

PLAN OF THE MONTH



Your Leadership Tool for Communicating Internally

MARCH 2024

IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb. 1- Nov. 30	CY24 PRT Cycle
Mar. 1	First Day of Women's History Month
Mar. 7	E-6 Exam
Mar. 10	Daylight Savings Time Starts
Mar. 14	E-5 Exam

DEADLINES:

Mar. 29	Capt. Joy Bright Hancock and Master Chief Anna Der-Vartanian Leadership Award Nominations Due
May 3	Blue Angels Enlisted Applications Due
May 5	FY25 Advanced Education Voucher Program Applications Due
Jul. 1	Seaman-to- Admiral (STA-21) Applications Due

SPOTLIGHT

UPDATED POLICY FOR NAVY UNIFORMS

[NAVADMIN 031/24](#), released Feb. 14, 2024, announces updates to the Navy uniform policies and initiatives. Key updates from the policy include:

- Sailors are authorized to have hands in their pockets when doing so doesn't compromise safety or prohibit the proper rendering of honors.
- Solid black/navy blue leggings/tights are now authorized for wear with PT shorts and fitness suit pants.
- The bucket cover is reinstated as an optional Navy uniform component for female Sailors.
- Coyote brown backpacks are authorized for optional wear with the NWU Type II and III.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



THE U.S. NAVY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (USNCC)

As the the official community college for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, [USNCC](#) is now offering the opportunity to earn professional certificates and associate degrees for military personnel. USNCC's approach provides a world-class, naval-relevant education that develops leaders to serve at every level, and with a clear understanding of the maritime environment. Applications are now being accepted and can be submitted by prospective students or leadership nomination.

MONEY MATTERS

TAX SEASON - TIME TO FILE YOUR 2023 TAXES

Federal taxes are due April 15, 2024. Your W-2 and other tax-related documents are located in your DFAS myPay account under 'Statements.' To access a range of tax-filing support, visit Military OneSource. [MilTax](#), a program offered through Military OneSource, includes tax preparation, e-filing software, and access to tax consultants specifically trained to help Sailors and their families.



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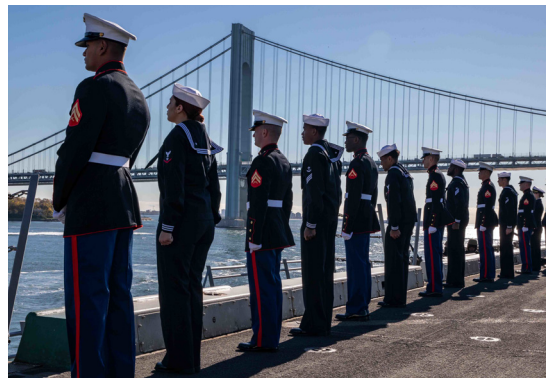
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HEALTH & WELLNESS

EXPANDED COOKING CAPABILITIES IN UNACCOMPANIED HOUSING

Sailors can now use personally owned small cooking appliances in all unaccompanied housing rooms, expanding access to healthy food options on Navy installations. The new policy allows Sailors to use appliances such as crockpots, electric hotpots, blenders, pod-type coffee makers, electric pressure cookers, rice makers, and toasters. Appliances must have an automatic shut off feature and unexposed heating elements. Installation commanding officers will determine which small appliances are permitted for use in base unaccompanied housing. For further questions, Sailors can reach out to the nearest installation [Navy Unaccompanied Housing Office](#).



FAMILY RESOURCES



MyCAA SCHOLARSHIP

Is your spouse looking to pursue higher education? Now is the perfect time to take charge of careers by building up valuable skills in the market, with MyCAA! [The My Career Advancement Account Scholarship program](#) provides \$4,000 financial assistance to those seeking or maintaining their license, certification, or associate's degree.

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT



STAY WELL AND THRIVE WITH MILITARY ONESOURCE

Looking for no-cost resources on topics including childcare, finances, PCS moves, non-medical counseling and more? Military OneSource is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Call 800-342-9647 or visit [Military OneSource](#) today to find out more about how available resources best support you and your family.

NAVY CULTURE

AMERICA'S WARFIGHTING NAVY

America is counting on us to deter aggression, defend our national security interests, and preserve our way of life on the seas. Our Sailors must be the best warfighters in the world with the best systems, weapons, and platforms to ensure we can defeat our adversaries. As we serve with honor and courage, our priorities will focus on warfighting, warfighters, and the foundation that supports them.

[Our warfighting Navy](#) will deliver decisive combat power, along with our allies and partners, to remain the world's preeminent fighting force. Through world-class training and education investments, we will empower our warfighters to operate in uncertain, complex, and changing environments. Ensuring that the quality of service meets the highest standards, we aim to build a strong foundation of trust and confidence of the American People every day.

