

Electronics Technician

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News and Reminders from the RFMC

- **CG Modernization:** I wanted to take a moment to pass a long a few general comments on CG Modernization. **Q:** How will it impact ESDs and ESUs? **A:** Very little, at the end of the day it will effect who the ESUs report to, and a few ESU will get additional staff. **Q:** What if I just got to the MLC; do I have to transfer next year if the MLCs are stood down? **A:** Unless you are tour complete don't expect a transfer, your job title may change and who you work for may change, but that is about it.
- **ET Occupational Analysis (OA):** The ET Rating will be running an OA survey late this fall in preparation for an ET Rating Review next spring. Look for more details in the OCT and NOV ET Force Notes.
- **Security Clearance:** A reminder to all that it your responsibility to keep your clearance up to date in order to meet your mandated requirements. You can review your clearance status in the My Readiness Portal of the My Workspace page of CG Central.
- **Revised EPME Study Guide and AQE:** CG members who've passed any of the EPME AQEs by 01AUG08, whether or not advancing (SWE or SUPLIST), DO NOT have to re-take the latest EPME AQE version. Beginning 02AUG08, all members will test with the new version of EPME AQEs. If you have any questions about this, contact SCPO Cathy Seybold at 202-475-5511.
- **Weapons Systems Support:** The ELC maintains a comprehensive Coast Guard Combat Systems Information Portal, at <http://cgweb.elcbalt.uscg.mil/combatsys/combatsys.asp>
- **LAMS:** This is a reminder to all ET2s that next year it will be required that you have completed LAMS prior to 01 February 2009 in order to compete for ET1 in May 2009. There will be no waivers granted.
- **AAIWSM:** Review ALCGENL 043/08 for specific details. This program is open to ET2 through ETC. AAIWSM is a 29 week course in Advanced avionics and electronics training at NATTC Pensacola, Florida. The course is designed to support positions requiring a high level of technical and supervisory expertise. The curriculum includes advanced electronics and computer theory, communications, navigation, radar, and flight control systems. You need to complete the math pretest by 01 July 2008 before submitting your request package. See my CG Central site for specific details.

- **SRB CSTB Message:** The CSTB bonus of \$8K for non-rates to attend ET “A” School is in effect until July 15 2009, see ALCOAST 316/08 for details.

Greetings from CWO Farrell, the ET1, ET2, & ET3 Assignment Officer:

THE SHOPPING LIST IS COMING! – The Shopping List is grossly out of date and will remain so until 26 SEP 08 IAW **ALCGENL 075/08**. Commands will have from 26 SEP until 10 OCT 08 to address errors and/or changes to the Shopping List. I recommend waiting until after 10 OCT to submit e-resumes. This will ensure you are choosing from the most accurate list. PRI 1/2/3 e-resumes are due with command endorsement NLT 07 NOV 08. PRI 4/5s - see the next paragraph for more.

PROGRESSIVE SLATING – I expect to use the progressive slating method which has proven successful in AY07 and AY08. I will view the e-resumes of PRI 1/2/3s after 07 NOV 08, slate PRI 1/2/3 members, and then republish the Shopping List with remaining positions for PRI 4/5 members. I believe I will republish by 05 DEC. I should know a firm date next month. Why a progressive slate? Progressive slating allows PRI 4/5 members to submit a realistic e-resumes created from positions that haven’t already been slated to PRI 1/2/3 members.

SHORT-TOURING ET1s – Revised cuts to the NOV 07 SWE and initial cuts to the MAY SWE will hit the message boards soon, hopefully in September. Those above the cut for ET1 should plan to be short-toured and sent to my growing list of unexpected ET1 vacancies unless a fleet-up is available (*advancements to ETC may create new ET1 vacancies*). **REMEMBER: EPM PROMOTES TO FILL VACANCIES! This may require you to transfer early.** I will send e-mail notifications soon.

NEXT MONTH – I will address a definition of a “realistic e-resume” and tips for maximizing successful competition for desired assignments.

