

MILPERSMAN 1300-803

COASTAL RIVERINE FORCE (CRF)

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| References | (a) CORIVFORINST 1500.1 (b) OPNAVINST 6110.1J (c) NETC P1552/16 (d) 18 U.S.C. §922 |
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1. **Purpose.** To promulgate qualification requirements and assignment policy for Sailors ordered to the Coastal Riverine Force (CRF). This article applies to all officer and enlisted members of the Active Component (AC), Full-Time Support (FTS), and Selected Reserve (SELRES) communities within the Navy.

2. **Program Background.** The CRF is responsible for providing combatant commanders mission ready forces fully capable of executing a complete spectrum of missions such as riverine operations, patrols, escorts, surveillance, interdiction, perimeter and harbor defense, high value escort, security teams, and other missions. Reference (a) further discusses the challenges of maritime operations and lists evolutions classified as high risk.

3. **Screenings.** Candidates for assignment in the CRF must complete all of the following:

a. Operational duty screening as outlined in MILPERSMAN 1300-800.

b. CRF duty medical screening as outlined in paragraph 6 of this article and NAVMED 1300/14 Coastal Riverine Force Duty Medical Screening Questionnaire. NAVMED 1300/14 may be accessed by using the following Web address:
[http://www.med.navy.mil/directives/ExForms/NAVMED%201300%2014%20\(11%20Jan%202013\)%20RE.pdf](http://www.med.navy.mil/directives/ExForms/NAVMED%201300%2014%20(11%20Jan%202013)%20RE.pdf).

c. NAVPERS 1300/26 Coastal Riverine Screening, which may be accessed using the following Web address:

<http://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/forms/NAVPERS/Pages/default.aspx>.

In addition to the special screening qualification reporting requirements, outlined at Exhibit 1 Special Program Suitability/Unsuitability Report in MILPERSMAN 1306-900, an information copy will be provided to Coastal Riverine Group ONE (COMCORIVGRU ONE) or Coastal Riverine Group TWO (COMCORIVGRU TWO) (as appropriate).

4. **Boat Operations.** Duty will require high-tempo boat operations on high-speed combatant craft and other types of vessels.

5. **Tour Length.** Enlisted personnel assigned to billets in the CRF will be assigned as sea/shore rotation or sea/shore flow dictated for each respective rating. Personnel who cannot complete a prescribed tour (short periods, normally 6 months or less) due to high year tenure restrictions may request a waiver to tour length requirements. Forward waiver requests on command letterhead or by naval message to COMCORIVGRU ONE or COMCORIVGRU TWO (as appropriate). Waiver requests must contain full justification and rationale for waiver consideration. Waiver requests must be formally and favorably endorsed by the member's current parent command to be considered. COMCORIVGRU will forward waiver recommendation to the Sailor's respective detailer. Detailer will coordinate order release per distribution policies.

6. **Requirements and Qualifications.** The requirements and qualifications contained in this article apply to all officer and enlisted personnel being screened for assignment to any sea duty or shore duty CRF billet. Personnel being considered for assignment to a CRF training and evaluation unit must also meet the requirements of MILPERSMAN 1300-804. Minimum requirements - Prospective members of the CRF must meet the following requirements:

a. **Citizenship.** Must be a U.S. citizen, this requirement will not be waived.

b. **Physical Standards.** CRF training and mission requirements are arduous and require members to operate in austere environments while wearing heavy body armor and or

carrying significant loads of field equipment or weapons for long periods of time. Sailors must not have any physical condition(s) that would preclude them from meeting this requirement (e.g., chronic back or shoulder problems, knee problems, etc). Transferring commands are directed to ensure the servicing medical organization completes NAVMED 1300/14 Coastal Riverine Force Duty Medical Screening Questionnaire as part of the member screening process. NAVMED 1300/14 may be accessed by using the following Web address:
<http://www.med.navy.mil/directives/Pages/NAVMEDForms.aspx>. For questionable cases or for more information on screening, contact COMCORIVGRU ONE Medical Department at (619) 437-9856 or COMCORIVGRU TWO Medical Department at (757) 967-2531 (as appropriate).

(1) Members must have passed their most recent three physical fitness assessments (PFAs) (not applicable to new accessions and recent "A" school graduates who have not participated in three PFAs). New accessions and recent "A" school graduates must have passed most recent PFA prior to assignment to CRF per standards promulgated in reference (b). If Sailors are being released from a period of limited duty, (e.g., fit for duty and world-wide assignable) they must complete and pass a PFA with no waiver for any event. Additionally, Sailors must have passed the most recent three PFAs prior to assignment to limited duty status with no waiver of any event.

