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Subject Matter Experts Needed and Critical for Writing Navy Advancement Exams

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC) released the latest schedule Dec. 9 for upcoming Advancement Examination Readiness Reviews (AERRs) held between January and June 2015.

Chief Petty Officers (E7-E9) identified as Fleet Subject Matter Experts (FSMEs) are highly encouraged to apply and participate in this process that helps identify the most qualified advancement candidates. FSMEs are critical to ensuring that Sailors are being tested on current, relevant, and important advancement examination topics.

"All chiefs should consider serving as an FSME; it's critical to the process and I believe equally as important as selection board duty," said NETPDTC's Command Master Chief, Master Chief Electrician's Mate Eric Riddle. "All Navy ratings have AERRs periodically to update the exam bank and to write advancement exams, so every chief in the Navy has the potential to make a substantial contribution to their rating."

AERRs are held at NETPDTC on board Saufley Field, in Pensacola. Temporary Additional Duty (TAD) travel in support of AERR events is considered mission critical and is flag approved. All costs pertaining to TAD are funded by NETPDTC.

“Without exception, the feedback I’ve received from AERR panel members has been extremely positive as time well-invested,” said Cmdr. Brenda Stencil, Navy Advancement Center (NAC) director. “Virtually all of the panels have members who are back for their second or third time, demonstrating dedication to the process and their belief in its value.”

Currently, the following ratings are scheduled for AERR events between January and June 2015: ABH, AC, AD, AE, AG, AM, AME, AO, AS, ATI, ATO, AWF, AWO, AWR, AWS, AWV, BM, BU, CE, CM, CS, CTR, CTT, DC, EA, EN, EO, EOD, ET, ETV, FC, FT, GM, GSE, HM, IS, IT, LN, LS, MA, MM (conventional), MM (nuclear), MME, MMW, MR, MT, NC (counselor), NC (recruiter), OS, PR, PS, QM, SB, SH, SO, STG, SW, YN.

The application to volunteer as an FSME for advancement exam development must be endorsed by the commanding officer or officer in charge, as well as the command master chief, senior chief or chief of the boat prior to submission to NAC. The AERR fleet liaison, Peter Pappas, coordinates with learning center rating managers, detailers, and Type Commander (TYCOM) representatives to select the best nominees.

To take part in the AERR process, log into NKO then use the following link: <https://www.nko.navy.mil/group/navy-advancement-center/advancement-examination-readiness-review-aerr-> . This link provides the scheduled dates for the ratings listed above, eligibility and nomination package requirements, and other pertinent information regarding AERR events.

Potential SME's should then submit their nomination packages to Peter Pappas, NETPDTC N33A, via email peter.pappas@navy.mil. Pappas may also be contacted with further questions at (850) 473-6121/DSN 753, fax (850) 473-6124.

The latest AERR schedule, including specific dates for each rating listed above, will be continuously updated and available on the Navy Advancement Center's (NAC) Navy Knowledge Online (NKO) page and on NAC's Facebook page. Quarterly updates will be announced via news release, online and through social media, and will no longer be published as a naval administrative message (NAVADMIN).

For more information about the Navy Advancement Center and the Navy Enlisted Advancement System (NEAS), visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Navy-Advancement-Center>.

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