# **IA Joint Report**

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#### Navy IA Reduction Efforts and Updated RC Policy

Navy Leadership has articulated the future vision of RC operational support in the below documents.

- SECNAV Memo of 19 JAN 2021, Policy Regarding Involuntary Mobilization of Reserve Personnel for Individual Augment Requirements
- CNO NAVPLAN, January 2021
- ALNAVRESFOR 025/20

In accordance with the SECNAV Memo of 19 JAN 2021 to discontinue RC support of contingency/Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) IA requirements and Navy's continued efforts to decrease ordered IA requirements, FY23 projections reflect a reduction in scheduled IA deployments. In his Memo of 19 January, 2021, the SECNAV articulated that "the involuntary activation of Navy and Marine Corps RC forces to support OCO IA requirements shall be discontinued."

#### What does this mean for me as a Navy Reservist?

- With the exception of members activated to their programmed billets at assigned commands, IA's with Ready Load Dates (RLD) on 1 OCT 2022 or later shall be sourced with volunteers.
- IA opportunities will continue to be made available to Reservists on a voluntary basis and under the authority of Title 10 of U.S. Code, Section 12301(d).
- RC unit mobilizations will continue to be ordered under Title 10 of U.S. Code, Section 12304b.
- IA requirements will continue to be tasked to the active duty fleet as IA reduction efforts continue.
- RC members: Check ZipServe for volunteer opportunities:
  - https://locker.private.navyreserve.navy.mil/zipserve/
- Consult USFF IA Resources to determine RC eligibility for entitlements for 12301(d) orders: <u>https://www.usff.navy.mil/Organization/Headquarters/Individual-Augmentees/Resources/</u>

#### New Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) Training Requirements

All IAs deploying without an intermediate stop (I-stop) at a formal combat skills course must have a current TCCC-All Service Members (ASM) certification showing expiration after the end of IA deployment.

Members deploying on IA orders with training I-stops at Expeditionary Combat Skills, Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training (NIACT), and A-14 do not require TCCC-ASM certification prior to ready load date (RLD). These courses include TCCC-ASM training within the curriculum. IA members and commands may reference IA orders to determine if the member will attend one of these training courses prior to boots on ground deployment. All other IA Sailors must have TCCC-ASM certification complete prior to RLD.

TCCC-ASM has been added to the Expeditionary Screening Checklist (NAVPERS 1300/22 series), as a pre-deployment checklist requirement. Commands shall assist IA members in completion of TCCC-ASM requirements and shall notify COMUSFLTFORCOM N1 of any members at risk for non-completion of TCCC-ASM prior to deployment ready load date (RLD).

To ensure an executable transition, an exemption period shall be established until 1 July 2022. Members currently tagged for mobilization who have completed NAVPERS 1300/22 and have a RLD on or before 1 July are exempt from having TCCC-ASM completed. Members currently tagged for mobilization who have completed NAVPERS 1300/22 and have a RLD after 1 July must complete TCCC-ASM prior to their RLD. Members with a RLD after 1 July shall utilize the updated

#### Activation TRICARE Benefits for RC IA Sailors

**Pre-Deployment Stage** – Per TRICARE and the Navy Reserve DEERS/RAPIDS Project Office (NRPO), pre-activation entitlements for eligible orders begin on the date your orders are issued **or** 180 days before you report to active duty; **whichever is later**.

For example, if you are issued eligible orders on 1 October 2022 with a start date of 1 December 2022, TRICARE eligibility begins on 1 October; the date the orders are issued. If, however, you are issued orders on 1 October 2022 with a start date of 1 May 2023, TRICARE eligibility begins on 2 November 2022; 180 days before you report to active duty.

The Title 10 order authority dictates associated benefits. Sailors are encouraged to reference their orders, use the tools referenced in this report, and contact TRICARE or NRPO with any benefits eligibility questions.

**Deployment Stage** – This TRICARE benefit starts the day your Strength Gain posts to the Active Component (AC) NSIPS during activation processing and stops when your Strength Loss is processed/released pending gain to RC NSIPS by the NOSC/NRA.

• Note: It takes 24-48 hours for NSIPS to update the RAPIDS system causing IA Sailors to frequently experience an apparent lapse in TRICARE coverage during this time. Additional proof of coverage (a copy of your orders) may be asked for if medical attention is required during that lapse period.

**Post-Deployment Stage** – Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP / TA-180) provides TRICARE coverage for 180 days from the date of separation listed on your DD214 for eligible mobilization or contingency orders. TAMP eligibility is determined by the services, is documented in DEERS, and can be viewed online via milConnect (<u>https://milconnect.dmdc.osd.mil/milconnect</u>). You have 90 days from your date of separation to make plan changes, if needed. You are not eligible for TAMP while on terminal leave. During terminal leave, you continue to receive active duty benefits and your family members remain covered under TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote, or TRICARE Select.

• It is *imperative* that service members check their TRICARE status, specifically post-deployment, using the resources and contacts below.

**Resources and Tools:** The resources at the below link can be utilized to determine entitlements. Look under the Navy IA Program Menu (left side), click on the down arrow next to "Resources" and select "Title 10 U.S. Code Entitlements Resources." https://www.usff.navy.mil/Organization/Headquarters/Individual-Augmentees/Resources/

The Rapids Project Office at CNRFC (<u>nrpo.fct@navy.mil</u>) is tasked to manage and assist RC IAs with their Pre-Deployment and Post-Deployment entitlements. Visit <u>https://www.tricare.mil/Plans/SpecialPrograms/TAMP</u> for more information on TRICARE and TAMP benefits. TRICARE East: 1-800-444-5445. TRICARE West: 1-844-866-9378.

#### **Policy Highlights**

# \*Updated\* NAVPERS 1300/22 (Expeditionary Screening Checklist)

This is the primary form utilized to ensure full and correct processing of all personnel mobilizing or filling an Individual Augmentee Manpower Management (IAMM) assignment, Overseas Contingency Operation Support Assignment (OSA), or Global War on Terrorism Support Assignment (GSA). This form applies to groups (i.e., established commissioned Reserve Component (RC) units) and individuals (Active Component (AC) and RC), but excludes Title 10 U.S.C. 12304a mobilizations and must be completed within 30 days of orders date time group (DTG).

#### NAVPERS 1300/24 (Voluntary Service Agreement for Continuing On Active Duty)

This form is required in order to request an order modification (ORDMOD) that will continue/extend a member's Individual Augmentee (IA) or mobilization orders.

#### NAVPERS 1300/25 (Voluntary Waiver Acknowledgment for Mobilizing on Active Duty)

This form is required in order for an RC member to:

- 1. Volunteer to mobilize with less than 60 days notification to commencement of orders.
- 2. Volunteer to mobilize while still in dwell time from a previous involuntary mobilization.
- 3. Volunteer to mobilize under both conditions.

NAVPERS forms can be located at https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/References/Forms/NAVPERS

#### Reserve Force Manpower Tools (RFMT) Timelines and Individual Augmentees (IAs) - RC Only

RC Officers (0-4 and below and RC enlisted Sailors who mobilize while in a pay status will remain assigned to their current unit and billet while mobilized and are eligible to remain in a pay status, for at least 6 months, or up to 9 months following demobilization, except where precluded by policy (e.g., statutory limitations, High Year Tenure (HYT)) per RESPERSMAN 1300-080. Senior Officers will be governed by policy in the COMNAVRESFORNOTE 5400 series.

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