Agenda

• PERS-41 Mission
• Fleet Metrics
• What’s new in the Fleet
• Career Progression and Milestones
PERS-41 Mission

- Career Management
- Match talent to task
- Provide capable officers for all milestones
- Respond to Fleet needs

Building Strong Careers is our Job
Surface Warfare continues to lead diversity and inclusion in the Fleet!

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What’s going on in Surface Warfare

- Midshipman Early Ship Selection Initiative option for COs – 3 per ship
  - Notify PERS-412 once Blue Chip has been activated
- Division Officer Sequencing Plan Updates
  - 24/27/30 month First Tour based on qualification timing
  - No MCM / CVN 1st Tour DIVOs
  - LCS 1st Tour DIVOs online
- Increased selectivity to serve as a DH
- First and only “Reward for Performance” bonus in DOD (DHRB)
  - DHRB payout schemes update
- No Staff Tours as milestones → Post DIVO / DH
- Increased flexibility for DH school start
What’s going on in Surface Warfare

• Improved Ship Readiness Initiatives
  – CSO Fleet-Up open to all CRUDES
  – LSD CHENG billets shifted back to the LDOs
  – All CHENG billets now Single Longer Tour (SLT)
  – CHENG billets are no longer eligible for spot promotion (regardless of hull number)
  – LHD/LHA TRAINO moved to 1st Tour DH
• COs may select any DH to fleet-up to CSO or PTO, as applicable
  – Submit a written request to PERS-41
  – TYCOM standardized the PTO billet and BST
• All DESRON/PHIBRON DH billets are now post-DH tours
  – Additional manning at DESRON/PHBRON through SLT DH Program
• CDR CMD Board look timing update

Driving Improved Readiness
Future Opportunities

• **USVDIV ONE**
  - FY-22
  - Operating under SURFDEVRON ONE
  - SEA HUNTER, MUSV, LUSV

• **Light Amphibious Warship (LAW)**
  - O-4 Command
  - FY-25

• **FFG-62 CONSTELLATION CLASS**
  - Highly-capable AEGIS fighting vessel
  - O-5 Command
  - FY-26
Career Progression and Milestones
Career “Requirements”

- To be competitive for screening to Major Command an officer’s career needs:
  - Master’s degree
  - JPME Phase I
  - Community tour (e.g. OPNAV N95/96, SWSC, SWMDC, CNSP/L, PERS-41, etc.)
  - JPME Phase II / Joint tour
  - DC tour

- Nuclear trained officers (SWO(N)) and Warfare Tactics Instructors (WTI) require a production tour in their specialized fields in addition to the above items.

- These requirements can be combined, and quite often are
  - e.g. OPNAV N95/96 are both community and DC tours, many NPS curricula are both a Master’s degree and JPME Ph I, a SMWDC production tour is also a community tour, etc.

- The SWO career has five notional opportunities to complete these requirements
  - 1x post-DIVO
  - 2x post-DH
  - 2x post-CDR CMD

*** Sustained Superior Performance At Sea Remains the Primary Consideration at Screening Boards ***
SWO Career Path

Maximizing Our Time On Ships

= Go/No Go assessment
DIVO Slating Process

• 5 sea / shore slates per year
• 6-9 months from PRD for sea and shore – **OOD Letter** required
  – Screened for DH required to slate to shore
• Slate input includes:
  – Qualifications (OOD, EOOW)
  – FITREP performance (Best in-tour FITREP Individual TA vs. RSCA)
  – Preferences / CO input & assessment
• DIVO Tour lengths are between 24 and 30 months for first tour and 18 months for second tour
  – 24 month tour requires SWO qualification and submitted request prior to 18 months onboard
  – 27 month tour requires SWO qualification and submitted request prior to 21 months onboard
  – 30 month tour will be the standard unless otherwise requested
  – SWO-N DIVO tours remain 21 months and 28 months (nuclear tour)
• COs can still fleet up to 2nd Tour jobs…including WTI
  – The decision to fleet up MUST be made before slating
  – Can only be executed with 24/18 officers
• DESRON/PHIBRON are now post-DIVO tours
Increased Flexibility

