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SUBJ/ANNOUNCEMENT OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CWO5 GRADE IN THE NAVY//

RMKS/1. THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY HAS AUTHORIZED IMPLEMENTATION OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER GRADE W-5 COMMENCING WITH THE FY-04 SELECTION BOARD CYCLE.

2. THROUGH YEARS OF SERVICE IN REPETITIVE TOURS WITHIN SPECIFIC SPECIALTIES, NAVY CHIEF WARRANT OFFICERS ARE WITHOUT QUESTION THE NAVY'S FOREMOST TECHNICAL EXPERTS. AS NAVY SHIPS, SYSTEMS, AND EQUIPMENT BECOME MORE COMPLEX AND THE OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MORE DEMANDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP IS ALL THE MORE CRITICAL. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CWO5 RANK WILL ENSURE THAT THE NAVY ATTRACTS AND RETAINS OUR VERY BEST TECHNICAL LEADERSHIP FOR A FULL 30 YEAR CAREER. PER 10 U.S.C. 571, THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED CWO5 BILLETS SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL OVERALL CWO END STRENGTH. THE NAVY EXPECTS TO PHASE IN APPROXIMATELY 84 BILLETS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

3. THE CHIEF OF NAVAL PERSONNEL WILL CONDUCT A SEPARATE CWO5 PROMOTION BOARD FOR FY-04.

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