RELAD MYTH – I need to know if you intend to RELAD! AOs are not informed when a member intends to RELAD; nor when a member submits a Career Intentions Worksheet. Supervisors, please stay abreast of your members’ career intentions. Failure to keep me informed of expected vacancies may result in gapped positions. It takes too long to identify, train, and transfer replacements to provide them on short notice. This is doubly-true in the case of MK-92, CIWS, and SLQ-32 technicians.

Greetings from CWO Thomas, the ETC, ETCS, & ETCM Assignment Officer:

Greetings Master Chiefs, Senior Chiefs, Chiefs & Aspiring Chiefs! As summer begins to fade & the first signs of fall begin to appear, the “busy” season for Detailers starts anew. This past assignment season, AY2008, never really ended for me, as there were some late appointments to CWO that kept me from putting AY2008 behind me. In fact, I’m still an ITC posn away from finishing last season’s assignments because of this. This is good, though, because previously unexpected CWO appointments, retirements, and other movement within the workforce create opportunities elsewhere. Finally, there may be a change or two at the ETC pay grade over the coming weeks that’ll need addressing, too. Newly-advanced Chiefs should anticipate filling any unplanned vacancies.

AY2009 is officially underway with the release of *ALCGENL 075/08* (AY2009 SITREP 1). If you’re due to transfer in AY2009, you need to pay close attention to the timeline below. It’s *possible* there may be a slight change in the timeline, pushing the release of the publication of the Shopping List to the right, but I’ll keep you posted one way or the other

- 26 Sep: *AY2009 Shopping List is published.*
- 26 Sep – 10 Oct: Commands validate the AY2008 Shopping List against expected vacancies.
- 07 Nov: *E-resumes due.*
- 08 Nov – 31 Mar 09: Slating of members & issuance of orders.

I’ve said this the past two years and I’ll say it again – I strongly recommend against submitting your e-resume prior to 10 Oct. There’s a very good reason why there are 2 weeks built into the above timeline for validation – and that’s because there are always discrepancies. There’s no benefit to submitting it early, so you’ll be better served by holding off until mid-to-late Oct before doing so. If you’re seeking an extension, place your current

position as your #1 choice – and obtain a favorable command endorsement. Command endorsements must come from the XO (or other duly appointed representative).

My phone line's always open, so feel free to call (or send me e-mail) if you have questions, comments or concerns. I can't guarantee same day service, but I will get back to you.

Chiefs, I'm soliciting for an ETC to fill an Executive Petty Officer (XPO) position at LORSTA Port Clarence. As you know, these XPO positions are isolated duty, unaccompanied assignments and last one year in duration. Members receive Assignment Priority 1 consideration upon successful completion of their tour. Prior LORAN experience is desired, although leadership skills are paramount in this capacity, so don't discard this opportunity if you're not familiar w/ LORAN. It's very likely I'll assign a new ETC into this position. However, I'll accept requests for consideration from anyone that's tour complete in AY2009, as well. The XPO positions require filling in early January – so please contact me via e-mail ASAP if you're interested.

One of the positions that'll need filling in AY2009 and has particular eligibility requirements is the ET Rating Force Master Chief (RFMC) position. I encourage all Master Chiefs should consider making a Service-wide impact by becoming the next ET Rating Force Master Chief. In case you didn't know, the RFMC position will garner you Assignment Priority 3 upon successful completion of your tour.

The eligibility criteria are listed below.

- Have attained the rank of E-9, or are above the cutoff on the advancement eligibility list
- Have demonstrated superior leadership abilities and broad management skills
- Possess effective communication abilities (oral and written) and proven administrative capabilities
- Have demonstrated effective counseling skills
- Have a sharp military appearance and bearing
- Have an outstanding performance record
- Have a broad perspective of the rating
- Be a graduate of the Chief Petty Officer Academy, or a DOD Senior Enlisted Academy
- Be within two years of normal tour rotation

The single most important attribute to being successful in any endeavor is desire. If you want to become the next ET RFMC and you're lacking one of the requirements above, I urge you to speak w/ either myself, or better yet, ETCM Bletso. Although these positions are vetted at numerous levels far & above me, I think he & I can make the Service need case for placing the "right" person in this job. Please see section 4.E.21 of the PERSMAN for additional info, including duties & responsibilities, application procedures, etc.