• Option 1: Legacy Path
  – DH school start between YCS 7-8
  – Family planning windows during post-DV2 and post-DH2 shore tours

• PRO: No change to existing career path or risk to statutory selection

• CON: Age gap between children, inflexible timing leads to officer retention challenges, reinforces status quo perception issues
Increased Flexibility

- Option 2: Late DH school start
  - Two post-DV shore tours
  - DH school start between YCS 8-9 with a letter to the O-4 board

- PRO: Increased graduate education, WTI, production tour and family planning opportunities, minimal change to career timing, increased geographic stability following DV tours

- CON: Minor risk to IZ O-4 screening, reduced time in P-DH tours, potential delay or risk to CDR CMD and O-5 screening
Increased Flexibility

- **Option 3: Early DH school start**
  - DH school start between YCS 5-6
  - One optional post DV2 tour and extended P-DH tours

- **PRO:** Increased geographic stability post DH, more time for community or joint tours

- **CON:** Less time for O-4 afloat HBO (mitigated by fleet up options), increased time between DH and XO/CO (mitigated by Post DH community waterfront tour)
Expanded Shore Opportunities…
for our MOST Talented JOs

- **FSEP (Fleet Scholar Education Program)**
  - Pursue advanced education at America’s most prestigious institutions of their choosing (in CONUS). Degrees offered are Data Science, Engineering, Public Policy/Public Administration and Technology Innovation/Management.

- **GET (Graduate Education and Teaching)**
  - Apply to a university in the National Capital Region, pursue a one year Master's Degree in ANY concentration desired, and then teach that subject area at USNA for two years.

- **LEAD (Leadership Education and Development)**
  - Pursue a Master's Degree from NPS followed by a two year tour as a Company Officer at USNA.

- **TWI (Tours with Industry)**
  - The opportunity to work at Amazon, Google, LinkedIn, Apple, La Quinta, Walmart, UPS, Memphis Grizzlies, etc.

- **GEV (Graduate Education Voucher)**
  - Pays up to $20,000 per year for a maximum of two years for graduate education, books and most fees.

- **NPS (Naval Postgraduate School)**
  - Pursue a Master’s Degree and JPME Ph I. Program lengths vary between 18-24 months and include programs within the National Security Studies, Operations Research, Engineering and Technology, and General Operations (USW, Computer Science, Network Operations, Space Systems, & Cyber Systems).

- **LGEP (Low Residency Graduate Education)**
  - This program offers 18 and 24 month graduate education opportunities at selected schools in strategic focused programs using a minimized on-campus model. It is ideal for officers to execute in conjunction with a tour at a valued community tour.

- **PMRI (Purdue Univ. Military Research Initiative)**
  - Pursue a Master's Degree or PhD (preferred). This program is 36 months and requires Aegis experience and Dahlgren training.

- **MIT-WHOI (Massachusetts Institute for Technology - Woods Hole Institute)**
  - Obtain a Master's Degree in an Oceanography based curricula. Practical / theater ASW experience preferred.

- **Professional Initiatives Abroad**
  - Portsmouth, UK - Esquimalt, Canada - Marin, Spain - Canberra, Australia - La Spezia, Italy - Mons, Belgium - Lisbon, Portugal - Toulon, France! Expand your maritime portfolio via Instructor duty, BMD planner, Future Ops Maritime, and Maritime Lab Experimenter assignments.

- **NROTC (Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps)**
  - 2-3 year programs to lead, mentor, and train future Naval Officers. Master’s Degree opportunities exist.

