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MCPOS ON E-8/E-9 SELECTION BOARDS

1. IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR OUR FIRST MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY, DELBERT D. BLACK, WILL RETIRE. HE WILL LEAVE THE NAVY WITH AN OUTSTANDING RECORD OF PERFORMANCE. DURING HIS TENURE AS MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICER OF THE NAVY, HIS EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF NAVYMEN AND THEIR WIVES AND FAMILIES HAVE HELPED IMPROVE EVERY FACET OF NAVY LIFE. BEFORE HE LEAVES ON COMPLETION OF 30 YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE NAVY, I AM PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE IMPLEMENTATION OF STILL ANOTHER OF THE NUMEROUS IMPROVEMENTS HE HAS INITIATED.
2. BEGINNING WITH THE MASTER/SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS CONVENING IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, THE BOARDS WILL BE COMPOSED OF BOTH OFFICERS AND MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS AS FULLY PARTICIPATING MEMBERS.
3. AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE, NOT ONLY WILL THE MCPO/SCPO SELECTION BOARDS HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF THE VALUABLE INPUTS FROM THESE CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS, BUT ALSO AS THE MCPOS WHO HAVE SERVED ON THESE

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BOARDS RETURN TO THEIR DUTY STATIONS, THEIR SELECTION BOARD EXPERIENCES WILL ENABLE THEM TO IMPART TO THE MEN THEY SERVE, AS SENIOR ADVISORS, AN INCREASED AWARENESS OF THOSE STANDARDS OF SERVICE WHICH LEAD TO A SUCCESSFUL NAVY CAREER.

4. ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FORTHCOMING RETIREMENT, I WISH TO THANK MASTER CHIEF BLACK FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NAVY. AS HE DEPARTS, HE LEAVES BEHIND A NAVY WHICH HE HELPED TO BETTER. I KNOW YOU ALL JOIN ME IN APPLAUDING HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF DUTY AND IN WISHING HIM A FAIR WIND AND A FOLLOWING SEA.

E. R. ZUMWALT, JR., ADMIRAL, U. S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

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