive category
Pre-Board (Preparation)

- **Two Months Prior/Three Weeks Prior:**
  - Verify eligible officers based on lineal number and any changes (e.g., resignations or retirements)

- **List of eligible officers sent to Selection Board Support for creation of the selection board in the Navy Selection Board System and the Navy Officer and Enlisted Board System (OEBS):**
  - The Officer Summary Record (OSR), Performance Summary Record (PSR) and Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) are downloaded from corporate information systems approximately three weeks before the board convenes.
  - The OSR and PSR are frozen at this point and no longer updated from external data sources to facilitate manual corrections by board recorders.
  - Documents added to the OMPF are updated on a daily basis until the board convenes.
Board Recorder Week (Board Prep)

- Usually starts one week prior to the board with board recorders and assistant recorders arrival

- Recorders: Verify eligible officers’ record displays accurately in the Selection Board System – **DONE AS A COURTESY TO ELIGIBLE OFFICERS!**
  - Verify regular FITREP continuity for previous 5-years
  - Verify PSR accurately reflects FITREP grades and promotion recommendations from OMPF
  - Verify OSR accurately reflects awards and education from OMPF

- **IMPORTANT!!** – The recorder’s verification does **NOT** replace an officer’s responsibility to ensure the completeness and accuracy of his/her record
Communication with the Selection Board by eligible officers:

- Letter to the Board (LTB) – see MILPERSMAN 1420-010 and annual NOTICE OF CONVENING PROMOTION SELECTION BOARDS NAVADMIN
  - Effective 1 January 2020, Electronic Submission of Selection Board Documents (ESSBD) is the preferred method to submit a LTB.
    - Available through MyNavy Portal (MNP) and BUPERS Online (BOL) – Refer to NAVADMIN 220/19 for specific details and LTB submission procedures
    - ESSBD user guide available on MyNavy HR website under Selection Board Support
- NOT required, but is authorized by law
- Written communication from the eligible officer to the Board President
- Must arrive not later than 10 calendar days before convening date of the board by law. Submissions received after the due date will not be considered. There is no waiver or exception to policy to this law.
- Can be sent via 1) regular mail; 2) encrypted email via the cscselboard@navy.mil mailbox account; or 3) through the ESSBD
- May call attention to any matter concerning the eligible officer that the officer considers important to his/her case
Communication with the Selection Board by eligible officers (cont):
• By law, a LTB MUST be considered by the board, so use discretion!!

Federal law prohibits third party correspondence, so items submitted including letters of recommendation, MUST ALL come from the eligible officer!! Refer to MILPERSMAN 1420-010 for specific guidance.
Board members arrive on board convening day and review precept/convening order

Usually 0800 start with welcome/admin remarks

Members and Recorders are sworn in (Oaths)

Mandatory SECNAV administrative brief

Members proceed to the appropriate board room

Members are provided training on the board software application

Eligible records are distributed randomly to board members

Members begin to review and grade all above-zone (AZ) and in-zone (IZ) eligible records

• Member reviews all FITREPs and other applicable items in the official record of the assigned eligible officer and annotates grade, notes, and highlights on the OSR/PSR to be viewed by all board members in the “Tank”
Selection Board Room
Member’s Workstation (Grade & Record Review)

Mock Record used for training purposes ONLY

OSR/PSR

DOC LIST
Record Brief / Vote in the “Tank”

- Completed records are displayed and briefed by the reviewing member in the “Tank”

- The OMPF (including adverse information) and an officer’s LTB has to be made available to the promotion board
  - FC-17 is privileged or adverse information of a punitive or medical nature concerning the eligible, that **MUST** be briefed in the “Tank”
  - **NOTE:** Adverse/medical information can only be briefed if it is contained in the eligible officer’s official military record, such as FC-17

- All members vote the record via a confidence factor (100, 75, 50, 25, 0)

- Board Recorder records the vote in the Board Recorder’s Notebook and calls out the number of YES votes with the overall confidence factor
Selection Board “Tank”
Wireless Voting Box
OSR/PSR WITH SAMPLE BRIEFER ANNOTATIONS AS SHOWN IN THE “TANK” – MEMBER’S VIEW
Sample Tank Vote

Confidence Vote
SWOSSC Lifetime
SSN
Desig = 1116 / Cnscn = 8012

Yes Votes = 2
No Votes = 1
Confidence = 80%
Once all AZ & IZ records have been briefed and voted, a scattergram is displayed which shows the cumulative number of votes at each confidence level.