**DHRB required - Talent Management Board meets in August**

Not all shore opportunities are slated through the talent management board. For a comprehensive list, please visit [https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/training-education-qualifications/e-graduate-education-and-fellowship-programs](https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/training-education-qualifications/e-graduate-education-and-fellowship-programs)

Contact your detailer with any questions!
WTI: A Surface Warfare Community Priority

- Expanded WTI Opportunity
  - From 2nd Tour JO to post-DH O-4s… and LDOs
  - CO’s can home-grow DIVO WTIs…must be WTI-selects; engage PERS early

- Variety of Productions Tours
  - Expect to complete a post-DIVO production tour
  - Full range of commands and homeports are identified and billets properly coded that will capitalize on the tactical investment

- Graduate Education Options
  - GEV, NWC (including Fleet Seminar), NPS Distance Learning, and service War Colleges

- Selection Process – NSMWDC led
  - Seeking our most promising tactical athletes… w/ strong CO support
  - Executing a rolling application process and screening applicants into an approved “WTI Bank”… identifying, selecting and slating as early as possible
Transition to SLT CHENG

- Why are CHENGs moving to SLT?
  - Experience and Training Return on Investment
  - Additional HBO opportunities
  - Geographic Stability
  - Increased Engineering Leadership Continuity

- Execution
  - Phased roll out over next 18 months to ensure steady demand signal for future DH classes.
  - 1DH with 2208 or earlier PRD will execute traditional 2DH.
  - Officers graduating DH school prior to 2203 will execute assigned orders.
    - Select Officers will execute 36 month tours
  - Officers in DH school or slated prior to DH school will be contacted individually.
  - All submitted spot promotions will be honored. No new ENG Spot promotions will be submitted.
FY 22 DH Selection Board

- **1\textsuperscript{st} Look (YG 18)**
  - 58% selection (468/805)

- **2\textsuperscript{nd} Look (YG 17)**
  - 56% selection (123/220)

- **3\textsuperscript{rd} Look (YG 16)**
  - 46% selection (27/59)

- Superior performance at sea was primary selection factor.
- Ship/Platform/Command, ship employment and billet assignment not factored.
- Advanced qualifications and above RSCA ranking was favorably viewed.
- No SWO = No Selection
- Board did not have a “Zero Defect” mentality.

Continuing to be the **most selective** DH Board process in a generation
Delayed Look/Special Additional Look

• **Delayed Look**
  – Any Officer can request to delay a specific look for Department Head
  – Common reasons to delay a look:
    • Attrition from another community
    • Operational deferment
    • LIMDU
    • IGEP
    • Limited opportunities to be observed at sea

• **Special Additional Look**
  – Governed by MPM article 1301-804
  – Granted if Officer was “uniquely disadvantaged” in regular looks or if Officer was “unfairly considered” in the normal process

• Both requests require a letter to the board to be submitted via your JO detailer

• The template can be found on the PERS-41 website.

• PERS-41 makes a recommendation and the board will vote on whether to approve or disapprove the request during board week.
Critical Skills Retention Bonuses

**DHRB - $75-105K**
- Up to additional $30K for screening first look and signing DH contract
  - Officers can sign DHRB up to YCS 6 and receive full payout amount
  - Signing before YCS 6 affords officers executive slating and Talent Management opportunities during Post-DIVO tour

**LRB - $46K**
- $22K on 2\textsuperscript{nd} anniversary of promotion to LCDR
- $12K on 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} anniversary of promotion to LCDR
- Must apply between 11-12 YCS

**SORB - $48K**
- $48K bonus (4 installments) for CDR CAPT
- Sign at YCS-19 and agree to serve to YCS-23
- Open to all post milestone officers starting with YG-02

**SWO Compensation**

Up to $151K to Serve DH + 4 Years as LCDR
Post-DH Detailing

- Goal: Prepare Officers for **Milestone Screening (CO, XO/XO*/XO-SM)**
  - Competition is intense
  - DH performance alone may not be enough
  - Milestone screening drives statutory promotions

