

Fellow Nuclear Surface Warriors –

Greetings from Millington!

In this SWO(N) Gram: Farewell to PERS-412O, FY-24 Major Command and Commander Command Results, Administrative Notes, Surface Navy Association National Symposium, Detailer Travel Schedule, and PNEO Results. We're working hard to make this a living document with as much practical information as possible, please send us your feedback on items you'd like to see here.

Fair winds and following seas to LT Noelle Kaufmann! Noelle did exceptional work not only for the SWO(N) community but the entire SWO community – she will be missed! Noelle was the first of her position and responsible for detailing all SWO accessions, organizing every ship selection, coordinating Division Officer schools (BDOC, OOD Phase I, and OOD Phase II), detailing all SWO(N)s to Nuclear Power School, and participating in PERS-41 and PERS-42 travel to brief SWOs, SWO(N)s and MIDN throughout the fleet including USNA and NROTC units. Her impact on the SWO community has been truly remarkable. Her relief will be reporting in February 2023; LCDR Derek Mockel will be fulfilling her nuclear related duties in the interim. We wish her the best in her Department Head tour and beyond! Thank you, Noelle!

FY-24 Major Command Results

The FY-24 Surface Major Command Board concluded last month and recognized the heavy lifting that our Reactor Officers and Senior Nukes are doing for the Navy. SWO(N)s selected 29% above the board rate for first look (66.7% vs 37.5%) and 100% of 1st Look screened officers were serving ROs or headed to an RO-equivalent billet. We look forward to seeing these officers lead in Major Command!

Please join me in congratulating the following officers who were selected:

Major Command Afloat:

CAPT Dawn Allen – CVN 72 RO

CAPT Kimberly Jones – CVN 69 RO

CAPT John Kajmowicz – CVN 71 RO

CAPT Joseph Mitzen – CVN 73 RO

CAPT Stacy Wuthier – CO NPTU Ballston Spa

CDR Kathryn Wijinaldum – OIC CNAL Mobile Training Team

Major Command Ashore:

CAPT Austin Duff – CVN 76 RO

CDR Michael Fontaine – 2nd Fleet Staff

The full list of selects can be found here:

<https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Portals/55/Boards/ScreenBoards/SurfaceSpecopsEOD/FY24/SWO%20EOD%20LDO%20MAJOR%20COMMAND%20SELECTS.pdf?ver=DpN-YMyDHcFOob3XFbWwsw%3d%3d>

FY-24 Commander Command Results

The FY-24 Surface Commander Command Board has concluded. The board was especially competitive this year and overall SWO(N)s selected for command just above the rate of their conventional peers. We are excited to see these warfighters leading at the tip of the spear!

Please join me in congratulating the following officers:

CO Afloat:

LCDR Steven Pace – MTT Deputy OIC
LCDR Robert Fedele – CNSL N44 Readiness and Assessment Lead
LCDR Robert Harris – NPEB PAC Junior Board Member
LCDR Nathan Haugan – CNAP N43 Staff Material Readiness
LCDR Edwin Klinkhammer – SWOS Instructor
LCDR Bret Yount – OPNAV N96 Action Officer
LCDR Aaron Jean – SWO(N) Community Manager
LCDR Eric Kalick – Prospective SWO(N) Program Manager
LCDR W. Derek Mockel – SWO(N) Detailer

CO-Special Mission:

CDR Elliott Skiles – XO LCS Crew 101

XO Afloat*:

LCDR Shantrice Chapel – NNPTC DOD
LCDR Samuel Curlee – CNAL Force Reactor Training Assistant
LCDR Brian Karlo – NPEB PAC Junior Board Member
LCDR Tyler Spindler – NPEB LANT Junior Board Member

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Sustained superior performance at sea in operational commands continues to be the major discriminator in selection boards, particularly CDR Command Afloat. This means hard and soft breakouts in both conventional Department Head (DH) and CVN Principal Assistant (PA) tours. Conventional DH breakouts, service as a Warfare and Tactics Instructor (WTI), and serving in SWO community tours (PERS-41, N96, SWOS, TYCOM) were particularly strong discriminators. Completion of JPME and a Master's Degree were also

discriminators. Information on board preparation can be found in the Ready Reference section of the SWO(N) Detailing page linked below in Administrative Notes.

Administrative Notes:

It is imperative the NSIPS remains updated as it feeds several other systems in the Navy; specifically accurate contact information so we at PERS can reach out to you.

The 2021-2022 Newsletter was mailed out last month. If you have not received your Newsletter, please contact LCDR Aaron Jean (aaron.a.jean.mil@us.navy.mil) and include your preferred mailing address. An abridged, digital version of the Newsletter is linked on the SWO(N) Detailing page linked below. Due to PII restrictions, not all sections of the Newsletter can be made public on the website.

<https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Detailing/Officer/Pers-41-SWO/Detailers/SWO-N/>

Surface Navy Association (SNA) National Symposium

The SWO(N) Community Management team will be in attendance at the 35th Surface Navy Association National Symposium January 10-12, 2023 held in Washington, DC. This is an exceptional opportunity to get out and interact with the entire SWO community, and deepen your knowledge as a professional warfighter! This event is free to all active duty and there will be a SWO(N) Breakout session during the symposium with time and location TBD. This will be a great event and we highly encourage you to attend if you are able! Details can be found in the link below.

<https://navysnaevents.org/national-symposium/>

Detailer Travel Schedule

We look forward to executing the below travel schedule (dates subject to change) and seeing you on the waterfront!

- 10-12 JAN 2023: SNA
- 31 JAN - 3 FEB 2023: USNA/Washington DC
- (T) 20-24 MAR 2023: Bremerton/Everett
- (T) 3-6 APR 2023: Japan

PNEO Results

Congratulations to the following officers for passing their Engineer's exam:

November Exams:

- LT Aditya Biswas
- LT Alexander Tendy
- LT Leslie Alasagas
- LT Amy Foster
- LT Brett Gentile
- LT Helen Robertson
- LT Hunter Selby *
- LT Karyn Lee

December Exams:

- LT Lauren Kearney *
- LT Gyneth Campbell
- LT Sarah Hansen
- LT Jackson Parrish
- LT Dylan Pennell *
- LT Benjamin Rizzardi
- LT Breton Sitton
- LT Darwin Chen *
- LT Vaibhav Sharma

*Indicates Excellent Performance

It is truly an honor to be serving the SWO(N) community here at PERS. I'm excited to work with you and continue to develop a strong and resilient SWO(N) Community that leads at every level in the Navy. I welcome any feedback (aka forceful watchteam backup) you may wish to provide as we work to build our community network. We have some exciting initiatives that we're working towards that you'll be seeing in the near future. Thank you for all of your hard work, sacrifice, and dedication. Our team wishes all of you a wonderful Holiday Season, especially those standing the Watch at sea. I'll see you in the fleet!

V/r,
Matt

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