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SUBJ/FY26 PROJECTED SHIP INACTIVATION SCHEDULE//

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NARR/REFERENCE A IS OPNAV POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR THE INACTIVATION, RETIREMENT, AND DISPOSITION OF U.S. NAVAL VESSELS. REFERENCE B IS NAVY ORGANIZATION CHANGE MANUAL (NOCM) FOR SUBMITTING ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE REQUESTS (OCR) TO INCLUDE SHIP DECOMMISSIONINGS OR INACTIVATIONS.//

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RMKS/1. This message shall be read in its entirety to ensure all stakeholders in the ship inactivation process are aware of the projected retirement schedule for the upcoming fiscal year 2026 (FY26), their respective responsibilities, necessary follow-up actions and planning required.

2. To facilitate fleet planning efforts to conduct decommissioning continuous maintenance availability (CMAV) or inactivation availability (INAC), the projected schedule for inactivating U.S. battle force and non-battle force naval vessels in FY26 is promulgated as follows:

Ship NameProj Inactive DatePost Inactive Status USS NEWPORT NEWS (SSN 750)31JAN26RECYCLE USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757)04AUG26RECYCLE USNS JOHN ERICSSON (T-AO 194)31JUL26LSA USNS PECOS (T-AO 197)31JUL26XFER TO MARAD USNS POMEROY (T-AKR 316)01APR26XFER TO MARAD USNS WATKINS (T-AKR 315)01JUL26XFER TO MARAD USNS RED CLOUD (T-AKR 313)30SEP26XFER TO MARAD USNS VADM K. R. WHEELER (T-AG-5001)01JUL26XFER TO MARAD

3. Per reference (b), Fleet Commanders shall submit an Organizational Change Request for commissioned U.S. ships to formally notify the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) of a ship's decommissioning, inactivation, or end of service. Submit revisions due to operational schedule changes per references (a) and (b). It is the responsibility of Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet in coordination with their respective TYCOM to ensure the appropriate lower echelon commands are notified of any changes in the ship inactivation schedules, as well as Integrated Warfare (OPNAV N9I) and OPNAV resource sponsor.

4. Adjustments to paragraph 2 ship inactivations that cross the current fiscal year must be coordinated with OPNAV N9I due to Congressional requirements for execution year force structure changes that differ from what Congress authorized/appropriated and signed into law by the President. OPNAV shall promulgate changes to the inactivation fiscal year as required.

5. Per reference (a), the ships listed in paragraph 2 as Logistics Support Assets (LSA) will be used as a primary means of cannibalization and equipment removal for ships. Cannibalizations and equipment removal from these vessels is authorized without replacement.

6. The ship's commanding officer, masters, or Immediate Superior In Command, shall submit a final naval message (normally transmitted in conjunction with the decommissioning ceremony) announcing the ship's official retirement date and include a brief history of the significant events in the life of the ship per reference (a). The Naval History and Heritage Command (NAVHISTHERITAGE WASHINGTON DC) and Naval Vessel Register Custodian (NVR NORFOLK VA), shall be included as INFO addressees.

7. Released by VADM J. E. Pitts, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (N9).

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