



Making Waves

An informative newsletter with the latest in upcoming events, announcements and helpful information to make your stay more comfortable.

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Director’s Corner

Shipmates,

As May 2020 arrives, let there be no doubt, we are living and experiencing trying times; there is the COVID-19 pandemic at hand and the requirement of social distancing to prevent its spread. We all understand what is ahead of us, what our duties are and what we must **ALL** do to safeguard not only ourselves but also our families.

The month of May is also when we commemorate and pay tribute to all fallen Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers, and Marines who died in the defense of this great nation. We spend time remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home, reflecting on their service and why we have the luxury and freedom that we enjoy today. This year we pay tribute to our fallen on May 25th.

In closing please enjoy Memorial Day safely; do not take anything for granted and protect yourself. I hope to resume HHR events as soon as possible.

As always, stay safe!

The Director

Bottom Line: Up Front

Navy Mandates Face Covering: What you need to know

By MC1 Mark D. Farams, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs



WASHINGTON (NNS) -- The Navy will now require the use of cloth face coverings for all military, Navy civilian and contractors as well as family members while on DoD property, installations and facilities when maintaining proper social distancing between people isn’t possible.

The order is effective immediately, according to NavAdmin message 100/20, released April 5.

“To the extent practical,” the message states, individuals “are required to wear cloth face coverings when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance.”

The message aligns the Navy with the Centers for Disease Control’s recent recommendation strongly encouraging the wearing of cloth face coverings when in public and close proximity between people can’t be avoided.

As is the Navy’s convention, local commanders can issue exceptions to this requirement.

The policy also requires anyone wearing a face covering to uncover their faces when directed to by security forces during identity checks.

“Navy will continue to implement protective measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to our total force and their families, and the American people,” the message said.

While medical N95 masks are in short supply world-wide, face coverings are not, and the Navy is taking a practical approach to what can be worn.

Official uniform face coverings are in the works, the message said. But until they are procured and implemented, those in uniform can wear medical or construction type masks if they have them.

If not, they can fashion their own or wear cloth coverings such as bandanas and scarfs. In all cases, however, anything worn must be conservative in appearance, not offensive, and conform to the CDC guidance.

Any face covering must meet the following requirements:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and allow breathing without restriction
- Cover the face only from nose to chin.
- Must secure in place with ties or ear loops.
- Any cloth mask must have multiple layers of fabric.

Navy supports, and will continue to implement, all measures necessary to mitigate risks to the force, to our mission and to the spread of the disease and as a result, the message said.

Even when off-base or in not uniform, the message strongly encourages all uniformed and civilian Navy personnel, to follow all CDC guidelines, including the use of face coverings.

Directions to make your own face coverings can be found on the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

The latest DoD policies can be found at: <https://www.defense.gov/explore/spotlight/coronavirus>.

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Community Corner

Navy Ups the Antes on Reenlistments Bonuses

By MC1 Mark D. Farams, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) -- in key skillsets looking to stay in and cash out.

With a total bonus budget of \$382.7 million this fiscal year, \$230.1 million is available for new contracts. As of March 24th, 4,225 Sailors across reenlistment zones A, B and C have taken home \$77 million in initial payments. An additional 1,253 applications are pending approval with another \$18M earmarked for these Sailors pending final approval.

Now the service is sweetening the pot with the release of NAVADMIN 108/20 on April 15.

"Navy is expanding the reenlistment window for all SRB-eligible Sailors regardless of skillset. Instead of waiting until a Sailor is within 270 days of their End of Active Obligated Service, Sailors can now reenlist as far out as 365 days, providing additional flexibility and stability in their lives and careers," said Capt. Angela Katson, head of enlisted plans and policy for the chief of naval personnel.

"Although overall enlisted retention is high, the Navy continues to use the Selective Reenlistment Bonus program to offer competitive financial incentives to Sailors in needed skillsets across the Fleet," Katson added.

By expanding the window to a full year before end of service dates, Katson said, the Navy will add roughly 10,000 new Sailors to the over 25,000 Sailors already in the SRB-eligible ranks.

Another piece of good news for Sailors is there was a recent addition of 27 new skillsets to the SRB-eligible list. That means the current total of skillsets – rating and Navy Enlisted Classification and years of service combinations – is up to 102 across re-up zones A, B and C.

Zone A covers Sailors with up to six years of service. Zone B runs from six years to 10. Zone C then takes Sailors from 10 years up to 14 years.

Among the recent arrivals to the list are Aviation Boatswain's Mate, Launch and Recovery, with offerings in Zones A and B, while fellow aviation rating Aviation Electrician's Mates has recently added offerings for Zones A and C.

Meanwhile in the Surface Navy, Electrician's Mates with the **U35A skillset**, Ships Surface Electrical Advanced Maintenance, were recently offered bonuses in Zone B. The same goes for all surface Sonar Technician as well as Information Systems Technicians with the H09A Consolidated Afloat Networks and Enterprise Services skillset.