- Detailers review record focusing on DH performance and beyond
  - EOOW & TAO Letters, CMD Qual, JPME, Masters Degree
  - FITREP Breakouts (Hard and Soft against peer group)
  - FITREP Trait Avg vs RSCA & Summary Avg
  - Command Afloat Recommendations

- Detailers provide guidance on where officers need to go next to improve screening opportunity
  - Post-DH Sea/Operational Duty (30% of billet base and highest priority to fill)
  - Waterfront/Production Tours
  - DC or other high vis community tour

- Detailers timing priority is to maintain two 24-month tours between DH and CDR CMD pipeline

**Post-DH assignments are your last opportunity to maximize your chances of screening**
CDR CMD/XO Screening

- **CDR CMD Board timing is anchored to YCS 12**
  - Officers will be considered on the CDR CMD board following their YCS 12 anniversary
  - For most officers, this will be at YCS 12.5
    - 1st look YCS 12.5, 2nd look YCS 13.5, 3rd look YCS 15.5

- **Dec 2021 CDR CMD Board Composition**
  - 1st look: YCS 12
    - Officers commissioned between 07DEC08 – 05DEC09
  - 2nd look: Mix (YCS 13 & PYG +3)
    - Officers commissioned before 06DEC08 who received their first look at the FY22 Board.
    - Includes remainder of YG07 and senior officers who promoted to LCDR in FY18
  - 3rd look PYG +5
    - LCDR PYG16 3rd Look in Dec 2021 (CO-Afloat or CO-SM)
    - Only XO-Afloat, XO-Afloat*, or XO-SM screen officers w/ CMD qual eligible
CDR CMD/XO Screening

• XO milestone tour update
  – As per the results of the FY-22 CDR CMD board, eligible officers competing for XO-Afloat milestones will be apportioned to XO-Afloat, XO-Afloat* and XO-Special mission.
  – XO-Afloat* officers will be primarily detailed to key O5 billets onboard CVNs, LHDs, and LHAs.
  – XO-Afloat* officers will attend XO leadership courses and be able to fill traditional XO-Afloat billets pending availability.
  – Officers apportioned to XO-Special Mission will be assigned to traditional XO-SM billets.

• Acquisition Professional (AP) Selection
  – Volunteers from 1st and 2nd look selects are screened
  – If timing allows, candidates are detailed to AP billets Pre-Command
  – Opportunity for AP career path post-Command
CDR CMD/XO Slating

• Slating/Tour Length
  – CO: Slate in seniority order (quarterly by FY)
    • Goal: out of command before O6 and MAJCMD boards
    • 18-1-18 is notional fleet up tour timing
    • Slate ~18m before reporting as XO/CO fleet up, ~12m prior for direct input CO
  – XO/XO*/XO-SM: Most officers can expect to start pipeline within 9 months of screening
    • Maximize chances of screening on 3rd look via observed XO FITREPs
    • 18m is notional tour length (some 12m unaccompanied)
  – Declinations: Officers screened for CO or XO afloat milestones that do not desire orders will be required to submit an official notification for NAVPERSCOM approval. Subsequent actions will result in the officer becoming Non-Due Course (NDC), and assignable to afloat and ashore billets per the needs of the Navy on a sea/shore rotation. Milestone declinations will be documented with a Field Code 17 (FC-17) entry in the officer's official record.
Post-CDR Command Detailing

• One on one executive detailing based on experience & record
  – 6 to 8 months prior to PRD
  – More PCC Billets than PCCs
  – Will match talent to task; preferences matter
  – Man the Fleet - Will fill sea billets ahead of shore billets

• Three career goals in mind (in priority order)
  – Select for CAPT
  – Screen for Major Command
  – Building your portfolio/future potential

• Break-outs in command determine follow-on tour
  – Hard break-out (EP) – Build skillset, Joint, WC... or Sea Duty/Operational Tour
  – MP or soft break-out – Sea, overseas, community job