The floor is open for motions:
- Tentatively select those officers that clearly warrant selection.
- Drop from further consideration those officers that are clearly not competitive for further consideration.
- **NOTE:** This is an overview of typical motions made by a board membership and is not meant to represent an actual “Tank” voting session.

Those officers who remain after those tentatively selected or dropped from further consideration are considered “crunch” records and are normally re-distributed among the membership for a second review in the boardroom.
- **NOTE:** If the first review was not done by a member of the same or similar designator, the second review **MUST BE** by the same or similar designator.
### Sample Scattergram

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Example Motion:
Tentatively select those officers 90 and above

6 eligible records remain for a second review, known as “Crunch” records

Example Motion:
Drop from further consideration those officers 45 and below
Final Selections

- “Crunch” records are reviewed and graded

- Once all complete, the records are again displayed and briefed by the reviewing member in the “Tank”
  - The record will display all markings and grades by both reviewers in different colors allowing members to differentiate which reviewer made what mark

- All members vote the record via a confidence factor (100, 75, 50, 25, 0)

- Head Recorder records the vote in the Head Recorder’s Notebook and calls out the number of YES votes with the overall confidence factor

- Once all records have been voted, the scattergram is displayed and the floor is open for voting motions

- Members vote on who, if any, to tentatively select and who to drop from further consideration
Final Selections / Adjournment

- If there are still authorized selections available, and there are officers who are neither tentatively selected or dropped from further consideration, then those remaining records continue to be “crunched”
  - Process continues until all authorized selections are filled, or the board membership does not find any additional officers that meet the selection criteria

- The Select List is verified and the board votes to confirm their selections and certify they have maintained the integrity of the selection board

- The Board Members and Recorders sign the signature pages to be forwarded with the board’s Record of Proceedings

- The Board President makes any closing remarks and adjourns the board
Merit Reorder Process

- Only officers who are selected by O4 to O6 Promotion Selection Boards are eligible for Merit Reorder.

- SECNAV approved competitive category specific considerations for merit reorder will be briefed in the tank or board rooms:
  - Records will be reassigned to at least one of the same board members that evaluated and briefed the record during the Promotion Selection Board.

- All records will be briefed and voted in the tank.

- This will result in a scattergram to:
  - tentatively select eligibles for merit reorder -OR-
  - tentatively drop from further merit reorder consideration

- Records will continue to be briefed until Merit Reorder list is at or below the maximum percentage specified in the Convening Order.
Post-Board (Callout)

- Randomly conducted between the Board President, DCNP and CNP – followed by a SECNAV callout

- Purpose:
  - Present Board statistic books
  - Brief Chain-of-Command on board results
  - Consider improvements to the Precept and selection board process

- NOTE: NOT EVERY BOARD HAS A CALLOUT
Post-Board
The Record of Proceedings (ROP)

- PERS-804 prepares and finalizes the board’s ROP and sends to the Office of the Secretary of Defense for approval
- OSD forwards the Select List to the Senate for confirmation
- The following table shows the approval/confirmation process governed by 10 USC 624 –(entire process usually takes 3 months):

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Selections Released / Promotion

- Once OSD approves the board, the selections are released via an ALNAV

- Selectees are in a Select status but are **NOT YET** promoted

- Actual promotions start at the beginning of the fiscal year according to a promotion phasing plan approved by SECNAV and published online
  - Current plan: With the implementation of the Merit Reorder process, the top 15% or more are promoted 1 October, phasing varies by community over the remaining 11 months of the FY
  - Merit Reorder affects date of rank, but does not necessarily affect/change lineal or precedence seniority order

- Official promotion is announced via a monthly NAVADMIN
Points of Contact

- PERS-801: Officer promotion selection board execution (includes Spot and Special Selection Boards) – (901) 874-4533

- PERS-802: Officer promotion selection board eligibility – (901) 874-3324/4537

- PERS-804: Pre and Post Board administration (Precept/Convening Orders, Board ROP, Community Briefs) – (901) 874-3244/4415

- PERS-805: Selection board membership – (901) 874-2436/2209

- PERS-83: Officer and enlisted performance and adverse matters – (901) 874-4502/3255

- PERS-91: Reserve officer status – (901) 874-4713/4485