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QUARTERDECK WATCHES

1. EXPERIENCE AS A QUALIFIED QUARTERDECK WATCH OFFICER IS AN ESSENTIAL ASPECT IN THE CAREER OF EVERY UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER. A WELL-RUN QUARTERDECK IS CHARACTERISTIC OF A SMART NAVAL SHIP. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES IN THE ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS AS QUARTERDECK WATCHSTANDERS EVEN WITHIN SHIP TYPES. IN SOME SHIPS JUNIOR OFFICERS STAND WATCHES WHICH SENIOR PETTY OFFICERS CAN BE QUALIFIED TO FILL.

2. I CONSIDER THAT OUR SENIOR PETTY OFFICERS ARE CAPABLE AND DESIROUS OF ASSUMING A LARGER MEASURE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THEIR SHIPS. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THEM THIS OPPORTUNITY AND TO ACCORD THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RECOGNITION FOR THE CAPABILITIES OF OUR RESPONSIBLE SENIOR PETTY OFFICERS, I DESIRE THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS AS QUARTERDECK WATCHSTANDERS BE MINIMIZED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

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- A. ONCE QUALIFIED IN ALL ASPECTS OF QUARTERDECK PROCEDURES, OFFICERS OF THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE AND ABOVE SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM QUARTERDECK WATCHES EXCEPT UNDER UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES.
- B. USE OF OFFICERS AS QUARTERDECK WATCHSTANDERS SHALL BE LIMITED TO THOSE VERY OCCASIONAL PERIODS WHEN SAFETY, SECURITY, TEMPO OF ACTIVITY, OR PROTOCOL REQUIRES THE PRESENCE OF AN OFFICER ON THE QUARTERDECK.
- 3. FLEET AND TYPE REGULATIONS SHALL BE REVISED TO CONFORM TO THE FOREGOING. E. R. ZUMWALT, JR., U.S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

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 ... WORD FROM A NUMBER OF RETENTION STUDY GROUPS  
 ... IN PROMULGATING Z-44 RELATING TO STANDING QUARTERDECK  
 ... BEING WIDELY MISINTERPRETED. ACCORDINGLY, I AM CANCELLING  
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 ... I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THERE IS NO GREATER RESPONSIBILITY  
 ... TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL-  
 ... AND SHIPMATES, THE MISSION OF THE OFFICER OF THE  
 ... AND THE QUARTERDECK WATCH OFFICER INPORT. EVEN THOUGH  
 ... DIFFICULT AND TIRING, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE  
 ... A DEEP SENSE OF SATISFACTION IN PERFORMING THIS DEMANDING  
 ... DUTY.  
 ... WHO SHOULD STAND THIS WATCH, I WISH TO REAFFIRM THAT

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WITHIN THE GUIDANCE FURNISHED BY FLEET/FORCE COMMANDERS THIS DETERMINATION IS ONE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL COMMANDING OFFICER TO MAKE BASED ON HIS BEST JUDGMENT, CONSIDERING ALL THE FACTORS WHICH AFFECT THE SAFETY OF A SHIP. AMONG THESE FACTORS ARE THE SHIP'S LOCATION, OPERATIONAL STATUS, WEATHER, AND STATE OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION, TO LIST BUT A FEW. I WOULD PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER: I DESIRE TO HAVE AS A GOAL A SIX SECTION INPORT WATCH ROTATION. I FURTHER WISH THAT ALL OF OUR OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS, AND PETTY OFFICERS WHO ARE CONSIDERED TO BE QUALIFIED TO BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR SHIPMATES AND SHIP, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR JUDGMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN THIS MANNER. I DO NOT THINK IT ESSENTIAL OR NECESSARILY DESIRABLE FOR ALL QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO BE ASSIGNED TO A WATCH. THIS, TOO, IS A DECISION FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER, WHO MUST CONSIDER OTHER DUTY REQUIREMENTS FACING HIS OFFICERS AND CREW.

4. REFERENCE (A) (Z-44) IS HEREBY CANCELLED. REFERENCE (B) (Z-25) AND REFERENCE (C) (Z-72) ARE REAFFIRMED. E.-R. ZUMWALT, ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

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