



## Highlight of the Month: International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

Observed annually on June 26th, the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking unites the global community to champion a society free of drug misuse. Led by the United Nations, the 2026 observance emphasizes a health-centered approach rooted in evidence-based prevention, compassion, and community resilience. For our forces, military readiness and individual well-being go hand-in-hand.

The impact of drug abuse and illicit trafficking requires a unified, empathetic response. Challenges include the reality that only 1 in 8 people with substance misuse disorders receive necessary treatment; the illicit drug trade generates billions, fueling organized crime and violence; and the stigma often prevents individuals from seeking life-saving help. Within our ranks, substance misuse can compromise mission effectiveness, degrade unit cohesion, and threaten the overall health of the force.

Remember, everyone has a role in building a safer, healthier world, which starts within your community. Here are a few ways to get involved:

- Educate and advocate by sharing fact-based information and supporting policies that expand healthcare and rehabilitation access.
- Change the conversation by using non-judgmental language when discussing substance misuse and addiction to foster a safe environment for those seeking help.
- Raise awareness by joining the conversation on social media this June 26th using official UNODC hashtags like #WorldDrugDay.

For information on promoting, marketing, and educating our Sailors at your command and local community on strategies for substance misuse prevention, please visit our [Prevention Toolkit](#). More information on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking can be found [here](#).

### Primary Prevention Team: Stress Awareness and Operational Safety

June recognizes both [PTSD Awareness Month](#) and National Safety Month. These observances reflect the importance of stress management, safety awareness, and maintaining readiness across the Fleet. Coping skills are healthy ways people manage stress because unmanaged stress can influence unhealthy [coping behaviors](#). These skills are especially important after long deployments, when stress can build up. Staying aware of emerging substance trends and unsafe products is an important way Sailors can protect themselves during high-stress periods.

In September 2025, the Drug Enforcement Administration conducted [Operation Vape Trail](#), a week-long enforcement action targeting illegal and dangerous substances sold in vape shops across the United States. The operation resulted in the seizure of more than 2.3 million vape devices and cartridges. DEA investigations also identified vape shops near military bases that were believed to be targeting military personnel, making Sailor awareness and safety especially important. Some vaping products contain THC, Delta-8, Delta-9, or other substances that have contributed to innocent ingestion concerns.

This is why it is important to avoid sharing vaping devices or purchasing vape products from unregulated sources. [Nitrous oxide](#) products were also being sold in several of these vape shops. These products are often marketed with bright colors and flavors and can impair cognitive function. Maintaining positive coping skills and staying aware of unregulated products can help reduce safety risks during high-stress periods while supporting [Total Sailor: Fit to Fight principles](#).

Programs such as Expanded Operational Stress Control ([E-OSC](#)) are Sailor-focused tools for stress management. Personnel are also encouraged to attend the June 11 vaping and inhalant awareness [webinar](#) focused on operational health and prevention education strategies.

## You Tube

### Messages to Share:

- Register for the OPNAV N173 webinar [AM](#) or [PM](#) sessions.
- Registration for FY 26 fleetwide prevention webinars are open! Visit the [Prevention Toolkit](#) to register.
- JUN 1-7: [CPR and AED Awareness Week](#) encouraging Sailors to stay current on CPR and AED training supports operational safety and readiness across the Fleet.
- JUN 7: [National Cancer Survivors Day](#) highlights the resilience of cancer survivors and raises awareness for prevention and detection.
- JUN 27: [National PTSD Screening Day](#) provides a free online self-screening tool.
- MAY 22-SEPT 7: [Critical 101 Days of Summer](#) a Navy and Marine Corps initiative promoting risks associated with off-duty recreation and summertime activities.

### SPOTLIGHT: Webinar/Training/ Prevention Power-Up

**Webinar:** ADMITS Brief (DAPA and CO)  
**Date:** [JUN 4](#)

**Webinar:** Vaping and Inhalants  
**Date:** [JUN 11](#)

**Webinar:** No Webinar Federal Holiday – Juneteenth Independence Day  
**Date:** [JUN 18](#)

**Webinar:** WebDTP Pools & Units  
**Date:** [JUN 25](#)

**Training:** CMTs  
**Link:** [Click Here](#)

**Training:** ADAMS & UPC Course  
**Link:** [Navy e-Learning](#)

**Training:** DAPA Courses  
**Link:** [CANTRAC](#)



## Systems Team: Unapproved Drug and Alcohol Reports (DARs)

As of March 2026, dating back to 2013 there are currently 6162 unapproved Drug and Alcohol Reports (DARs).

An "unapproved" DAR is a report that has been submitted in the Alcohol and Drug Management Information Tracking System (ADMITS) but has not yet been digitally signed by a Commanding Officer or designated representative.

This backlog of reports is significant because the official process is stalled. Until these DARs are approved, Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) providers cannot document the required screenings or treatment recommendations in the system. This delay impacts both timely care for the individuals involved and the accuracy of the substance abuse data available to Navy leadership.

**Commanding Officers can approve pending DAR, even if the incident was prior to their taking command, when the facts in the DAR can be substantiated.**

### DAR Substantiation:

To substantiate a DAR, one can use information from the following data sources:

1. DAPA records (usually maintained on board for 2 years)
2. Member's evaluations/FITREPs
3. Results of screening and/or treatment obtained from ADMITS record check
4. If a DAR cannot be substantiated it must be deleted.

### Approving/Deleting a DAR:

1. Commanding Officers or their designated representatives can approve, view or delete DAR (must obtain an ADMITS account with CO/OIC or DAR approval role).
2. If you have any questions about deleting a DAR, contact ADMITS staff.
3. If you have a "hard copy DAR" that has been signed and you need to have the signature completed in ADMITS, please scan the DAR and e-mail to [MILL-N17-ADMITS@us.navy.mil](mailto:MILL-N17-ADMITS@us.navy.mil) to complete the approval process in ADMITS. Please be sure to include the name of the CO/OIC that has signed the DAR in your e-mail if the signature on the DAR is difficult to read so the ADMITS team can transcribe the name correctly in ADMITS.

For more information, contact the ADMITS Help Desk at 901-874-4214.

For SAAR-N Submission: Email completed forms to [MILL-N17-ADMITS@us.navy.mil](mailto:MILL-N17-ADMITS@us.navy.mil).

FY	Unapproved DAR
2013	3
2014	18
2015	62
2016	60
2017	110
2018	150
2019	302
2020	303
2021	329
2022	507
2023	794
2024	902
2025	1377
2026	1245
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6162</b>

The above depiction is a table provided by the ADMITS team regarding the unapproved DARs based on the year.

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The OPNAV N173 Navy Substance Prevention & Deterrence office was established in 1982. The foundation of our office is sustained by our pursuit to support Fleet readiness by combating illegal and illicit substance and alcohol misuse. Our mission is to provide comprehensive education, resources, trainings, and enact policy updates to ensure Sailors receive proper awareness to form career-forwarding decisions. Within our office, whole health matters and this is reflected with our Primary Prevention team, the Alcohol and Drug Management Information and Tracking System (ADMITS), Internet Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory Portal (iFTDTL), the Web Drug Testing Program (WebDTP) and other pro-grams that increase prevention efforts.

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