• Timing also important
  – Major Command 1st Look/O-6 In-zone is O5 PYG + 5 yrs
  – 2 tours between CDR CMD and MAJ CMD (~4 yr window)
Career Management
**Key FITREP Points**

**BLK 40: Milestone Rec**

Clearly state Officer’s potential for next career milestone screening

Examples:
- **DEPT HEAD: Pre-DH until reporting onboard for 1DH**
- **CDR CMD AFLOAT: 1DH until reporting onboard as CO**
- **MAJ CMD AFLOAT: CO thru reporting onboard for Maj Cmd**

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**44. Reporting Senior Address**

**COMMANDING OFFICER**

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**40. I recommend screening this individual for next career milestone(s) as follows:**

- SCP, Dept Head, XO, OIC, CO, Major Command, War College, PG School.
BLK 41: Comments on Performance

Clear, concise statements above and below narrative

Examples:

- 1 of 5 DEPT HEADs
- 1 of 10 SQDN DHs
- 1 of 5 DHs across all designators

2 lines of bearing:
BLK 40 - CDR CMD Afloat
Correlates to
BLK 41 - SBO language and CAS recommendation

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Key FITREP Points

BLK 41: Comments on Performance

Narrative should speak to what we value for Command at Sea

Specifically, proficiency in:
- Leadership
- Tactical watch standing
- Shiphandling

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Key FITREP Points

BLK 42/43/45: Trait Average

Clear, concise, and consistent message

3 lines of bearing:
BLK 40 - CDR CMD Afloat
Correlates to
BLK 41 - SBO language and CAS recommendation
BLK 42-45 – HBO with numbers to match

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Statutory Board Considerations

• Ensure promotion recommendation included in blk 41

• Screening status is not part of record – need to tell the board what the Community has decided

• Lead FITREP bullets should read:
  – MAJOR COMMAND: Screened Major Command
  – CO-Afloat screened officers: Screened Commander Command Afloat
  – CO-SM screened officers: Screened Commander Command
  – XO-Afloat screened officers: Screened for Executive Officer Afloat
  – XO-SM screened officers: Screened for Executive Officer
  – DH screened officers: Screened for Department Head
  – DH screened officers w/contract: Screened for Department Head/DH Contract Signed

Document success at-sea to support promotion
How Your Record is Briefed

Officer Summary Record (OSR)

Performance Summary Report (PSR)

- Tale of 2 CO’s
  1) HBO in 1st tour, then…
  2) ?? 2nd CO
- SWO Heavy-lift jobs post-DH
- "Think of Halsey, Nimitz, and Spruance embodied in one SWO LT… Flag potential" - CO
- "…potential is limitless" – CO

"Very vanilla."

"Officer Summary Record (OSR)"

"Performance Summary Report (PSR)"

"Official photos are required"
Selection / Screening Boards
Selection / Screening Boards

- Surface Warfare is allocated ~120 voting membership and ~30 Assistant Recorder positions across ~40 different boards each FY
  - The majority of voting membership positions are required to be an O6
- Most boards require a week TDY
  - A few boards are longer, many are <1 week total TDY
- Volunteers are always encouraged
- We strategically build board experience in the fleet
  - Your first board support request will likely be for a non-community board
- O4, O5, and O6 statutory boards in addition to the DH, CDR CMD, and MAJ CMD administrative boards are critical to community health
Promotions/ Community Health

SWO PERFORMANCE VS URL

+Δ 6.8%
+Δ 33.8%

O-4 SWO Opp
O-4 URL Opp
O-5 SWO Opp
O-5 URL Opp
O-6 SWO Opp
O-6 URL Opp
Bottom Line

• Recent career path changes are facilitating more at-sea/operational time – which will lead to more experienced SWO cadre manning the fleet.

• Performance in milestone tours remains the primary consideration in next milestone screening.

• Selection to and subsequent superior performance at key post-milestone assignments is increasingly significant to follow on milestone screening.

Contact your detailer!