

Program management information for the college and military educators of the SOC Navy degree networks.

Update to SOC Principles and Criteria

At the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Advisory Board meeting on October 14, 2005, proposed language regarding appropriate marketing, student services, and financial aid information support was added to the *SOC Principles and Criteria*. Additionally, the energetic discussion that ensued resulted in a proposal for a working group to look into additional guidelines in these areas. The task force held its first meeting on December 6, 2005, identifying egregious practices and initializing best practices guidelines. Once input to these areas is finalized, a proposal for SOC membership sanctions will be drafted for action by the SOC Advisory Board.

Navy's New Voluntary Education (VOLED) Policy Chief

In a message on December 31, 2005, Rear Admiral Jamie Barnett (Director, Naval Education and Training Division) announced the name of the new policy chief for Navy's Voluntary Education program, Ava Marlow-Hage. Navy recently realigned VOLED policy to Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education). Ms. Marlow-Hage, a well-known name in Navy VOLED, will replace Ann Hunter, as the single point of contact on the Navy's Voluntary Education policy issues. Ms. Hunter remains in Pensacola as part of Naval Education and Training Division.

New Director of Navy Voluntary Education

Hail to Dr. Mary Redd-Clary and farewell to Dr. Jeff Cropsey as he assumes his new position as Director of Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support.

Dr. Redd-Clary is the new Director of Navy Voluntary Education Programs as of September 2005. She is the successor to Dr. Cropsey and takes the position as it shifts to the Center for Personal Development, Dam Neck, VA. Dr. Redd-Clary's academic credentials showcase her as a lifelong learner in the fields of education, counseling, urban management, and strategic studies.

She's a graduate of Tuskegee University, Memphis State University (now The University of Memphis), Old Dominion University, as well as the Army War College and Navy War College.

During her career, Dr. Redd-Clary has held a number of education and training-related positions with both the Army and Navy. She was also an adjunct professor for Old Dominion University and Troy University from 1999 to 2005.

Initially an Education Specialist Intern for the Chief of Naval Education and Training, Dr. Redd-Clary's diverse career included assignments to several staffs and commands. She worked as the Training Program Coordinator for Electronics Basic Training on the Chief of Naval Technical Training staff, Memphis, TN; served as an Army Education Counselor for the Army Military Community, Giessen, "West" Germany for three-and-a-half-years; and then transferred to the Army Transportation Command, Fort Eustis, VA where she was Army Apprentice Program Coordinator and Counselor. While assigned to the staff of Commander Training Command, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Dr. Redd-Clary held numerous positions as a Training Assessment Analyst, Deputy Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, and Special Assistant for Total Quality Leadership and Management Control Programs. From 1998 until assuming her current duties, she was the Branch Head for Training Synergy in the Readiness and Training Directorate on the staff of Fleet Forces Commander/Commander, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. Welcome Dr. Redd-Clary!

Rating Merger

On October 1, 2005, the Dental Technician (DT) rating merged into the Hospital Corpsman (HM) rating. The merger adds more education and advancement opportunities for sailors and combines the job rating skills of both through cross training.

Naval Administrative Messages (NAVADMIN 338/05 and NAVADMIN 339/05 respectively) released in late December, announced additional rating mergers. Anticipated results include improved efficiency, optimal

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manning and closer alignment to current commercial industry practices.

Information Systems Technician (IT) and Cryptologic Technician - Communications (CTO) will merge into the IT rating in a phased approach. Effective dates for CTOs to put on the IT rating badge are all active duty CTOs, E-1 through E-5 on March 1, 2006; all reserve CTO personnel, E-1 through E-5, on June 1, 2006; and all E-6 through E-9 CTOs, both active and reserve, on October 1, 2006.

The ratings of Illustrator Draftsman (DM), Journalist (JO), Lithographer (LI) and Photographers Mate (PH) will merge into the new Mass Communications Specialist Rating on July 1, 2006. A new rating badge is being designed.

Upcoming SOC/SOC Degree Network Workshops

One of the best ways to stay informed about the latest developments in SOC and SOCNAV for both experienced and brand new college and education center staff is to attend a workshop. The next SOC College Workshop will be January 30, 2006 in Reno, Nevada as a pre-conference to the Council of College and Military Educators Annual Symposium. Other tentatively scheduled workshops include a Chicago Area workshop at the College of Lake County in April 2006, and a New England Area workshop at the Community College of Rhode Island in May 2006. As plans are finalized, times and specific locations of the workshops will be announced on the SOC Web site at: <<http://www.soc.aascu.org/>>.

SOCNAV Handbook Format Change

For those of you that have worked with the handbooks for a number of years, you may be wondering where the "Locations" section went. In all of the SOCNAV, SOCAD, SOCMAR and SOCCOAST degree network handbooks, "Section 6 - College Locator" moved to Section 3 and "Resources and Forms," previously found in Section 3, moved to Section 6.

SOC/SOCNAV Resource Check

The following items are currently available, free of charge:

- 2005-2007 SOC Consortium Brochure
- 2005-2007 SOC Consortium Guide (CD ROM and book formats)
- 2005-2006 SOC Degree Network System Resources (CD ROM and book formats)

- SOCNAV Poster (8" X 10")
- SOCNAV Wallet Cards
- SOCNAV Frequently Asked Questions Brochure

To request any of these materials, please call 1-800-368-5622 or e-mail <socnav@aascu.org> stating the quantity needed and the best shipping address.

Online versions are currently posted on the Web at: <<http://www.soc.aascu.org/>>.

Please examine the SOC/SOCNAV materials you currently have on hand. If the SOC address is identified as One Dupont Circle or the SOCNAV Student Agreement form is dated prior to December 2004, please destroy the outdated material.

Navy Diver Rating Established

NAVADMIN 003/06 released on January 3, 2006 established the Navy Diver (ND) rating. Conversion from source ratings (a variety of non-diving ratings) for sailors with Naval Enlisted Classifications (NECs) 5311, 5341, 5342, 5343, and 5346 will be automatic for those who wish to become part of the new rating. Conversion for E-6 through E-9 personnel will happen on June 1, 2006, E-1 through E-5 active duty personnel on October 1, 2006 and E-1 through E-5 selected reserve personnel on March 1, 2007. The current second class diver insignia will become ND rating badge.

Footnote:

(Webster's *New Collegiate Dictionary* defines "Scuttlebutt" as "a cask on shipboard to contain fresh water for a day's use." Later the term came to mean "drinking fountain" on Navy ships or at ashore installations. Naval personnel often come to the "fountain" not only for water but also for the latest news.)