

ADMINISTRATIVE MESSAGE

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SUBJ/ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DRUG ABUSE//

RMKS/1. NAVY CONTINUES TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF AMERICAN SOCIETY IN MAINTAINING A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AND PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES FOR OUR SAILORS. THE 1998 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE SURVEY OF HEALTH RELATED BEHAVIORS AMONG MILITARY PERSONNEL SINGLED OUT NAVY AS THE ONLY SERVICE THAT HAD A SIGNIFICANT DECLINE IN DRUG USE BETWEEN 1995 AND 1998. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO NOTE DRUG USE IN CIVILIAN SECTOR REMAINS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER.

2. DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES, WE HAVE SEEN A DRAMATIC DECREASE IN SELF-ADMITTED DRUG USE AMONG SAILORS, AS INDICATED BY DOD WORLDWIDE SURVEYS. WE KNOW OUR SUCCESS IN CONTINUING ELIMINATION OF DRUG ABUSE IN THE NAVY HAS NOT OCCURRED OVERNIGHT. IT HAS TAKEN A CONCERTED EFFORT BY ALL HANDS SUPPORTING ZERO TOLERANCE OF DRUG ABUSE, FROM DECKPLATES TO SENIOR LEADERSHIP. SOME OF NAVY'S MORE SIGNIFICANT EFFORTS TO REDUCE DRUG USAGE INCLUDE:

- ENHANCED DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS (I.E., PREVENT, AWARE) THAT PROVIDE INFORMATION SAILORS CAN USE TO MAKE RESPONSIBLE CHOICES,
- A NEW NAVY DRUG SCREENING PROGRAM (NDSP) WHICH PREVENTS DRUG ABUSERS FROM "GAMING THE SYSTEM," AND
- TESTING ALL APPLICANTS PRIOR TO ENTERING NAVY'S DELAYED ENTRY PROGRAM AND AGAIN UPON ARRIVAL AT BOOT CAMP TO ENSURE QUALITY DRUG-FREE SAILORS REACH THE FLEET.

3. ZERO TOLERANCE HAS BEEN, AND REMAINS, THE CORNERSTONE OF NAVY'S DRUG POLICY. NAVY'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO ELIMINATING DRUG ABUSE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE, BUT OUR WORK IS NOT FINISHED. CONTINUED SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS TO DATE REQUIRES ACTIVE SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT OF ALL HANDS. ULTIMATELY, EACH SAILOR MAKES A PERSONAL DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO USE DRUGS; BUT, IF THEY DO SO, THEY KNOWINGLY COMMIT MISCONDUCT, JEOPARDIZE SAFETY OF THEIR SHIP AND SHIPMATES, AND WILL BE APPROPRIATELY DISCIPLINED AND PROCESSED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION.

4. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THAT NAVY DRUG SCREENING LABS USE STATE-OF-THE-ART EQUIPMENT WHICH CONTINUES TO PRODUCE FORENSICALLY ACCURATE AND LEGALLY DEFENSIBLE RESULTS. SAILORS WHO USE DRUGS WILL BE CAUGHT.

5. I WANT TO REEMPHASIZE TO ALL HANDS OUR COMMITMENT TO ZERO TOLERANCE FOR DRUG ABUSE. LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION, AND INTOLERANCE OF THOSE WHO USE DRUGS CONTINUE TO FURTHER ENHANCE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE DRUG ABUSE IN OUR NAVY. DRUG ABUSE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH NAVY CORE VALUES AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

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