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Navy Administers One Million Vaccines since the Beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Story by Angela Steadman, U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery



As of May 26, 2021, Navy Medicine providers have administered more than 1,000,000 COVID-19 vaccines to Sailors, Marines, DoD civilians and beneficiaries at 65 medical and 13 operational Navy sites around the world. Over half of active-duty Navy personnel have been fully immunized and vaccinations continue to occur rapidly.

"We have a clear path to winning this war, but only if everyone gets vaccinated. Thanks to the scientific research and medical advancements we have made over the past decade – we now have three safe and effective vaccines in our arsenal to protect ourselves, our fellow Sailors and Marines, and our loved ones against a disease which has killed more than 580,000 Americans," said Rear Adm. Bruce Gillingham, Navy surgeon general, chief, bureau of medicine and surgery.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Navy Medicine has been at the forefront of the latest scientific research and findings in the fight against this deadly virus and its variants. Scientists, researchers and medical personnel from all over the world have worked tirelessly to ensure the safety and readiness of our Sailors, Marines, DoD civilians and beneficiaries.

Similarly to scientific studies and literature, Navy Medicine has seen a 95% effectiveness rate in fully immunized Sailors and Marines, and an 85% effectiveness rate among partially immunized Sailors and Marines since the first vaccines were given in late December 2020.

"We are winning," said Rear Adm. Bruce Gillingham. "The effectiveness numbers for the Covid-19 vaccines are very 1





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promising and those who are vaccinated are now able to participate in more and more activities, which is encouraging for a lot of people.”

This month, the FDA expanded the emergency use authorization for the Pfizer vaccine to include adolescents 12 to 15 years old. With the release of this guidance, Navy Medicine anticipates an increase in vaccines for beneficiaries over the next several weeks.

In addition, last week, the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff released a memorandum reaffirming support for initiatives by local commanders to encourage vaccination acceptance among all service members.

As life begins to return to normal for those who are fully vaccinated, Rear Adm. Gillingham cautioned, “Those who have not been fully vaccinated must remain vigilant and continue to follow all applicable Defense guidance, including wearing masks indoors.”

Vaccination appointments remain open to all eligible beneficiaries. Those looking to make an appointment are encouraged to make an appointment at their soonest availability through www.tricare.mil/vaccineappointments. Those who have questions and/or concerns about receiving any of the three available vaccines are encouraged to speak with a medical provider.

For more information on vaccines, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>

Scholarships for Military Children Program announces 2021 winners

Story by Defense Commissary Agency Public Affairs

Drum roll please . . . “and the winner(s) of a \$2,000 scholarship is/are . . . “Aidan Couch from South Bend Indiana, Faith Gacheru from Evanston Illinois, Elisabeth Novak from LaPorte Indiana, and Megan Zeller from Kenosha WI,” announced Christine Davinich, Commissary Officer at the Great Lakes Commissary. The scholarships are part of the Scholarships for Military Children Program, funded by manufacturers and suppliers that provide products and services for commissaries around the globe.

“We’re excited to report that the scholarship program continues to be a success in helping military families defray the cost of education,” said Defense Commissary Agency Director

William Moore. “We’re proud to be associated with a program that has awarded 12,314 scholarships totaling more than \$12.1 million since its inception in 2001.”

Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship firm, selects the winners based on academic merit, participation in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and the quality of their essays. Recipients are notified by letter. The full list of scholarship recipients and sponsoring business partners can be found online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>.

Nearly every one of the Defense Commissary Agency’s stores will announce a local winner; many commissaries will announce multiple winners.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization responsible for building comfort homes near military medical centers. The foundation bears all costs of the program so that every dollar donated goes for scholarships. The general public has the opportunity to donate to the program through the military scholar Web site.

Planning for Success on your next PCS Move — Some Helpful Tips

Story by MCI Mark D. Faram, Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

June marks the start of “PCS Season.” Over the next few months, thousands of Sailors and their families are beginning to pack up and move to a new duty station. Here are a few helpful tips from the experts.

Finding your next job and getting to your next duty station successfully starts long before the packing begins.

Sailors nearing the start of their orders negotiation window should check their records and ensure all qualifications and Navy Enlisted Classifications are listed and up to date.