That's not all. A total of 21 skillsets already on the list also recently saw an increase in payout levels. Another 25 saw a reduction while 29 skillsets stayed the same. The good news here is that no skillsets were eliminated.

The list is dynamic, meaning that changes can occur as skillsets approach or meet their retention goals. Check out the current list at <https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/pay-and-benefits>, then click on the SRB tab.

Sailors should direct any technical questions about the program and eligibility to their command career counselor, who is authorized to contact BUPERS-328 at Navy Personnel Command to get an answer. In addition, many questions may be answered in NAVADMIN 108/20.

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If you need assistance or have questions submitting maintenance work orders, please contact the Iowa Estates Service Desk at 757-233-3302 or 228-5232.

Resident life

National Military Appreciation Month

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present. Each year the president makes a proclamation, reminding Americans of the important role the U.S. Armed Forces have played in the history and development of our country. May was chosen because it has many individual days marked to note our military's achievements, including Loyalty Day, established in 1921, Victory in Europe (VE) Day commemorating the end of WWII in Europe in 1945, and Children of Fallen Patriots Day.

You Are Responsible for your Guests!

Guests must always be escorted, they cannot be left unattended. In other words, they are in your unit when you are in your unit. You leave, they leave!

Over Night Guests **MUST** be at **least 16** years of age!

RIDDLE

Courtesy of Rd.com

Bought and Stolen

I can't be bought, but I can be stolen with a glance. I'm worthless to one, but priceless to two. What am I?



Ranch Chicken Tacos

Courtesy of allrecipes.com

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 5 minutes Total: 25 minutes

Servings: 4 Yield: 8

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup ranch dressing
- 1/4 cup reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 (1 ounce) packet taco seasoning mix, divided
- 1 tablespoon mild chunky salsa
- 2 cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 8 (6 inch) corn tortillas
- Shredded lettuce
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 1 (4 ounce) can sliced black olives
- 1 avocado—peeled, pitted and diced (optional)
- 1 cup shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese

Directions:

- Combine ranch dressing, sour cream, 1 teaspoon taco seasoning, and salsa in a small bowl. Cover and refrigerate until serving.
 - Toss chicken with remaining taco seasoning. Cover bowl loosely with wax or plastic wrap. Microwave chicken until chicken is heated through, about 2 to 3 minutes.
 - Warm the tortillas in a skillet for about a minute on each side to make them pliable. Place a scoop of chicken on the tortilla and top with lettuce, tomato, green onion, avocado, cheese, and a spoonful of the ranch dressing mixture.
- Enjoy!



Notices from the Leasing Manager

1. A 30-Day Notice to Vacate is required leaving us; whether at EAOS, PCS transfer or for whatever reason you need to vacate your unit.
2. BAH STOPS for PPV residents PCS transferring to local commands. Residents must bring a copy of their stamped orders to leasing to restart BAH.

If you have questions or concerns, please stop by the leasing office or call 757-402-4247/56

NO MAIL DELIVERY TO PPV UNITS

All personal mail should be sent to parent commands.

TO ALL HHR RESIDENTS

Effective 31 May 2020, HomePort Hampton Roads will discontinue bulk cable TV services. If you desire TV cable services please contact Gary Newell at 757-724-5782.

Riddle Answer: Love.



Worship services are suspended until further notice

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From: Secretary Of The Navy
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 11:45 AM
Subject: Acting SECNAV message to the DON

To all of our Sailors, Marines, Civilians, and Military Families,

I am honored to return to the Navy-Marine Corps Team as your Acting Secretary.

From my years as an officer in the United States Navy, and my prior service as an enlisted Soldier in the United States Army, I am keenly aware of the sacrifices you make, and the dedication you show, every day in service to our Nation. Thank you for your dedicated service. I look forward to serving alongside you.

Today, with the extraordinary challenges posed by COVID-19, and the continual threats we face in a changing global security environment, our Nation needs you more than ever. Throughout this crisis, Sailors, Marines, and Civilians have stepped forward to protect the American people and our force. From New York to New Orleans, Los Angeles to Dallas, Maine to Guam, you have responded to the medical, logistics, engineering, and security requirements of our homeland during this time of need. And through it all, you have maintained the watch around the world.

Alongside Admiral Gilday and General Berger, we will maximize the resources and capability of the Department of the Navy to faithfully execute the priorities established by Secretary Esper in response to the COVID-19 crisis: Protect our people, maintain warfighting readiness, and fully support the whole of government/whole of nation response to protect the American people.

You are the reason I am extremely confident that we will make mission. Many of you – our active and reserve shipmates – are closing the margin and saving lives through countless and selfless acts of individual initiative and collective teamwork. I am proud of you – our Nation is proud of you. For as long as I have the privilege of serving as your Acting Secretary, I will do everything in my power to support your efforts and safety, and the safety and well-being of your families.

Working together and remaining ever vigilant of the rocks and shoals before us, I know we will help bring our Nation through the present challenge and all that may follow. It is what the Navy and Marine Corps have always done, and will always do, as long as there are people like you maintaining the watch.

Sincerely,

James E. McPherson
Secretary of the Navy (Acting)