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HARBOR PATROL UNIT (HPU) LEVEL II COXSWAIN (NEC 853A) - MASTER-AT-ARMS

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References	(a) SECNAVINST 5510.30B (b) OPNAVINST 6110.1J (c) 18 U.S.C. §922
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- Purpose.** To promulgate qualification requirements and assignment policy for members assigned to harbor patrol units (HPU) with the level II coxswain 853A Navy enlisted classification (NEC).
- Scope.** HPUs deploy their harbor security boats (HSB) as the primary line of manned defense for the protection of critical operational afloat assets at U.S. Navy piers and controlled waterways. The HPU Program requires trained personnel to provide force protection and waterfront security per specified mission requirements in support of surface units, subsurface units, and naval installations around the world. The level II coxswain 853A NEC is the senior person assigned to an individual HSB.
- Background.** HPUs are responsible for providing commanding officers mission ready, rapid response forces fully capable of executing security patrols, escorts, interdiction, perimeter, harbor defense, and defense of high value assets.
- Tour Length (Master-at-Arms Only)**
 - Prospective level II coxswains will normally receive orders to attend the Level II Coxswain Operations and Tactics Course - A-062-0050 as part of their permanent change of station orders to a shore duty billet. Following successful completion

of the level II coxswain course - A-062-0050, enlisted personnel will be awarded the 853A NEC and sign NAVPERS 1070/613 Administrative Remarks (page 13) accepting a 48-month minimum obligation and assignment as a level II coxswain. The minimum obligation of 48 months will consist of two tours as a level II coxswain. One tour will be a 36-month shore duty assignment. The other tour will be a 12, 24, or 36-month sea duty assignment at an overseas installation to complete the minimum total of 48 months in the HPU Program as a level II coxswain. The order of sea and shore tours will be based on prioritized requirements at the time.

b. If the member fails to successfully complete the level II coxswain course - A-062-0050, Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM), Enlisted Personnel Readiness and Support Branch (PERS-4013) will determine whether the member may continue with current assignment without NEC 853A or be made available for immediate reassignment. The 48-month payback in an HPU will commence once a member is gained onboard an HPU command, regardless of whether the member attends the level II coxswain course - A-062-0050 while assigned to a sea or shore command.

5. **Requirements and Qualifications.** The requirements and qualifications contained in this article apply to all personnel being screened for assignment to the HPU Program. Prospective members of the HPU Program shall meet the following minimum requirements:

a. **Eligible For a Secret Clearance.** Member's command will initiate a background investigation per reference (a).

b. **Physical Standards.** Members must have passed their three most recent 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 their most recent PFA prior to assignment to HPU per standards promulgated in reference (b). If members are being released from a period of limited duty, they must complete and pass a PFA with no waiver for any event. Additionally, members must have passed the three most recent PFAs prior to assignment to limited duty status.

c. **Firearms.** Members are eligible to carry a weapon per all applicable directives and instructions. Per reference (c), 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 disqualified from handling or training on weapons is not eligible for initial entry or continued duty in the HPU Program.

d. **Boat Operations.** HPUs regularly operate at night or in low light 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 HPU duty. This requirement shall not be waived.

e. **Swim Qualifications.** Member must be qualified as a second class swimmer to be assigned to the HPU Program.

f. **Nonjudicial Punishment (NJP) and Military or Civilian Convictions.** Members must have no NJPs and or military or civilian convictions (excluding minor traffic violations) within the past 12 months, no alcohol related incidents within the past 12 months, and no pending civil actions.