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SUBJ/DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY CONTINUED OPERATIONS DURING A LAPSE IN  
APPROPRIATIONS//

REF/A/DOC/MEMORANDUM/30SEP2025//

AMPN/REF A IS SECRETARY OF THE NAVY MEMORANDUM, DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO  
DETERMINE ACTIVITIES EXCEPTED IN THE ABSENCE OF AVAILABLE FISCAL YEAR 2026  
APPROPRIATIONS//

RMKS/1. This message provides guidance regarding Department of the Navy  
(DON) operations during this lapse in appropriations. While this situation  
presents challenges, the DON remains committed to supporting our Sailors,  
Marines, civilian employees and their families.

2. The DON will continue to meet its obligations regarding the deployment of  
forces, safety of human life and protection of property, as directed by  
statutes and Department of War guidance. Exempted and excepted activities,  
including critical maintenance and shipbuilding activities, remain underway.  
Other activities must cease unless approved as an exception by me or by an  
official to whom the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine  
Corps or I have delegated the authority to issue such approvals, consistent  
with reference (a).

3. Sailors and Marines ashore, afloat and forward give America options no  
adversary can match. We will remain on duty and continue to serve. Though a  
shutdown can affect pay timing, schedules and daily life, we are committed to  
helping you through it.

4. DON organizations and activities can find the latest guidance,  
instructions and procedures regarding excepted activities at:  
<https://flankspeed.sharepointmil.us/sites/RequestForExceptedActivitiesRFEA/SitePages/Home.aspx>

asp. This site is accessible to anyone with a Common Access Card.  
Commanders and Senior Enlisted Leaders, communicate early and often. Be  
clear about duties, exemptions and expectations. If something is unclear,  
elevate it fast.

5. Organizations and activities who believe their requirements must not be  
delayed until appropriated funding is restored should submit a Request for  
Excepted Activity through the Request for Excepted Activities Tool, which can  
be accessed at <https://dod.teams.microsoft.us/1/team/19%3Adod%3Ab799b9fe0cfc>

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Submissions must be signed by a sponsoring Flag/General Officer, Senior Executive Service Member or equivalent. Use of the "Request for Excepted Activities Tool" is the fastest method to submit a request and receive a decision. However, should there be a problem accessing the site, requests may be emailed to NonDelApprovals@navy.mil. This method should only be used in an emergency.

6. Guidance and information are also available on the Office of Civilian Human Resources website,  
[https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/MRA/DONHR/OCHRHQ/Pages/Fu\\_rlough.aspx](https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/MRA/DONHR/OCHRHQ/Pages/Fu_rlough.aspx).

7. Leaders, check on your people early and often. We are teammates taking care of teammates. Command teams must provide updates on timing and duty status. If you need assistance, talk to your chain of command, your command's Ombudsman or Fleet and Family Support Centers. Use the Department of the Navy Civilian Employee Assistance Program or Military OneSource. These resources are built for moments like this.

8. For additional information and resources, please visit navy.mil and marines.mil.

9. Your commitment is our compass. Stay focused and stay ready. This situation does not define your service. Your service defines our strength. Our unity will carry us through. Thank you for your dedication and service.

10. This message is automatically canceled once appropriations have been restored either via a Continuing Resolution or other budgetary process.

11. Released by the Honorable John C. Phelan, Secretary of the Navy.//

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