GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR POST-DIVISION OFFICERS AND POST-DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICERS TO SCREEN FOR COMMAND AT SEA BILLETS SERVING AS A MKVI PATROL BOAT CO AND COMPANY COMMANDER.

2. BACKGROUND.
   A. MK VI PATROL BOAT EARLY COMMAND IS A TREMENDOUS AND REWARDING OPPORTUNITY FOR JUNIOR OFFICERS. THE BEST AND FULLY QUALIFIED OFFICERS ARE SELECTED TO COMMAND EARLY. PRINCIPAL SCREENING CRITERIA FOR EACH APPLICANT INCLUDES COMPETITIVE PEER RANKING AS A DIVISION OFFICER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD (IF APPLICABLE). IF CAREER TIMING SUPPORTS, NON-SELECTED APPLICANTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REAPPLY FOR FUTURE BOARDS.

   B. MK VI PATROL BOATS ARE THE NEWEST PLATFORM IN THE NECC INVENTORY. OVER 84 FEET IN LENGTH, THE MK VI IS A HIGHLY CAPABLE PLATFORM WHOSE PRIMARY MISSION IS TO PROVIDE CAPABILITY TO PERSISTENTLY PATROL LITTORAL AREAS BEYOND SHELTERED HARBORS AND BAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORCE PROTECTION OF FRIENDLY AND COALITION FORCES AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE. MISSIONS INCLUDE SECURITY FORCE ASSISTANCE (SFA); HIGH VALUE UNIT (HVU) SHIPPING ESCORT; VISIT, BOARD, SEARCH, AND SEIZURE (VBSS) OPERATIONS; AND THEATER SECURITY COOPERATION (TSC). MK VI PATROL BOAT TOURS WILL BE 24 MONTHS IN LENGTH AND LOCATED IN LITTLE CREEK AND SAN DIEGO. EXPECT TO DEPLOY TO C4F, C5F, AND C7F.

   C. ALL SWO AND SWO NUKE DIVISION OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT HEADS MAY
APPLY FOR MK VI PATROL BOAT EARLY COMMAND. PERS-41 WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO IDENTIFY A RELIEF TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN. COMMAND LEADERSHIP SHOULD INDICATE AN OFFICER’S INTEREST AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO PERS-41.

D. PACKAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY PERS-41 NLT 7 DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONVENING OF THE APPLICABLE BOARD.

3. APPLICATION PROCESS. 111X POST-DIVISION OFFICER AND POST-DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICERS MAY COMPETE FOR MK VI PATROL BOAT COMMANDING OFFICER AND MK VI PATROL BOAT COMPANY COMMANDER BILLETS. SCREENING FOR THESE POSITIONS WILL OCCUR DURING EARLY COMMAND BOARDS. THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO SCREEN IS THE NOVEMBER 2017 EARLY COMMAND BOARD. EARLY COMMAND BOARDS ARE HELD SEMI-ANNUALLY IN JUNE AND NOVEMBER IN CONJUNCTION WITH SURFACE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND MAJOR COMMAND BOARDS.

A. IAW REFS A AND B, THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION PROCEDURE APPLIES FOR BOTH MK VI PATROL BOAT COMMANDING OFFICER AND MK VI PATROL BOAT COMPANY COMMANDER APPLICANTS:

(1) OFFICERS APPLYING FOR MK VI PATROL BOAT COMPANY COMMANDER BILLETS WILL FOLLOW REF B, PARA 9 AS LISTED.

(2) POST-DIVISION OFFICERS APPLYING TO MK VI COMMANDING OFFICER HAVE MODIFIED REQUIREMENTS FROM REF B AND MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ATTAIN FORMAL DESIGNATION AS A SWO (111X).

(B) SERVE AT LEAST 36 MONTHS IN A SHIP AND COMPLETE AT LEAST ONE (1) DEPLOYMENT.

(C) WHILE ASSIGNED TO A SHIP, DEMONSTRATE SUSTAINED SKILL IN SHIPHANDLING AND SEAMANSHIP PER REF B PARA 5.E.

(D) ATTAIN ENGINEERING OFFICER OF THE WATCH (EOOW) QUALIFICATION.

(E) COMPLETE THE SWOS BASIC DIVISION OFFICER COURSE (BDOC) AND ADVANCED DIVISION OFFICER COURSE (ADOC). SWO NUCLEAR TRAINED OFFICERS ARE EXEMPT FROM THE ADOC REQUIREMENT.

(F) SCREEN FOR DEPARTMENT HEAD

(G) COMPLETE NECC SCREENING PER MILPERSMAN 1300-803

(H) SIGN A DEPARTMENT HEAD RETENTION BONUS (DHRB) CONTRACT

(3) ONCE ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE MET, AN ELIGIBLE OFFICER REQUESTS AN EARLY COMMAND QUALIFICATION BOARD VIA HIS OR HER COMMANDING OFFICER. A COMMAND QUALIFICATION BOARD WILL BE ESTABLISHED IAW REF A TO DETERMINE FITNESS FOR COMMAND. FOR OFFICERS FOUND QUALIFIED BY THE COMMAND QUALIFICATION BOARD, THE SENIOR BOARD MEMBER SIGNS AN EARLY COMMAND QUALIFICATION BOARD LETTER STATING THE MEMBER MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS PER REF B WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COMMAND ASSESSMENT (CA).

