

## MILPERSMAN 1306-982

### ASSIGNMENT OF NUCLEAR-TRAINED MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS (MCPO) AS REACTOR DEPARTMENT MASTER CHIEF (RDMC)

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<b>References</b>	(a) NAVSEA S9213-41-MAN-000/(R), Engineering Department Manual (EDM) for Nuclear Power Plants (b) NAVPERS 18068F, Manual of Navy Enlisted Manpower and Personnel Classifications and Occupational Standards, Volume II, Navy Enlisted Classifications (NEC)
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1. **Background.** The reactor department master chief (RDMC) is key to the success of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. Per reference (a), the RDMC is responsible to the reactor officer (RO) for the performance of his or her department. RDMCs must uphold the highest standards of professionalism and enhance communication at all levels of the department and command. They participate in the formulation and implementation of policies concerning training, operations, discipline, utilization, morale, and welfare of department personnel.

#### 2. **Requirements and Qualification**

a. Applicants must possess Navy enlisted classification code N31Z.

b. Normally, applicants currently assigned to a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier will not be considered for an RDMC position. On a case-by-case basis, a candidate currently onboard may be considered. In these cases, a 2-year minimum tour after relief is required.

c. If feasible, be a graduate of the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy (SEA) (accomplishment en route to the RDMC assignment is acceptable).

d. Applicants must have an outstanding performance record with evaluation performance trait marks not lower than 3.0 in any area for the past 3 years.

e. Applicants must have been within physical fitness assessment standards in the past 3 cycles, present a sharp military appearance and demeanor, and possess irreproachable military bearing.

### 3. Requests for Assignment

a. Requests for assignment as RDMC should be submitted via [NAVPERS 1306/7](#) Electronic Personnel Action Request signed by the RO and sent to

To: Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Surface Nuclear Chief Petty Officer Detailer (PERS-403CJ)
Via: Commander, Naval Air Forces (COMNAVAIRFOR), Force or Deputy Force Nuclear Propulsion Officer (N9)

b. Applicants must include the following:

(1) Commanding officer's (CO) recommendation stating qualifications for assignment as RDMC and duty history. Waivers for prerequisites and selection requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis. CO's endorsement must include a recommendation for waiver of prerequisites or requirements (if applicable).

(2) At a minimum, evaluations covering the last 5 years.

### 4. Selection and Assignment

a. NAVAIRFOR (N9) will review all RDMC assignment requests and forward recommendations to PERS-403CJ.

b. PERS-403CJ will review and prepare package, then forward to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Nuclear Enlisted Program Manager (N133D) for final approval.

c. If feasible and the candidate has not previously completed the SEA, the selected candidate will be ordered to RDMC assignment via the SEA.

d. Once final approval and selections have been made, NAVAIRFOR (N9) will debrief master chief petty officers not selected for RDMC. The counseling must include why the candidates were not selected and other options for career enhancement.

5. **Screening Panel**

a. In unusual circumstances, if there is an insufficient number of qualified applications for selection, NAVAIRFOR (N9) will convene a screening panel to select the best qualified candidates.

b. The panel will include a senior enlisted advisor from the respective:

(1) NAVAIRFOR (N9) staff,

(2) PERS-403CJ, and

(3) OPNAV, Nuclear Enlisted Program Manager's Quality Control Advisor (N133D2).

c. The panel's recommendation will be forwarded to NAVAIRFOR (N9) for routing per paragraph 4.