(2) CRF personnel commonly operate at night or in lowlight conditions, and require normal color vision to correctly distinguish running lights and navigational aids. Therefore, color blindness and night blindness are disqualifying medical conditions for CRF duty. This requirement will not be waived.

c. Swimmer Qualifications. All personnel will be required to achieve swimmer qualifications as promulgated below for assignment to the CRF. AC and FTS personnel must be qualified as second class swimmers prior to assignment to the CRF. It is the responsibility of the transferring command to ensure this qualification has been achieved, and the date of this qualification is clearly documented in the member's record prior to a member executing orders to the CRF.

(1) Selected Reserve (SELRES) personnel are required to achieve successful qualification as a second class swimmer within 12 months of being assigned to a CRF unit. As discussed in reference (c), "the second class swimmer qualification is used as an entry-level requirement for Small Boat Operators." Failure to achieve second class swimmer qualification within 12 months of assignment will result in disqualification to serve in the CRF, and will result in the member being de-screened and transferred out of the CRF.

(2) Swimmer Qualification Waivers. Swimmer qualification waivers may be requested on a case-by-case basis. Forward waiver requests on command letterhead or by naval message to COMCORIVGRU ONE or COMCORIVGRU TWO (as appropriate). Waiver requests must contain full justification and rationale for waiver consideration. Waiver requests must be formally and favorably endorsed by the member's current parent command to be considered. COMCORIVGRU will forward waiver recommendation to the Sailor's respective detailer. Detailer will coordinate order release per distribution policies.

(3) Members reporting without the required swimmer qualifications or an approved waiver are not eligible for CRF duty and must be de-screened and made available for PCS reassignment out of the CRF.

d. **Travel Passports.** Members must complete and submit all applications for an official U.S. Government passport prior to transfer. Since the State Department will only issue passports for members traveling to countries that require a passport, local Navy passenger transportation offices will accept a letter of intent in lieu of actual orders. For assistance obtaining an intent to travel letter, contact COMRIVGRU ONE Administrative Department at (619) 437-9808, COMCORIVGRU TWO Administrative Department at (757) 492-8825, or (757) 492-8822 (as appropriate). Due to longer periods of time between operational deployment (dwell time) for the reserves, SELRES will not be required to obtain a passport until notified of deployment or missions traveling to countries that require a passport.

e. **Security Clearance.** All members must currently hold a Secret clearance.

(1) First term members reporting from initial schools are not required to have a finalized clearance determination,

but are required to have proof that SF 86 Questionnaire for National Security Positions has been submitted and is pending adjudication. It is incumbent on the training commands to ascertain any issues that would preclude a member from being granted a security clearance and make a local commanding officer's determination on security clearance eligibility and follow-on assignments to the CRF.

(2) Members currently assigned to the CRF who have their Secret clearance removed, revoked, or denied by the Defense Central Adjudication Facility or other appropriate authority will no longer be eligible for CRF duty, and will be descreened and transferred from the CRF. This requirement is not waivable.

f. **Driver's License.** Members must possess a valid state driver's license; this requirement is non-waiverable.

g. **Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP) and Military or Civilian Convictions.** Members must not have had any alcohol-related incidents, NJP, or military or civilian convictions, excluding minor traffic violations, within the past 12 months. Waivers may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Forward waiver requests on command letterhead or by naval message to COMCORIVGRU ONE or COMCORIVGRU TWO (as appropriate). Waiver requests must contain full justification and rationale for waiver consideration. Waiver requests must be formally and favorably endorsed by the member's current parent command to be considered. COMCORIVGRU will forward waiver recommendation to the Sailor's respective detailer. Detailer will coordinate order release per distribution policies.

h. **Obligated Service (OBLISERV).** Required OBLISERV for this program is 36 months. Members with 17 or more years of active service will not be authorized voluntary transfer to the Fleet Reserve or Retired List prior to the completion of a minimum 36-month tour. A permanent NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks entry will be made, certifying the member understands and agrees to this requirement.

i. **Financial.** All members must qualify for and maintain eligibility for a Government travel charge card (GTCC). It is recognized that the majority of first term members reporting from initial schools will not have been issued a GTCC. In these cases, it is incumbent on the training command to ascertain any issues that may preclude a member from being issued a GTCC, and

make a local commanding officer's determination as to whether the member should continue on to duty with the CRF. Loss of eligibility for or inability to obtain a GTCC will result in disqualification and transfer from the CRF.

j. **Firearms.** CRF personnel must achieve and maintain qualifications on various individual and crew-served weapons, and weapon systems. Per reference (d), the 1996 Lautenberg Amendment to the Gun Control Act of 1968 prohibits access to firearms by persons convicted of any misdemeanor crime of domestic violence. This policy also applies to convictions of felony crimes and convictions of offenses at general or special courts-martial that otherwise meet the definition of "crime of domestic violence." Any member not currently qualified to handle or train on weapons is not eligible for initial entry or continued duty in the CRF.