

Nurse Corps

Are you assigned to a Component Unit Identification Code (UIC)?

The Component UIC was designed to realign a Command's billet file to reflect operational/war time needs. This allows the medical department personnel to train to specific operational platforms thereby avoiding confusion during wartime mobilization. Individuals may be assigned to various platforms including but not limited to Fleet Hospital, Casualty Receiving Team, Force Service Support Group, and the Hospital Ship.

Nurses with a variety of skills including medical/surgical, critical care, emergency/trauma, maternal child, peri-operative, etc., are needed on the various detachments. Based on your skills, your detailer may place you on a particular detachment. When negotiating orders with your detailer, inquire as to whether or not you have been assigned to a platform. Your assignment is noted on your orders as well. If you would like to be placed on a specific platform let your detailer know ahead of time so your request can be considered.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact your detailer.

Medical Service Corps

The Medical Service Corps is very near end-strength this year, however this does not impact you in your negotiations with your detailer. You should be contacting your detailer and specialty leader about 12 months in advance of your PRD. Be prepared to discuss a slate of potential duty stations that contains fewer options than previous years. When coupled with the very real fiscal constraints in this year's PCS budget it will be helpful to have realistic expectations in regard to your PCS plans. For example, coast to coast or Far East to Europe PCS orders will be scrutinized closely for cost effectiveness. Rather than focus on the geography of a particular duty site, the best question to ask yourself and your detailer is what is the best job for career progression. If you are considering an extension in your current billet, discuss

this with your detailer with regards to how it impacts your career and professional growth and how such a request might impact your community. Extensions will typically be given a favorable review as long as it is a win for the officer, the command, and the professional community. This is a very busy time of year for your detailers. As you attempt to communicate with us, please be sure and leave a phone number with your voice messages. If you are communicating via e-mail, please include a signature block with return phone and fax numbers as part



of your email correspondence. We are all looking forward to working with you through the Holidays and into the New Year.

Medical Corps

To meet our goal as Medical Corps detailers of providing greater access to administrative and billet information, we expanded our web page www.persnet.navy.mil/pers4415/medical_corps.htm. Our constituents can now make better educated career management decisions. The web page advertises positions opening in FY03 for most surgical, non-surgical, and operational specialties. Newly created sections provide access to application information for Senior Opera-

tional and Officer-in-Charge positions not requiring CO/XO screening. In addition, service college positions are available for motivated career-oriented medical corps officers. These one-year assignments will add two years of obligated active duty service.

Available positions include:

Army Command and Staff June 2003 LCDR
Naval War College August 2003 LCDR

If you would like more information about the Service Colleges please visit: www.persnet.navy.mil/pers4415/fy02_service_college_opportuniti.htm

It is Navy Personnel Command policy to release PCS orders for CONUS moves six months and, for OCONUS moves, nine months in advance of the projected rotation date (PRD).

As most of us prepare for the Holidays, the Medical Corps geared up for the Graduate Medical Education Selection Board (GMESB). This year the Board met Dec. 2-6, 2002. The Board released results on or about Dec. 18, 2002 with the deadline for acceptance of selection in early January 2003. If selected for GME, please contact the GME Detailer at p4415p@navy.mil or 901-874-4048. Selected members with a PRD before the start of their residency programs may be eligible to PCS early to their selected MTF. This can provide a head start on any required training or time to get ready for the demands of residency. Members not selected, with a PRD in FY03, should contact

their current detailer as soon as possible for career guidance.

- Senior Medical Corps Assignments and Surgical Specialty Detailer: P4415m@navy.mil
- Non-Surgical Specialty Detailer: P4415n@navy.mil
- Family Practice and GMO Detailer: P4415u@navy.mil
- Flight Surgery and Operational Detailer: P4415r@navy.mil
- Graduate Medical Education Detailer: P4415p@navy.mil

Our website address is www.persnet.navy.mil/pers4415/index.htm. We look forward to hearing from you!