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OPNAV N133 & PERS-403 Detailer Waterfront Visits **25-29 Mar – Groton, CT**

22-26 Apr – NPTU NY

3-6 Jun – Honolulu, HI

24-28 Jun – Kittery, ME

Social Media Awareness

Do you know what the top 3 Counties to visit the r/NavyNukes on Reddit in 2023?

Per Reddit's publicly released end of year report:

- 1. USA
- 2. Russia
- 3. Singapore (possible IP domain proxy for Chinese related activity)
- The next time you read a negative post/comment, take into consideration it may be from someone that has never served in the Navy or in the nuclear community or has been out for more years than you've been in for.
- The next time you're considering venting on social media, email <u>bullnuke@navy.mil</u> instead. Give us at OPNAV N133 a chance to engage with you on the topic directly.
- See the standalone OPNAV N133 developed social media supplement for more details, including a discussion on cognitive warfare.

NUPOC (Naval Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate) Program

o The NUPOC program is for eligible college graduates, including Sailors, possessing a bachelor's degree that meets certain technical course completion (transcript/degree plan review required). This program is independent and separate from OCS.

Nuclear trained Sailors with bachelor's degrees are eligible for NUPOC.

- o NUPOC program leads to an appointment on active duty as an Ensign in the unrestricted line of the Navy.
- o If accepted by the Director, Naval Reactors, Sailors will attend OCS (within as early as three months) and receive a commission as an Ensign for future service in the submarine or nuclear surface communities. Contact N133 to learn more!

Honor Your Shore Tour PRD

PERS-403 will not involuntarily transfer Zone B and Enlisted Supervisor Retention Pay (ESRP) Zone 1 Sailors (E-6 and below) prior to their first shore tour (SHORE-1) PRD to their second sea tour (SEA-2). PERS-403 is still authorized to transfer Sailors prior to their PRD for those who volunteer to rotate early from SHORE-1 to SEA-2.

The memo is available to be downloaded on the MyNavy HR Nuclear ECM webpage.

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- o Circumstances such as potential monetary loss under critical skills bonus or SRB, refer to MILPERSMAN 1306-106. Para 4.
- Use of NAVPERS 1070/613 only authorized for SRB eligible Sailors use of NAVPERS 1070/613 for periods of more than 12 months requires NAVPERSCOM (BUPERS-328) authorization.
- o Local Command can approve the use of a NAVPERS 1370/613 when OBLISERV requirements are 12 months or less.
- o If OBLISERV requirements are greater than 12 months, CCC must submit ePAR 1306 request to MNCC for approval from BUPERS-328.
- o Communication with your detailer is crucial to ensure no monetary loss due to transfer and OBLISERV requirements.

Returning to Active Duty

- OPNAV N133 has seen an increase in the number of Sailors that have convert to reserve component (RC) desiring return back to active duty (AC) and fleet.
- o Recently, OPNAV N133 converted a MM1 to MMN1(SS) LELT type and a ET1 to ETN1(SW).
 - o Both Sailors separated from the navy as nuclear trained operators and affiliated with a reserve component.
- OPNAV N133 is continuing to work on bringing another MM1 back to active duty as a MMN1(SW).
- O All three Sailors transitioned to the reserves and found civilian jobs, but concluded the benefits of active duty are <u>unmatched in the civilian sector</u>. For example, no other employer offers a lifetime of passive income after only 20 years of service in parallel with unrivaled family medical and childcare benefits.

Supplemental Details

- o When converting from RC to AC, Sailors must reenlist for a minimum of two (2) years and are not authorized an selective retention bonus (SRB) during that time.
- o Additionally, Sailors must wait until they are fully processed back to AC and receive orders to fill a funded nuclear billet before reenlisting for an (SRB).
- o Contact OPNAV N133D if you or a Sailor need assistance returning back to AC.

Gold and Silver Ticket Program

- Members that *Intend to Separate* and do not wish to affiliate with the reserve component should <u>always</u> request a Gold or Silver ticket in Career Waypoints/MNA.
- o Per MILSPERMAN 1001-260 (Targeted Re-Entry Program).
 - TRP empowers Commanding Officers (COs) to identify Active Component (AC) and Full Time Support (FTS) officer and enlisted Service members intending to separate and have elected to leave ACDU with no desire to affiliate with the Ready Reserve.
 - The CO may recommend awarding a Golden Ticket or Silver Ticket to these officer and enlisted Service members.
- O Golden ticket recipients are awarded a guaranteed return to duty in the AC or FTS within 1 year of separation provided they remain fully qualified. Golden tickets not used within the first year, become silver tickets for the second year.
- Silver ticket recipients may have the opportunity to return to duty in the AC or FTS within 2 years of separation, subject to the needs of the Navy, provided they remain fully qualified. Silver tickets not used within 2 years of release from ACDU expire.

Contact OPNAV N133D for more information or assistance.

NEC Removals

- OPNAVINST 1220.1F details nuclear NEC removal:
 - O Removal of an NEC is an *administrative action* taken when a Service Member's CO considers the Service Member no longer suitable for assignment to duties in the specialty represented by that NEC. A recommendation to remove an NEC must not be submitted in lieu of appropriate disciplinary action. Since an NEC serves to identify a valued skill in the Navy's personnel inventory, requests from Service Members for removal or change of nuclear NECs cannot be approved. Recommendations for removal of NECs that identify nuclear-trained enlisted personnel must include sufficient information or justification concerning the recommendation. The information must include the details or the specific description of events leading to the CO's decision to recommend NEC removal. Lack of motivation is not a sufficient reason for removal of a nuclear NEC. In addition, a recommendation for removal of an individual's nuclear NEC must be submitted when circumstances of demonstrated unreliability clearly indicate such a recommendation is necessary.
- o If a service member goes to NJP, the documents (complete NJP package including PIO) can be used to provide details and/or specific description of events leading to CO's decision to recommend NEC removal. CO's determination of NJP is separate from CO's recommendation of NEC removal and NEC removal is not dependent on NJP.
- Nuclear NEC removal remains a separate decision process even if a service member is found not guilty at NJP.

