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 SUBJ: GUNNERS MATE (GM) ASSIGNMENT YEAR 2014 PATROL FORCES SOUTHWEST ASIA SOLICITATION

A. Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST M1000.8 (series)  
 B. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Competency Qualification Instruction, COMDTINST M16247.3 (series)  
 C. CG Weight and Body Fat Standards Program Manual, COMDTINST M1020.8 (series)

1. This message solicits for ashore and afloat Gunners Mate positions at Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA). These assignments are one year PCS deployments to begin in the summer and winter of Assignment Year 2014 (AY14).
2. This is a dependent restricted, non-isolated PCS assignment available for men and women. For added benefits, see our website below.
3. PATFORSWA positions are available at the following units:
  - A. Assignment priority one: CGC ADAK, CGC AQUIDNECK, CGC BARANOF, CGC MAUI, CGC MONOMOY, CGC WRANGELL.
  - B. Assignment priority two: PATFORSWA shoreside support.
4. Assignment criteria, applicants must be:
  - A. 18 years of age at deployment date.
  - B. Tour complete in AY14 (not under orders), AY15, AY16.
  - C. Suitable for overseas assignment IAW Ref A, CH 1.
  - D. A U.S. citizen.
  - E. Eligible for a secret clearance or higher.
  - F. Must meet OBLISERV requirements (15 months from rpt date).
  - G. Must have completed task 1-01, physical fitness standards, of Ref B, within 6 months of application.
  - H. Must meet Coast Guard weight standards IAW Ref C.
  - I. E-resume must include a command endorsement.
  - J. Must have a valid drivers license with an expiration date that covers the duration of the assignment.

(note 1): prior to arrival to pre-deployment training (PDT), MBRS are expected to have a minimum of a current basic qualification with a personal defense weapon (PDW), and M-16 OR M-4. This is required for all shoreside and cutter assignments. All E-7 and below shoreside assignments are designated as AT/FP watchstanders.
5. Position Information:
  - A. Members interested in applying for any afloat assignments should apply to the following positions:
 

RATE/RANK	POSN NUMBER
GM1/GM2	00012920
GM2/GM3	00005930
  - B. Members interested in ashore positions should apply for the following:
 

RATE/RANK	POSN NUMBER
GMC	00075871
GM1	00075872
GM2	00075873
GM3	00075905
6. Assignment Procedures:
  - A. Interested members should submit a command endorsed e-resume by COB 15 OCT 2013 followed by and e-mail to the POC. Those who are tour complete in AY14 should list PATFORSWA positions first, followed by enlisted GM positions published on the AY14 shopping list.
  - B. Members shall request a command endorsement that meets the criteria in paragraph 8 to be completed in Direct Access.
  - C. Members shall complete the overseas screening checklists IAW Ref A.
  - D. Members are required to produce upon arrival a CG-3029 showing proof of current basic or practical qualifications on a PDW, and M-16 or M-4. Practical qualifications on these weapons prior to arrival are encouraged but not required. MBRS will have the opportunity and be required to obtain practical qualifications during PDT.
7. Applicants should be aware that documented rated experience and qualifications may take precedence over assignment priority when making these assignments. Those who meet PATFORSWA assignment criteria and are not selected are encouraged to keep apprised of

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latest message traffic. ORIG will notify selected members or their commands on a case-by-case basis.

8. Command Endorsement Criteria: All PATFORSWA endorsements should address the following:

A. Verify that members meet all assignment criteria in paragraph 4.  
B. List members small arms qualifications and most recent certification date. If members have not qualified on a PDW, and M-16 or M-4, endorsement should address members potential to qualify prior to arrival to PDT.

C. Summarize previous law enforcement or anti-terrorism/force protection experience and qualifications.

D. Summarize shipboard experience/shipboard support experience within the last five years. (afloat applicants only)

E. Backfill Concerns: When addressing backfills for members not tour complete in AY14, commands should keep in mind that receiving an immediate backfill is not always possible. The command's backfill request will factor into the candidate selection process. Additional guidelines for command endorsements can be found at our website.

9. Training and PCS: All personnel selected for this duty will be required to complete PDT. Details are available on our website. IAW Ref C, commands shall verify compliance with weight standards within 30 days of a PDT class convening date and update direct access with the members physical standards. If the member is found non-compliant with weight standards, the command must immediately cancel the orders to PDT and notify TQC, TTE AND PSC as appropriate. Any member reporting to SMTC for pre-deployment training determined to be out of compliance with CG weight standards will have their orders for PDT cancelled and will be returned to their current unit as appropriate. Subsequently, PCS orders to PATFORSWA may also be cancelled.

10. EPM PATFORSWA websites:

<http://www.uscg.mil/psc/epm/patforswa.asp> or

<https://cgportal2.uscg.mil/units/psc/psc-epm/SitePages/PATFORSWA-MSFS.aspx>

11. For assignment questions, please contact the GM Assignment Officer CWO3 Richard Ward at (703)872-6613 or [richard.w.ward@uscg.mil](mailto:richard.w.ward@uscg.mil).

12. Command reps may contact LCDR Brad Kelly at (703)872-6593 or [brad.w.kelly@uscg.mil](mailto:brad.w.kelly@uscg.mil).

13. Question regarding the operation nature of this assignment should be addressed to SMTC ADMIN Detachment CWO Marianne McCormack at [marianne.mccormack@usct.mil](mailto:marianne.mccormack@usct.mil) or (757)295-2234.

14. Internet release authorized.

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