SUSPENSION OF SEPARATION

1. **Rules on Suspension.** Follow this guidance on suspension of separation:

   a. Unless prohibited by this manual (e.g., fraudulent enlistment), a separation may be suspended for a period of not more than 12 months, if the circumstances of the case indicate a reasonable likelihood of rehabilitation. Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) will serve as the separation authority (SA) for all cases involving recommendations for suspension if separation processing is based on mandatory reason(s).

   b. During the suspension, the member shall be afforded an opportunity to meet appropriate standards of conduct and performance.

   c. Unless sooner vacated or remitted, execution of approved separation shall be remitted upon completion of the probationary period, upon termination of the member’s enlistment or period of obligated service (OBLISERV), or upon decision of the SA that the goal of rehabilitation has been achieved.