Messages

[Headquarters Support Command General Message Repository](#)

- ALCOAST 349/08 JUL 2008 EPME STUDY GUIDE AND AQE REVISIONS
- ALCGENL 112/08 JUL 2008 ACET AND AMT SELECTION PANEL RESULTS
- ALCOAST 322/08 JUL 2008 EARLY ADVANCEMENT AUTHORIZATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL ADVANCEMENT
- ALCOAST 316/08 JUN 2008 CRITICAL SKILLS TRAINING BONUS (CSTB) PROGRAM
- ALCOAST 307/08 JUN 2008 CHANGE TO INDEFINATE REENLISTMENT POLICY
- ALCOAST 306/08 JUN 2008 SEA DUTY REQUIREMENTS FOR ET RATING
- ALCOAST 286/08 JUN 2008 SELECTIVE REENLISTMENT BONUS (SRB)
- ALCGPERSCOM 033/08 JUN 2008 ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR APPOINTMENT TO WARRANT GRADE 2009
- ALCGENL 043/08 MAR 2008 ADVANCED EDUCATION PROCESS FOR ENLISTED PERSONNEL
- ALCGENL 035/08 MAY 2007 SWE REVISED CUTOFFS
- ALCOAST 024/08 JAN 2008 ENGINEERING AND COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, COMPUTERS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (C4IT) COMPETENCY VALIDATION
- ALCGPERSCOM 005/08 REVISED CUTOFFS AND PREDICTORS FOR APPOINTMENT TO WARRANT GRADE
- ALCGENL 197/07 DEC 2007 AAIWSM SELECTION PANEL RESULTS

- ALCOAST 566/07 DEC 2007 CHANGES TO THE OPEN RATE LIST
- ALCOAST 325/07 JUL 2007 NEW ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN (ET1 AND ET2) RATING COURSES AND EPQs
- ELECTRONICS SYSTEM ADVISORY 005/07 JUN 2007 NEW ELECTRONICS MANUAL M10550.25B
- ALCGPERSCOM 028/07 JUN 2007 ELIGIBILITY LIST FOR APPOINTMENT TO WARRANT GRADE 2008
- ALCOAST 256/07 MAY 2007 NEW PERFORMANCE-BASED REQUIREMENT FOR LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SCHOOL (LAMS) FOR ADVANCEMENT TO E-6

Force Strength, Advancements, and Retirements

Retirements/Separations					
2008	ETCM	ETCS	ETC	ET1	Totals
January					
February					
March					
April		1	1	1	3
May	1	1	1		3
June	1		1		2
July				3	3
August			4	1	5
September	1	2	2	2	7
October		1	1		2
November	1		4		5
December	1	1	5		8
Total 2008	5	6	19	7	37

Active Duty ET Force Strength				
	Authorized		Out of	
AUG 2008	Billets	On Board	Rate	Strength
ETCM	18	18	1	100%
ETCS	47	47	8	100%
ETC	206	206	10	100%
ET1	384	385	22	100%
ET2	468	468	4	100%
ET3/SN/SA	403	416	0	102%
Totals	1526	1536	45	101%

Selective Reenlistment Bonuses			
16 July 2008			
Zone	Eligible	SRB Multiple	MK-92 Kicker
A	ET3	1	3
A	ET2 and Above	2	3
B	ET2 and ET1	1.7	3
B	ETC	1	3

Reserve ET Force Strength		
01 Aug 2008	Billets	On Board
ETCM	2	3
ETCS	3	3
ETC	16	17
ET1	45	44
ET2	63	44
ET3/SN/SA	38	35
Totals	167	151

May/NOV 2007 Adv Lists Cuts		
Grade	Number	Name
ETCM	5	Giangregorio, D
ETCS	16	Marino, D
ETC	53	Berg, M
ET1	39	Owens, T
ET2	Supplemental	n/a

Remember, a retirement does not guarantee advancement. Changes in the Allowance List and out of rate personnel may effect actual promotion requirements.

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