(4) A COMPLETE COMMAND SCREENING PACKAGE WILL BE FORWARDED TO PERS-41 FOR INCLUSION IN THE SEMI-ANNUAL LIEUTENANT AND LIEUTENANT COMMANDER EARLY COMMAND SCREENING BOARD. THE MK VI EARLY COMMAND PACKAGE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO
PERS-41 BY THE REQUESTING OFFICER SHOULD INCLUDE:
(A) REQUESTING OFFICER'S REQUEST FOR EARLY COMMAND;
(B) COMMANDING OFFICER'S ENDORSEMENT LETTER;
(C) FIRST FLAG OFFICER IN CHAIN OF COMMAND ENDORSEMENT
LETTER;
(D) COMMAND QUALIFICATION BOARD LETTER. TYPE COMMANDER
ENDORSEMENT IS NOT REQUIRED, UNLESS THE TYPE COMMANDER
IS THE FIRST FLAG OFFICER IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

5) IF SELECTED, BOTH POST-DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICERS AND
POST-DIVO OFFICERS WILL COMPLETE THE RESPECTIVE SWOS
COMMAND TRAINING PIPELINES (TO INCLUDE THE APPLICABLE
COMMAND ASSESSMENT AND A DH 360 DEGREE REVIEW), ATTEND
COMMAND LEADERSHIP COURSE AT NAVAL LEADERSHIP AND ETHICS
CENTER (NLEC), AND BE DESIGNATED AS QUALIFIED FOR COMMAND
PRIOR TO ASSUMING COMMAND.
(A) POST-DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICERS MUST COMPLETE THE CA. IF
NOT PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED, THE CA FOR MK VI EARLY COMMAND
SCREENED POST-DEPARTMENT HEAD OFFICERS WILL BE COMPLETED
AT SWOS WHILE IN THE COMMAND PIPELINE. UPON COMPLETION
OF CA, THE OFFICER SHALL FORWARD REQUIRED PAPERWORK PER
REF B TO APPROPRIATE TYCOM TO RECEIVE DESIGNATION
"QUALIFIED FOR COMMAND".

(B) POST-DIVISION OFFICER CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO
COMPLETE THE POST-DIVO CA DURING PIPELINE. THE POST-DIVO
CA DOES NOT HAVE TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE COMMAND
QUALIFICATION ORAL BOARD. COMPLETION OF THE POST-DIVO
SWOS CA WILL NOT AFFECT AN OFFICER'S REQUIREMENT TO
COMPLETE THE CDR CMD CA. PRIOR TO ASSUMING COMMAND,
OFFICERS MUST FORWARD POST-DIVO CA COMPLETION AND
COMMAND QUAL ORAL BOARD COMPLETION PAPERWORK TO THE
APPROPRIATE TYCOM FOR FINAL DESIGNATION AS
"QUALIFIED FOR COMMAND".

6) OFFICER RECORDS SCREENED FOR MK VI EARLY COMMAND WILL BE
UPDATED WITH AN EARLY COMMAND SCREENING CODE. THERE IS NO
MK VI EARLY COMMAND BANK; THEREFORE, NOT ALL OFFICERS
SCREENED FOR MK VI EARLY COMMAND WILL BE SLATED. THIS IS DUE
LARGELY TO TIMING AND AVAILABILITY. HISTORICALLY, MORE
OFFICERS SCREEN FOR EARLY COMMAND THAN ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER
TO MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY IN THE ASSIGNMENT PROCESS. IF
SLATED, AN OFFICER CAN EXPECT TO SERVE AS A MK VI PATROL
BOAT COMPANY OFFICER (POST-DEPARTMENT HEAD) OR A MK VI
PATROL BOAT COMMANDING OFFICER (POST-DIVISION OFFICER). IF
NOT SLATED TO COMMAND, AN OFFICER IS ASSIGNED TO A
TRADITIONAL SHORE DUTY ASSIGNMENT.

B. NON-SELECTION FOR MK VI EARLY COMMAND IS NOT A NEGATIVE
REFLECTION OF AN OFFICER'S RECORD, NOR IS THERE ANY INDICATION
OF NON-SELECTION IN AN OFFICER'S OFFICIAL RECORD.
C. RESULTS OF THE MK VI EARLY COMMAND SCREENING BOARD ARE FORWARDED
TO CNSF FOR FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL.
D. ONCE APPROVED, OFFICERS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF BOARD RESULTS BY
PERS-41 AND THE SLATING PROCESS WILL BEGIN.
4. ANY QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO POC'S LISTED ABOVE.//
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