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From: Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Task Force Individual Augmentee (CTF-IA)  
To: Officers in Charge, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command Forward Headquarters Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait  
Subj: EXTENSIONS OF U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF JOINT MANNING DOCUMENT (JMD) INDIVIDUAL AUGMENTEE (IA) AND REQUEST FOR FORCES (RFF)/FORCE TRACKING NUMBER (FTN) AD-HOC BILLET REQUIREMENTS IN U.S. CENTRAL COMMAND AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY  
Ref: (a) CNO Washington DC 261417Z Dec 07 (NAVADMIN 355/07 - NIACT)  
(b) COMUSNAVCENT/CTF-IA Instruction 6100 (USN PRT In-theater)  
(c) COMUSNAVCENT OPOD 1000-07, Annex A (Task Organization)

1. The Secretary of the Navy; Chief of Naval Operations; Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command; Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery; Chief of Naval Personnel; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command; Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command; and Commander, Navy Reserve Forces Command are committed to the care, wellness, and readiness of all Sailors. We must ensure no unforeseen, unattended, and/or undocumented medical, training, physical, and readiness shortfalls and risks occur from extending IA/Ad-hoc Sailors in Commander, U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility (CENTCOM AOR). NAVCENT will review each request, considering multiple factors and variables. Factors for consideration, but not limited to, include: medical, training and physical readiness.

a. Physical and mental factors may not become readily apparent until long after return and reintegration from the combat environment. Without a system in place to provide medical evaluation and Post-Deployment Health Assessment (PDHA) between mission rotations and extensions, it becomes difficult to appropriately measure the health impacts related to Combat and Operational Stress from multiple extensions.

b. Training is critical to ground commanders' capabilities, readiness and mission success in addition to Sailors' professional development. Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training conducted at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Tactical Movement Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Training conducted at Udairi Range, Kuwait; and other more mission specific training conducted at dedicated training sites provide IA/Ad-hoc Sailors with the necessary skills to succeed during deployment. Sailors extending in a dynamic combat environment cannot maintain currency with respect to these requirements and other Navy training requirements per reference (a). Additionally General Military Training and rate training continue to be a necessary and

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critical area that significantly contributes to Sailors' professional development and increases opportunity for promotion.

c. Physical readiness is part of the U.S. Navy's culture. However, Boots on Ground (BOG) Sailors may be unable to adequately prepare for and comply with the standards required to conduct an authorized U.S. Navy Physical Readiness Test (PRT), Fitness Assessment (i.e., body composition analysis), and remedial program due to in-theater barriers (i.e., OPTEMPO, environmental conditions, and inadequate facilities) per reference (b). Extending in missions with these barriers will negatively affect the Sailors ability to develop and execute personal physical fitness, readiness, and well being programs.

2. Sailors on multiple extensions may lose a sense of belonging to or being an integral part of our Naval Service. Extended tours in units of other Services environment can lead to loss of identity, relationship, and values important to the U.S. Navy. These multiple disassociated tours may diminish Sailors' credentials and possibly degrade the Navy's institutional core competencies. Ultimately multiple extensions will impact our Sailors' potential for advancement.

3. COMUSNAVCENT maintains Operational Control of all IA/Ad-hoc Sailors BOG CENTCOM AOR per reference (c). Effective immediately, all BOG extensions are limited to one additional mission rotation and extended by exception. Total BOG time for the initial deployment and the additional mission rotation will not exceed 24 months for IA/Ad-hoc Sailors in CENTCOM AOR. Additional guidance to the following missions:

a. Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRT), Detainee Operations, Counter-Improvised Explosive Device (C-IED) units, and Expeditionary Signal Intelligence (SIGINT) units are considered high stress missions (high demand, high threat situations that may disrupt performance). IA/Ad-hoc Sailors assigned to these units are limited to a maximum BOG tour length of 12 months or the tour length of the initial mission rotation (i.e., deployment order), whichever is less. After Relief in Place/Transfer of Authority (RIP/TOA) or turnover, Sailors must redeploy and not be extended to other IA/Ad-hoc missions in CENTCOM AOR.

b. IA/Ad-hoc Sailors assigned to Civil Affairs, Embedded Training Teams, Training & Advisory Missions, and Transition Teams (i.e., Military, Coalition Air Force, Combined Air Power, Combined Naval, and other) will be granted extensions on a case-by-case basis. Extensions will only be considered for the aforementioned missions and other IA/Ad-hoc missions (excluding PRT, Detainee Operations, C-IED, and SIGINT unit missions). If approved, extensions will be limited to one additional mission rotation.

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4. After completing the initial IA/Ad-hoc tour and the approved extended tour, the Sailors must return to a Fleet/parent command or Navy Operational Support Center for at least 12 consecutive months and complete the Post-Deployment Health Re-assessment (PDHRA) screening before deploying again to CENTCOM AOR for another IA/Ad-hoc tour.

5. All extension requests will be routed through COMUSNAVCENT/CTF-IA via the respective NAVCENT Forward Headquarters for review and approval to USFF/PERS, and RESFOR if applicable.

6. Sailors conducting their second rotation will be allowed to complete their current tours. Sailors already conducting their third or greater consecutive rotations will be redeployed as soon as practicable. Any new or in-process extensions exceeding 24 months BOG will be disapproved.

7. Our commitment is to the care, wellness, and readiness of all Sailors while balancing the ground commanders' operational risks and operational needs. We will continue to be responsible stewards of Navy resources by reviewing and modifying missions as necessary ensuring the conditions on the ground and the well-being of our Sailors are aligned.

  
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