

The following article was published in the July – Sep 2001 “Perspective Magazine.” Some of the information is specific to the Nov 2001 Major AIMD Selection Board; however, the process is consistent from board to board.

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The next Major AIMD Selection Board will convene 19 Nov 01. During this board, all Commanders and Commanders (select) who have not previously been selected for a major AIMD will be screened for assignment to this important professional milestone – equivalent to URL Commander Command. As this milestone represents the 1520 “Gateway to O-6,” it is extremely import that we all understand the process.

I anticipate that the following nine Major AIMD Officer billets will be slated following this November’s Major AIMD Board:

CV 63 KITTY HAWK
CV 67 JFK
CVN 70 VINSON
CVN 72 LINCOLN
CVN 73 WASHINGTON
CVN 74 STENNIS
AIMD WHIDBEY ISL
AIMD JACKSONVILLE
AIMD PT MUGU

All eligible personnel will be notified individually of their eligibility and asked for their preferences should they be selected for one of these crucial billets. The selection board will select nine officers who will be designated as “Primary” selects. From the list of Primary selects, the Detailer (NPC-446C), the COMNAVAIRPAC Maintenance Officer (N422) and the COMNAVAIRLANT Maintenance Officer (N422) will determine which officer goes to each AIMD billet. During this process, it may be determined that one (or more) of the Primary selects will not be available for immediate detail into one of the available billets. In this case, the officer will be placed into the “Bank.” This means that,

although the officer is a “Primary” select, he/she will not be detailed into one of the major AIMD Officer billets until a later date – he/she is still a “Primary” select. In addition to the nine “Primary” selects, the Board will also select five officers who will be designated as “Alternate” selects (prioritized as first alternate, second alternate, etc.). If for some reason, one of the “Primary” selects cannot be detailed into one of the AIMD Officer billets from that slate, an “Alternate” select will be offered the billet. Alternate selects who are not offered an AIMD Officer billet will be re-screened at the next Major AIMD Officer Selection Board, i.e. “Alternate” status is a temporary status which lasts only until the next Board.

The Major AIMD Board is an Administrative Board and is conducted in similar fashion to Statutory Promotion Boards. The Board is composed of 1520 as well as URL Captain’s. And, as with all selection boards, the key to selection is **documented** sustained, superior performance. Ensure your record is accurate and up to date -- if your last FITREP said you were “Ranked 1 of 50, regardless of designator” and recommended you for Flag Officer, but the FITREP is missing from your record—it never happened!

If you have any questions about the AIMD Board, please feel free to shoot me an email or give me a call.

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