

For eligible officers who wish to pursue a Graduate degree, educational opportunities are always available at the Naval Postgraduate School. All interested personnel are advised to contact their detailers for more information. The Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) emphasis is on education and research programs that are relevant to the Navy, defense, national and international security interests. NPS provides a continuum of learning opportunities, including Graduate Degree Programs, Continuous Learning Opportunities, Refresher and Transition Education. These programs are under the auspices of the four graduate schools.

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Specific degrees are:

- **MASTERS OF ARTS DEGREE:** International Security and Civil-Military Relations, National Security Affairs
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formation Technology Management, International Management, Materials Science and Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Meteorology, Operations Research, Physical Oceanography, Modeling Virtual Environments and Simulation, Operations Research, Physical Oceanography, Physics, Product development, Program Management, Software Engineering, Space Systems Operations, Systems Engineering, Systems Integration, Systems Technology.

- **ENGINEER DEGREE:** Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Mechanical Engineer
- **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY:** Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Applied Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, Applied Physics, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Acoustics, Mechanical Engineering, Meteorology, Modeling Virtual Environments and Simulation, Operations Research, Physical Oceanography, Physics, Software Engineering
- **DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING:** Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering, Engineering Acoustics, Mechanical Engineering.

Graduate Education Voucher Program:

The Graduate Education Voucher (GEV) program provides up to \$40,000 for two years of off-duty graduate education for Unrestricted Line Officers (URL) whose career paths provide limited opportunity for full time graduate education. Eligibility is open to O-3 through O-5 active duty list URL officers from the 111x, 112x, 113x, 114x and 13xx communities (not to include tars) with dem-

onstrated superior performance and upward career mobility. Applicants should be transferring to, or currently on, shore duty with sufficient time ashore to complete a Masters' degree program. Further questions should be directed to the NPS Civilian Institutions Program office (Code 031A) at (831) 656-2319/7979; DSN 878-2319/7979 or e-mail: 031a@nps.navy.mil. Officers interested in the GEV program should contact their detailer (PERS 41/42/43).

Tips for GEV selectees:

Once notified by your detailer that you have been selected to participate in the GEV program, in order to begin receiving GEV funding it is important that you begin the timely submission of all required paperwork, the cornerstone of which is your Education Plan. The GEV website, http://www.nps.navy.mil/code031a/GEV_Program.htm, should be referred to first. It provides detailed descriptions on the process for submission, including a list of required items for initial approval. In order to avoid delays in the approval process, please ensure all of the required items are included with the submission of the required paperwork. Without approval of your program, the officials at your Navy College Office will not be able to process your paperwork and you will not be able to receive GEV funding. Read through the guidance provided, and if you have any additional questions please contact the NPS Civilian Institutions Program office.

An additional point that is addressed in the NAVADMIN is that GEV funding cannot be used to retroactively pay for previously completed coursework. If you miss the deadline you miss funding.

AED/AMD

AED/AMD ASSIGNMENT/PLACEMENT
PERS 446

New AEDOs still wanted

The November lateral transfer board allowed us to pick up a record number of new Aerospace Engineering Duty Officers; however, we are still looking for additional lateral transfers to meet our community endstrength. Our more senior year groups, 1986-1989, are filling up but we still have a few openings. Year groups 1990-1996 are open, so look at your future career aspirations and set

your sight on the next lateral transfer- redesignation board to be held in the Spring of 2003. If you are considering leaving the Navy, please look at alternatives within the Navy prior to making that decision and consider a career shift to the AEDO community. The AEDO community will provide new challenges that combine your experience and interests in aviation with the development, engineering, test and evaluation and procurement of aviation and aerospace systems.

FY 03 Astronaut Board

NAVADMIN 366/02 announced the convening of the Navy's Astronaut Candidate Selection Board in June of 2003 with applications due to the Navy by March 1, 2003. The Navy will select eligible candidates and forward a list of nominees to NASA for their screening process. NASA will then select a small group of candidates from all DoD and civilian sources for interviews and medical screening. Competition is extremely tough as NASA expects to select only 12-15 Astronaut Candidates from all DOD and civilian sources for the class convening in August of 2004. NASA has not identified the mix of candidates desired at this point (number of pilots vs. number of mission specialists). You must have a minimum of 5 years of commissioned service prior to the start of the Navy selection board to apply. There are no waivers to this requirement. For other qualification requirements, see BUPERSINST 1401.4B.

