

PLAN ^{OF THE} MONTH



Your Leadership Tool for Communicating Internally

FEBRUARY 2025

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb. 3-14 Citadel Shield/ Solid Curtain 25
- Feb. 10-21 Cutlass Express (6th Fleet)
- Feb. 17-23 Tucson, AZ, Navy Week
- Feb. 28 O2 periodic FITREP end date

DEADLINES:

- Feb. 14 [Deadline for Enlisted Applications to the 2026 Navy Flight Demonstration Squadron \(Blue Angels\).](#)
- May 1 [Deadline for Enlisted Applications to the Nuclear Enlisted Talent Management Board Pilot Program \(TMBPP\).](#)
- Jun. 13 [Deadline for Application to the August 2025 Active Duty Officer Lateral Transfer and Redesignation Board](#)
- Jun. 15 [Deadline for Application to the Academic Year 2026 Medical Service Corps In-Service Procurement Program Selection Board](#)

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NAVY CULTURE

NAVY 250 EVENTS

All Sailors are invited to join a historical Navy celebration. Last month, the Navy began marking the Navy and nation's 250th birthday, which will include a series of commemorations. See [NAVADMIN 002/25](#) for a list of the events that will take place fleetwide, including the International Naval Review in New York, Blue Angels air shows, sporting events, Fleet Weeks, and more.



SPOTLIGHT



BILLET-BASED ADVANCEMENT UPDATE

Enlisted Sailors can expect an increase in the number of rates that fall under Billet-Based Advancement (BBA) in calendar year 2025. BBA, a framework that links enlisted advancements directly to billets, expands active-duty Sailor choice, reduces the number of E-5 and above vacancies across the Fleet and mitigates assignment distribution inefficiencies. See [NAVADMIN 255/24](#) for more details.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MILITARY APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Make your military work hours count for more by utilizing the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP). USMAP allows active duty and full-time support service members to log their work hours towards civilian apprenticeships. Logging hours on USMAP can help Sailors earn professional certificates much faster and ease the transition to future civilian employment. Get started on a certification [here](#).



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MONEY MATTERS

TAX TOOLKIT

Tax season is around the corner and Navy legal offices are ready to help. The Navy JAG Corps provides Sailors and their families with many useful legal services including [free resources for tax preparation](#). To learn more about what the JAG Corps can do for you, contact the nearest [Region Legal Service Office](#).



HEALTH & WELLNESS



PHYSICAL READINESS PROGRAM OFFICE INTEGRATION WITH MY NAVY CAREER CENTER

Effective February 1, the Physical Readiness Program (PRP) Office is updating its customer service processes and procedures by transitioning to initial contact via MyNavy Career Center (MNCC). This transition offers a modern call center experience with access to 24/7 Sailor support, assistance on common questions and issues, and a new tracking system for help tickets. Find more information on this transition [here](#).

FAMILY RESOURCES



NAVY OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

Do you know your command ombudsman? Ombudsmen are volunteers appointed by commanding officers to serve as a link between command leadership and command families, including spouses, parents, siblings, and loved ones. Ombudsmen provide information to assist families with needs related to the unique military lifecycle and day-to-day life. They also help distribute information from the command to families and keep the command informed on family needs. Don't let those you love miss out on using this important resource! Connect with your command ombudsman [here](#).

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

HOUSING EARLY ASSISTANCE TOOL (HEAT)

Start early on finding a place to live at your next duty station. The Housing Early Assistance Tool (HEAT) helps service members obtain housing information for Navy locations worldwide. The website allows Sailors, DoD-sponsored civilians, and their families to get the housing process started online at Navy installations before or after they receive their PCS orders. Spouses can use the tool as well, with minimal information about their sponsor. Learn more [here](#).