This simple records check will significantly impact what you are qualified to apply for and might make the difference in getting the orders you want and need for your career.

Sailors with questions about the process or what is available to them should reach out to their detailee, who is one of their main advocates during the orders process.

Once a Sailor is approved for orders and knows where they are headed, that is the time when they can build a personalized timeline, get packing tips, to-do lists and checklists with the Plan My Move online tool.

A good idea is to not finalize any personal plans until orders are in hand. It is recommended, if able, to schedule move dates and begin packing once orders are in hand.

Take a full inventory of your belongings. A smartphone, tablet or computer is an easy way to keep records of everything in your home. Free home inventory software is available at [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov). You could also check with your insurance company to see if they have recommendations for an inventory app.

Start early in planning what you will carry with you and what will be packed by the movers.

Knowing what to pack and what to take with you is vital. Once you arrive at your new duty station, you may have to wait for your belongings to be delivered. This is especially true for those relocating overseas, where furniture and vehicles could take several months to arrive.

Examples of essential items that you’ll need to keep with you at all times during your move include a copy of your

orders, military IDs, driver’s licenses, social security cards and passports for every member of the family.

If anything is damaged or lost during the move, you’ll need your insurance company information and your inventory on hand to file insurance claims. Don’t pack your inventory and send it with the movers — it might not make your destination. Bring it with you.

Consider whether you will need other documents such as marriage, divorce, birth and naturalization certificates, as well as medical and medication information for each family member. Consider bringing electronic copies of items as a backup on your computer or smart devices.

Research the area you are going to before you leave and have your temporary lodging details worked out ahead of time.

If you haven’t been assigned one, ask your new command for a sponsor. Line up a sponsor and leverage them for details and points of contact to ensure you have someone to ask as urgent questions arise.

As you get ready to leave your current house for the last time, don’t forget to forward your mail and make sure your pets are prepared for the move.

Take a deep breath as you head off on your new adventure. Just remember to be as flexible as possible because things don’t always go according to plan. Part of taking charge of your move is expecting the unexpected.

Moving is a challenging experience for children. Tell them about the move as soon as possible. Reassure them that the essential things in life – such as how much you love them – won’t change.

For help, there is Military Kids Connect, an online community designed to help military children ages 6–17 deal with the psychological challenges of military life, including frequent moves.

If you use these moving tips, you will be ready for your next move!



Active Duty is Hiring: Reserve Sailors Encouraged to Consider CANREC Opportunity

Story by MC3 Tyler C. Priestley, Commander, Navy Recruiting Command Public Affairs

The Canvasser Recruiter (CANREC) Program is put in place to give Reserve Sailors a chance to be a Reservist recruiter for five years. The program is available to both enlisted and officers and gives Sailors an opportunity to get more involved with their local communities while supporting the Navy's mission.

Joining the Navy Reserve is a great option for people who want to serve their country, while also pursuing a civilian career. However, if there comes a time when a career on active duty sounds appealing, there are several opportunities that exist for Reserve sailors to make the switch. One of those opportunities is recruiting.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Randy Isom, assigned to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command here, has been travelling to Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC) across the nation to educate Reserve Sailors about this opportunity.

"We found out that a lot of Reservists were interested in recall orders, but they just didn't know about the CANREC opportunity," said Isom. "This is why we are trying to spread the word as much as possible."

Navy Recruiting Command is looking for individuals who are highly motivated and passionate about being recruiters. The goal is to not just fill quotas, but to find the best and most fully qualified applicants. Reserve Sailors are normally familiar with the civilian job market, and when talking to potential Sailors, their understanding of both worlds can offer a new perspective.

"CANREC is actually a really big help because their input and their contributions are critical to the overall mission of the Navy," said Isom.

Qualifications for the CANREC program include; must be an active Selected Reservist at the time of recall, eligible for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders, and meet rank requirements - E-4 to E-6 for enlisted and O-3 or below for officers.

Selected Sailors are sent to Pensacola, Florida, for a 25-day recruiting skills course covering public speaking, prospecting, marketing and more.

"If someone is interested in CANREC then they should get a hold of us," said Bob Stolt, program manager for CANREC contracts. "We actually have funds to PCS sailors. So, if they are in the middle of nowhere and are interested in going somewhere like Florida then we can try to get them out there. They can go on their initial set of orders and we can try to have them stay for up to five years."