Aviation Acquisition Professional Community (APC) Major Assignment Slating Panel (aka NAVAIR Slate)

The next NAVAIR slating panel for O-6 and O-5 acquisition commands is scheduled for April 2003. The NAVAIR slating is open to all acquisition professionals (1510, 1520 and URL officers who are members of the Acquisition Professional Community (APC)).

Some of the NAVAIR Program offices are planning to consolidate or redistribute workload. Please watch for the announcement NAVADMIN to identify final slating requirements. The planned changes include:

- PMA-233 (Naval Mission Planning Systems) disestablishment; existing workload to be consolidated into PMA-281 (Cruise Missile Command & Control)
- PMA-258 (Anti-ship Weapons Systems) disestablishment. Workload to be distributed between PMA-201 (Conventional Strike Weapons) and PMA-242 (Defense Suppression)
- PMA-225 (World Wide Multi-mission Aircraft) combining with PMA-207 (Commercial and Support Aircraft) into a new program, PMA-218 (Support Aircraft).

For further information on job opportunities within the AEDO community, information on the NASA Astronaut Selection Board, or to stay abreast of the NAVAIR Command slating schedule, please visit our website at www.persnet.navy.mil/pers446/p446_webpage.htm. As always, if you would like to discuss your future in the AEDO community directly, please contact the AEDO detailer, CDR Barbara Bell at 901-874-4108 or via e-mail at p446b@persnet.navy.mil. You may also contact our O-6 Detailer and Senior Community Manager, CAPT John Scanlan, at 301-757-8483 or via e-mail at ScanlanJW@navair.navy.mil or our Community Manager, LCDR Tom Popp, at 301-757-8480 or via e-mail at PoppTC@navair.navy.mil for additional career guidance.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSIGNMENT/PLACEMENT/OCM
PERS 448

Take the Joint Challenge

As we move along with the War Against Terrorism, there are more and more opportunities developing for PAOs to use their talents in the joint world. From real-world JIBs to exercises around the world, there is an increasing need for PAOs that have exposure to and the necessary experience level to operate in the joint environment. It can be easily said that the community as a whole is becoming more focused on the joint environment. Are you?

Clearly, both joint experience and education are critical to the professional development of the community's officers to ensure they are prepared for success. As such, junior and mid-grade officers should feature joint duty and Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) prominently in their career plans.

Joint duty credit is earned by successfully completing a tour in an approved joint duty billet. There are 24 of these billets in grades ranging from O-6 to O-4. Take a look at the public affairs roster and see if you might be able to line up for one of these jobs.

JPME is the military education required for qualification as a Joint Specialty Officer and is comprised of two phases. Phase I can be attained by completing the Naval War College or sister service college curriculum as a resident or through the non-resident seminar or correspondence programs. Phase II is attained by completing the Joint Forces Staff College curriculum. Phase I and Phase II can be attained simultaneously by completing the curriculum at the National War College or the Industrial College of the Armed

Forces. To talk about making joint duty and education stops on your career path contact the 165X detailers.

A Career in Public Affairs

With a 165X Special Duty (Public Affairs) designator you join a select group of officers charged with representing the Navy in the most visible and demanding positions. "Telling the Navy story" is more important than ever, as we strive to garner greater public understanding and support, and to inform Navy people on the issues affecting their careers and families.

The Public Affairs community is looking for high quality naval officers who want to be on the front lines of critical Navy programs and operations. If you are an outstanding performer with sharp communication skills and two to five years of commissioned service, the 165X Public Affairs Officer community may have a career opportunity for you.

Most officers enter the PAO community through the lateral transfer process as they complete their initial or follow-on tour in another community. The next board is scheduled to meet in May 2003 with applications due to PERS-811 75 days prior to the board convening date. Application guidelines can be found in MILPERSMAN 1212-010. Those interested should contact a local 165X officer or the PAO detailers to informally explore career options. The detailers can be reached at (901) 874-4023 or DSN 882-4023, or by e-mail at p448b@persnet.navy.mil.