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ENLISTED RATING BADGES

On 1 July 2003, the Joint Rating Review (JRR) rating mergers will take place. Over 2,400 servicemembers will change their rating badges following the mergers. The new BM rating will use the current BM insignia, the OS rating will use the current RD insignia, the IT rating will use the current TT insignia, and the ET rating will use the current ET insignia.

Members actually changing their rating badge will be reimbursed for the cost of changing their rating badges. Each member's pay account will be credited in an amount equal to the Uniform Distribution Center (UDC) purchase price for one new rating badge. Member's can expect to receive reimbursement in their 1 August pay.

Members are authorized to wear their new rating badges beginning 1 May 2003. Discontinued rating badges (FT/QM/TC) will no longer be authorized for wear after 30 June 2003, but will remain on sale for purchase as keepsakes until 1 August 2003.

COMDTNOTE 1020 of 26 MAR 2003 contains the details including current UDC rating badge prices. Paper copies of this COMDTNOTE will be distributed in the near future. An electronic version is also posted on the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard's web site at <http://cgweb.uscg.mil/g-cmcpo/1uniform/ratbadges.htm> and on the JRR website at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-w/jrr/>. For additional information, please contact LT Fred Seaton, JRR Staff, (202) 493-0176, or your Rating Force Master Chief.

Regards,

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