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Summary of Changes

Article	Change
1.A.2.a.	Articulated the difference between transfer orders and travel orders and expanded on the responsibility of unit administration staffs regarding the preparation of transfer orders.
1.A.4.a.	Updates throughout the officer tour length chart.
1.A.4.a.(4)	Expanded definition to limit an involuntary extension to those serving on CONUS ashore assignments only.
1.A.4.b.	<p>Station Portage was removed from the CONUS semi-isolated tour length table and now falls under the “all others” tour length under the CONUS ashore table.</p> <p>CGC SEAHAWK was removed from the list of CONUS afloat two year tour lengths; now falls under all other 87’ WPB tour length of three years.</p> <p>Removed HITRON from the CONUS ashore table, now falls under the all other tour length of four years.</p> <p>Changed tour length for CGC AMBERJACK to two years and CGC STEELHEAD to the all others tour length of three years.</p> <p>Changed Station Panama Beach to Station Wachapreague.</p>
1.A.4.b.(5)	Expanded on definition of back-to-back tours.
1.A.4.b. (Notes)	<p>Removed the note regarding public school/tuition for Puerto Rico.</p> <p>Added a note regarding six year tour length for MEs assigned to the Maritime Security Response Team Direct Action Section and Maritime Safety and Security Team Maritime Law Enforcement/Force Protection and members assigned or designated canine handlers.</p>
1.A.15.	Removed this article regarding dislocation allowance entitlements. This information is found in the JFTR and the Coast Guard Supplement to the JFTR.
1.A.16.	Removed this article regarding attendance at technical, professional, scientific and other organization’s meetings. Refer to Article 1.G.3. which provides guidance on orders approving officials and further directs members to the JFTR and Vice Commandant guidance regarding authorized travel.
1.A.17.	Removed this article regarding NATO supplemental orders. This information is contained in CG Foreign Affairs Policy Manual COMDTINST M5710.5.
1.A.15.a.	Expanded on the definition of sole survivor.
1.B.1.e.	Expanded on the policy regarding members not physically qualified for reassignment to better align with the PDES instruction.
1.B.4.a.	Added MSRT deployable crews and Incident Management Assistance Team to the assignment priority 3 block of the assignment priority table and changed MLE TRATEAMS to SEOPS in the assignment priority 4 block.
1.B.4.c.	Expanded on the guidance for losing an assignment priority.

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1.B.7.b.(3)	Clarified the requirement to have a physical examination prior to being approved for an EAD contract per the Coast Guard Medical Manual, COMDTINST M6000.1.
1.C.2.a.	Updated the guidance on when members should submit e_Resumes.
1.C.6.b.	Removed the authority to use role-playing scenarios during OIC review boards.
1.C.6.e.(3)	Removed requirement to review health record at OIC board; updated references; updated definition of a Coast Guard boat.
1.C.11.b.(11)	Removed the wording for the CG-3307 pertaining to icebreaker duty. This is found in the Personnel and Procedures Manual, PPCINST M1000.2 (series).
1.C.12.	Newly established DSF assignment policy to which LEDET assignment policy was incorporated.
1.E.2.a.	Removed reference to the Discrimination Identification & Tracking System as it is no longer applicable.
1.E.2.a.(4)	Changed requirement for no NJP in the last two years to four years to align with no unsatisfactory conduct in last four years since NJP requires the completion of an EER with an unsatisfactory conduct mark.
1.E.2.a.(13)	Removed the requirement to be clean shaven from the general requirements for special assignments. Those assignments that do not allow waivers for folliculitis will state such in their respective sections.
1.E.4.	Moved the policy governing reassignment of members no longer suited for special assignment positions to 1.F.4. making the reassignment policy also applicable to assignments outside special assignments.
1.E.5.	Policy regarding unscheduled evaluation resulting from reassigning members unsuited for special duty moved to 1.F.4.e.
1.E.6.a.(7)	Added SMTC to the list of units where instructor duty positions are located, making the assignment considerations applicable to SMTC instructors.
1.E.6.b.	Added criteria to be clean-shaven for instructor duty at SMTC. This is no longer applicable to all special assignments but is still applicable for SMTC instructor duty.
1.E.7.c.	Added criteria to be clean-shaven for recruiter duty. This is no longer applicable to all special assignments but is still applicable for recruiter duty.
1.E.8.b.(6)	Added criteria to be clean-shaven for recruit regimental duty. This is no longer applicable to all special assignments but is still applicable for recruit regimental duty.
1.E.11.d.(1)(a)	Deleted the requirement to provide a DD-398 as part of the Ceremonial Honor Guard package. The DD-398 was cancelled in 1995.
1.E.12.	Added Coast Guard Reserve Force Master Chief (CGRF-MC) to the list of Command Senior Enlisted Leaders.
1.E.18.	Added assignment criteria for Aviation Standardization Team (STANTEAM) duty.
1.E.22.	Added Coast Guard Reserve Forces Master Chief (CGRF-MC) assignment policy.

