COAST GUARD PERSONNEL COMMAND

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PHYSICAL EVALUATION BRANCH (ADM-1) QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ADM-1's Special points of interest:

- All IPEB findings will no longer be sent out by mail. They now will be sent to members by email.
- When submitting a medical board to ADM-1 use our current version of the CG-4920 .
- We are in the final steps for the new PDES Manual. We will have more information to follow.
- ADM-1 is currently processing 191 medical boards.
- MEB's need to be in chronological order (most recent on top); and hole punched.

ISSUES WITH MEDICAL BOARDS THAT GREATLY AFFECT PROCESSING TIME:

Adm-1 has experienced a continued increase in administrative holds for Medical Evaluation Boards (MEB). The administrative hold period can adversely affect an already time-sensitive process. Some of the main reasons why boards are being sent back include:

1. Medical information not current
2. CG 5684 (Medical Board Cover Sheet) is not complete
3. Command Endorsements do not fully describe the members duties or clearly articulate line of duty determination
4. Range of motion measurements were not completed using a goniometer as per DeLuca guidance.

COAST GUARD TO EMPLOY NAVY SAFE HARBOR PROGRAM

"TAKING CARE OF OUR WOUNDED, ILL, AND INJURED SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES"

The Navy has agreed to assist the Coast Guard with non medical case management for wounded, ill, or injured Sailors and their families. Providing a lifetime of care, they support and assist Sailors through recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration.

The Navy Safe Harbor Program brings resources together to provide support and assistance to severely wounded, injured, or ill Sailors and their family members. Using a holistic approach, Navy Safe Harbor Command provides personalized assistance throughout all phases of a Sailor's recovery, rehabilitation, and return to duty or community re- integration.

Their goal is to return Sailors to duty and, when not possible, work collaboratively with federal, state, and local organizations to ensure successful re-integration of Sailors back into their communities.

Their non-medical case management provides long-term support to wounded, ill, and injured Sailors that includes pay, benefits, invitational travel orders, lodging/housing adaptation, commissary/exchange access, education and vocational rehabilitation, employment, child and youth programs, recreation and leisure opportunities, legal and guardianship issues, respite care, charitable assistance, and much more. (For more information and enrollment in this great program please visit our website)

Please note: You must notify adm-1 of any person you plan to enroll into the Safe Harbor Program.

(COMING SOON)

NEW WAY OF HELPING YOUR MEMBERS FIND WHERE THEY ARE IN THE PDES PROCESS

Due to the cost of issuing passwords for Law Manager , we have created a new way to check your status in the PDES process. Under our home page we have a new tab called Med Board Status Spread Sheet this has now replaced Law Manager for member who are in the PDES process. When you open the spread sheet you will have to find your Matter number . To do this, hold your CTRL key and F key and input your matter number. Once you have found your matter number you will see the last day the spread sheet was updated and your status in the PDES process. The spread sheet will be updated on a weekly basis. Please allow two weeks for new medical boards to be entered. (For release date and more check our website for more information)