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APRIL RECAP

Explore the key ALNAVs/NAVADMINs released in April, highlighting the Navy's latest updates and guidance.

EVENT DATES

Feb. 01 - Dec. 31, 2026
Calendar Year 2026 E4
Meritorious Advancement
Program (MAP)

Jun. 23 - 26, 2026
Career Development
Symposium PACNORWEST

Jul. 1 - Dec. 31, 2026
Physical Readiness Program
Cycle 2

DEADLINES

May 21, 2026, 2359 CST
RC Enlisted Advancement
Selection and Screen Boards
for Chief Petty Officer Letter to
the Board

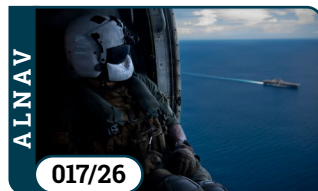
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**HEALTH OF
THE FORCE
SURVEY IS
LIVE!**



Take the 20-minute Health of the Force survey to share your feedback on Navy programs and policies with the Navy's top leaders. Your input is used to evaluate and update Navy programs and policies. Scan the QR code to take the survey!

OPERATION EPIC FURY CYBER HYGIENE AND THREAT AWARENESS



ALNAV

017/26

Stay alert—cyber criminals are targeting Navy personnel and families during Operation EPIC FURY through phishing and social engineering scams. Protect yourself: strengthen passwords, enable MFA, limit personal data online, and avoid suspicious emails or texts. Report threats to your unit IT immediately.

MRS. SYBIL STOCKDALE OMBUDSMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD



NAVADMIN

096/26

Celebrate Navy family heroes! The 2026 Mrs. Sybil Stockdale Ombudsman of the Year Award honors outstanding afloat, reserve, and ashore ombudsmen for exceptional service supporting Navy families and mission readiness. Nominations are due May 29, 2026, with winners announced this summer.

2026 COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY (COMSEC) MONITORING NOTIFICATION



NAVADMIN

093/26

Stay alert, Sailors: The Navy is monitoring all government communications systems to protect COMSEC. Use only secure channels for sensitive information, follow OPSEC protocols, and remember all government devices and networks are subject to monitoring.

UPDATE NFAAS PERSONAL & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFO (APRIL 2026)



NAVADMIN

092/26

Stay prepared and connected: All Navy personnel must verify and update personal and emergency contact information in NFAAS by May 15, 2026. Accurate records ensure accountability, family readiness, and rapid support for Sailors, civilians, contractors, and families during emergencies.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS CHALLENGE



NAVADMIN

084/26

Sharpen your cyber defenses: All Navy personnel, civilians, and contractors with network access must complete the FY26 Cybersecurity Awareness Challenge by Sept. 1, 2026. Commands must ensure 100% compliance, as non-compliant accounts risk account deactivation.

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PCS GUIDE

START YOUR MOVE >>>

THE NAVY OWES YOU UNIFORMS: HERE'S HOW YOU GET THEM

by Mass Communication Specialist First Class George M. Bell, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

The Navy launched a new Uniform Electronic Gift Card Program to ensure eligible Sailors obtain required uniform items not received upon graduating from Recruit Training Command (RTC) beginning June 1, 2024.



The program provides Active and Reserve Sailors a direct way to receive uniform items through Navy Exchange uniform centers without incurring out-of-pocket costs. It was established in response to supply chain and production challenges that, in some cases, left recruits without a full seabag when transferring to training commands or the Fleet. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service began notifying affected Sailors through SmartDocs on April 10.

"Sailors should know that the Navy will live up to its responsibility to provide them the uniforms promised and needed to accomplish their assigned duties in the Fleet," said Robert B. Carroll, branch head, OPNAV N13X.

Under the new process, eligible Sailors will receive an electronic voucher loaded with funds for the

specific uniform items they are owed. The program replaces a parcel shipment process that often proved inefficient when Sailors transferred or shipments were returned because of outdated addresses.

"The program provides an avenue for eligible Sailors to obtain owed uniform items from the closest Navy Exchange Uniform Center without incurring out-of-pocket costs," Carroll said.



To begin the process, eligible Sailors should email rtcuniforms@nexweb.org and provide their:

- full name
- graduating company or division
- graduation date
- phone number
- and personal email address (not a military email account)

Once a Sailor's information is validated, Navy Exchange Service Command will send instructions on how to accept and use the e-gift card, along with a list of outstanding uniform items.

Eligible Sailors should act early. The e-gift card must be used to obtain all required items before it expires at the close of business on Sept. 30, 2026.



The funds are not transferable and must be presented by the Sailor on a cell phone along with military identification. It cannot be printed and used in paper form.

Sailors who already purchased missing items out of pocket should first contact the Navy Uniform Matters Office at umo_cmc@navy.mil with details on the items owed and receipts showing the date and cost of purchase before requesting an e-gift card.

At its core, the program is meant to ensure Sailors enter the fleet with the uniforms they were promised and need to do the job.