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1.F.1.c.(1)(a)	Added Force Readiness Command to the list of units with authority to temporary relieve a commanding officer or officer-in-charge.
1.F.1.c.(2)(a)	Updated the list of permanent RFC authority giving CG PSC authority to permanently relieve for cause a officer-in-charge or commanding officer not assigned by an O5/O6 assignment panel
1.F.1.d.	Paragraph re-worded to eliminate the repetition of 1.F.1.b.(1) and to provide a segway into the two root causes for loss of confidence which are the basis for a RFC.
1.F.1.e.(3)(b)	Added CG PSC-rpm to encompass the relief for cause of a reserve commanding officer or officer-in-charge.
1.F.2.d.(2)	Added CG PSC-rpm to encompass reserve relief from primary duty.
1.F.4.	The reassignment policy was relocated from Article 1.E.4. Minor changes were made making it applicable to all positions requiring a special screening for assignment such as FSAT, Instructor Duty, STANTEAM, SURFMAN, and DSF.
1.G.3.a.	Added statement requiring awareness of sequestration limitations on travel.
1.G.3.d.	Added Force Readiness Command as a unit authorized to approve travel orders.
1.G.3.d.(5)	Removed old number (5) granting area commanders the authority to transfer enlisted member for discharge in accordance with Article 1.C. of Military Separations. Only CG PSC has this authority.
1.G.12.c.	Added guidance on filing copies of travel orders.
1.H.5.a.(2)	Updated guidance regarding early return of dependents to more closely align with policy found in JFTR and to ensure commands have a better understanding of the due diligence required prior to recommending funding for an ERD.
1.H.7.a.(7)	Added guidance to refer to the Military Civil and Dependent Affairs manual for guidance on overseas dependent schooling.
Exhibit 1.H.3.	Removed American Samoa from Base Honolulu entry approval responsibility; it remains under Sector Honolulu. Updated PSSUs to Bases.
2.A.1.c.(3)	Included an exception to the maximum 60 days lump sum leave cap for reservists that accrued leave while serving on contingency orders.
2.A.2.k.	Added non-chargeable rest and recuperation leave (NCRR) to the list of leave definitions.
2.A.5.i.(3)	The sentence stating non-chargeable leave is not recorded in Direct Access was deleted as this function is now available and required in Direct Access.
2.A.7.e. – h.	Removed the procedural guidance for requesting funded emergency leave travel via an Air Mobility Command. The guidance was antiquated and inaccurate.
2.A.7.h.(2)	Removed the requirement to provide a copy of funded emergency leave orders to PSC-PSD-mr. No other orders are retained in the EI-PDR. This change is made to provide parity.

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2.A.10.a.(5)	Added NCRR as an authorized reason for administrative absence.
2.A.10.b.(13)	Added policy governing NCRR leave.
2.A.10.b.(14)	Added policy governing post deployment mobilization respite absence.
2.A.15.c.(6)	Added policy allowing reserve members the ability to retain accrued annual leave following separation from active duty to be used on subsequent periods of active duty of periods 30 days or greater.
2.A.20.a.(2)	Incorporated policy exempting leave that was earned by a reservist while supporting a contingency operation from the 60 day career cap for lump sum leave payments.