SEPARATION BY REASON OF BEST INTEREST OF THE SERVICE (BIOTS) - Updated article based on issues that have arisen in litigation with the Navy. Required to clarify authorities for BIOTS processing and approval of BIOTS separation.

- **Subpara 1a**, updated to explain SECNAV has plenary authority
- **Subpara 1c**, outlined commands must have prior approval from Navy Personnel Command (NAVPERSCOM) PERS-832 or NAVPERSCOM (PERS-913)
- **Subpara 2b(3)**, removed requirement for notification procedure to include why no other reason for separation is considered appropriate

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