The Navy is committed to maintaining its maritime superiority by focusing on fleet readiness. The SECDEF-directed stop movement of all service members, has forced Sailors with transfer dates in March through June to delay their PCS. Combined with the orders in July, the Navy’s transfer backlog is approximately 42,000 Sailors. Eliminating the PCS backlog could extend beyond the end of calendar year 2020.

Efforts to Maintain Readiness

Every effort will be made not to extend Sailors beyond six months. Commands are encouraged to advertise the additional measures Sailors can use to be able to extend at sea.

Prioritizing all PCS moves based on the priority of the unit/billet

Incentivizing sea duty

Adjusting the officer or enlisted Sailor’s projected detachment date (PRD)

Factors in PCS Prioritization

Impacts to gaining and losing commands

Sailor hardships

Regional COVID-19 recovery timelines

The backlog of orders will be spread across calendar year 2020.