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New FY-15 GMT guidance effective June 1

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Effective June 1, the Naval Education and Training Command (NETC) announced that FY15 requirements for several General Military Training (GMT) training lessons are no longer mandatory for completion via Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) and Navy e-Learning, and may be delivered through alternate methods.

According to Rear Adm. Mike White, NETC commander, based on fleet feedback and in line with the GMT initiative from the Secretary of the Navy, command triads are encouraged to evaluate their GMT needs and use appropriate methods to provide this training.

"We are empowering the command triads to choose the type of training relevant for their Sailors," said White. "They know their Sailors best and understand what training is needed to positively impact their lives, and to support their command mission."

GMT lessons which were waived for FY 15 and were covered by the Bystander Intervention to the Fleet (BI2F) training include Physical Readiness, Sexual Health, Fraternalization, and Hazing.

While no longer mandatory, the information in several topics is important for Sailors and command leaders may decide that the training could be delivered in alternate methods, such as partnering with local Fleet and Family Service Centers. To support these needs, the online sessions will remain available for Domestic Violence, Stress Management, and Operational Risk Management.

There are certain legal, congressional and DoD required training topics that still must be completed annually, and are available via Navy eLearning and NKO. These include Privacy and PII Awareness, Records Management, and Antiterrorism / Force Protection, to name a few. A complete list is available on the GMT page on NKO.

In addition, there are a few lessons that are mandatory for face-to-face delivery. These include Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) and Suicide Prevention, among others.

According to Bill Marvel, NETC GMT program manager, NKO remains a valuable resource for GMT lesson delivery.

“Although several of the lessons are no longer required to be completed using NKO or Navy eLearning, they’ll continue to be an available option for commands as the information in this training remains relevant in a number of critical areas that impact individual Sailors and the overall health of our force,” said Marvel.

Marvel added that the list now posted to NKO supersedes the requirements contained in the FY-15 General Military Training Schedule (NAVADMIN

202/14), and the plan for FY16 training will be communicated via a NAVADMIN message later this summer.

For more information on the Naval Education and Training Command, visit the NETC website: <https://www.netc.navy.mil>.

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