For more information on CANREC, see BUPERS instruction 1001.40 or contact your local Navy Reservist Recruiter at your NOSC.

Navy Recruiting Command consists of a command headquarters, three Navy Recruiting Regions, 16 Navy Recruiting Districts and 10 Navy Talent Acquisition Groups that serve more than 1,330 recruiting stations across the world. Their combined goal is to attract the highest quality candidates to ensure the ongoing success of America's Navy.

For more news from Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, go to www.cnrc.navy.mil. Follow Navy Recruiting on Facebook at www.facebook.com/NavyRecruiting, and on Twitter and Instagram at @USNRecruiter.



Congratulations, Captain Williams!



Congratulations to our Executive Officer, Capt. Ken Williams, on his promotion! Capt. Williams enlisted in 1987, serving as a Boatswain's Mate until he commissioned as a Chief Warrant Officer in 1999. Today, he has reached the rank of captain as a "mustang" - a name used for former-enlisted officers.

Bravo Zulu Capt. Williams and thank you for your dedicated service to your Navy!



Fleet and Family Support Center is now open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., for most services. The USO and MWR are either closed or providing limited services until further notice. For any questions regarding upcoming events, classes, or other concerns, please contact the appropriate organization.

Thank you!



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Flank Speed – Navy’s Transition to Improved Microsoft 365 Cloud Collaboration

Beginning June 1, the Navy workforce will gain access to a single Microsoft Office 365 (M365) collaboration and productivity environment known as Flank Speed that will improve security and, over time, deliver additional tools to support a more productive Navy workforce.

The first group to get access to Flank Speed will be the 266,000 personnel who are either active Commercial Virtual Remote (CVR) users or part of the subset of Navy Marine Corps Internet (NMCI) users who have already been transitioned to O365 (NMCI O365). Approximately 472,000 users are targeted to get access to Flank Speed by the end of FY21.

On June 15, CVR Teams goes away for all Department of Defense users, including the Navy.

By October 1, NMCI O365 will also cease to exist. Forever. No exceptions.

While those commercially-operated environments provided a crucial means of communication during pandemic-constricted work situations, the retirement of NMCI O365 and CVR as outlined in NAVADMIN 074/21, clears the way for an improved, Navy-operated Flank Speed cloud. Named after the extreme engine order given to ship handlers to evade danger or outpace threats, Flank Speed will be an evolving information technology initiative and the epicenter of Navy unclassified systems for years to come. To initiate this evolution, more than 260,000 current users of CVR and NMCI O365 will receive a series of detailed emails with instructions explaining how to prepare for and gain access to Flank Speed. Along with a specific date of transition, the emails provide personnel time to familiarize themselves with required actions well ahead of their given enablement date.

Command information officers (CIOs) and designated “Champions” familiar with the transition process are also available to assist at the unit-level.

In addition to those resources, CAC cardholders have access to the SECNAV Portal Flank Speed page. This site has plenty of information, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), a Flank Speed 101 Brief, Flank Speed “Slick Sheets,” a CVR Sunset Fact Sheet, and various NAVADMINs pertaining to the transition.

This page is located at: <https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/OPNAV/N2N6/DDCION/FlankSpeed>

6 Flank Speed will provide increased data security in a new

cloud environment, improve user experience, and provide modern collaboration capabilities to support the enduring remote and distributed workforce. Welcome aboard!

Quick Facts

- June 1 marks the date for the first set of users to gain access to Flank Speed. At that time, selected users will receive the keys to this higher-octane, more secure cloud powered by M365.
- From Day One, Flank Speed users will have access to Teams, one terabyte (1TB) of OneDrive storage, and access to the full productivity suite from M365 to include Excel, Word, OneNote, and PowerPoint. Users will also retain access to old CVR accounts until it shuts down on June 15, and NMCI O365 until it reaches its end of life later this fiscal year. As network performance supports, every Navy employee will have access to the Flank Speed cloud.
- A secure cloud environment built on the advanced security principles of zero trust, supporting unclassified systems and operating at security Impact Level 5 (IL-5), to accommodate data at the Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) level
- Ability to download data using Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) with VPN connection
- Ability to access Flank Speed M365 tools from the Internet using personal and GFE laptops with CAC-authentication

