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## **Advancement Exam Readiness Review Panels Seek Rating Subject Matter Experts**

PENSACOLA, Fla. -- The latest Advancement Examination Readiness Review (AERR) schedule and request for volunteers was announced March 12 by the Naval Education and Training Professional Development Technology Center (NETPDTC) in Pensacola.

Detailed in Naval Administrative Message (NAVADMIN) 052-14, Navy chiefs (E7 to E9) on active duty, Full Time Support (FTS), and Reservists on Active Duty for Special Work (ADSW) are encouraged to apply and participate in the process that helps identify the most qualified advancement candidates.

The Navy Advancement Center (NAC) AERR fleet liaison, Peter Pappas, coordinates with learning center rating managers, detailers, and Type Commander representatives to select the best nominees.

"Each enlisted rating has unique fleet subject matter expert (FSME) requirements calling for the right mix of skills and knowledge to support the AERR process," said Pappas. "The chiefs who are selected to participate in their rating's AERR must compliment other panel members so all aspects of the rating are represented. The NAC works closely with each community

and Learning Center to obtain the appropriate combination of panel members."

The reviews are held at Saufley Field in Pensacola, Fla. and FSME travel is funded by NETPDTC. The reviews run one or two weeks in length with each rating being reviewed about every two years. Updates to the AERR schedule are published quarterly.

According to NETPDTC's Command Master Chief, Master Chief Electrician's Mate Eric Riddle, each AERR volunteer plays a vital role as a rating FSME; chiefs who are selected are responsible for determining the content of E4 through E7 rating advancement exams.

"We have a dedicated staff of exam development professionals who know how to leverage the experience and rating expertise of our visiting chiefs," said Riddle. "Before the FMSEs leave to go back to their commands, they tell me how rewarding the AERR experience has been, and many return to the NAC to participate in subsequent panels."

Applications to serve as a FSME for advancement exam development must be endorsed by the applicant's commanding officer or officer in charge, as well as the command master chief, senior chief or chief of the boat prior to submission to NETPDTC.

Chiefs with experience in multiple platforms or recent experience on a major rating skill-set are highly desirable. There are seven eligibility requirements listed in the nomination package. Potential applicants should contact the NETPDTC POC listed in the NAVADMIN to request a waiver if needed.

For application forms and additional requirements, visit  
<https://www.nko.navy.mil/group/navy-advancement-center>.

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