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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5440.76

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: SHIP AND AIRCRAFT RETIREMENT, TRANSFER AND STRIKE PROCEDURES

Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5440.4
(b) OPNAVINST 4770.5F
(c) OPNAVINST 5442.2F
(d) SECNAV memo of 23 May 84, Subj: Inactive Ships and Aircraft (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Request to Strike Aircraft

1. Purpose. To establish internal Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) procedures for retiring and transferring Navy ships and striking aircraft.

2. Cancellation. OP-90 memo Ser 902D1/327385 of 23 Jul 82 (NOTAL).

3. Discussion

a. Reference (a) requires Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) approval to effect the retirement or transfer of Navy ships to the custody of a foreign government or any other United States Government agency. This instruction specifies procedures for planning retirements and transfers, notifying affected organizations, obtaining SECNAV approval when required and making changes to published retirement and or transfer schedules.

b. Reference (a) also requires direct SECNAV approval to strike any aircraft except those lost or irreparably damaged through accident. This instruction codifies current practices for obtaining SECNAV approval.

c. Reference (b) contains general instructions for inactive ships including procedures for striking and transferring custody to a foreign government or any other U.S. government agency. Reference (c) contains general instructions for stricken aircraft.

d. SECNAV directed in reference (d) that planning be completed to limit the deterioration of each asset placed in the inactive fleet or in aircraft storage.



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4. Applicability. This instruction applies to all active and Naval Reserve Force (NRF) commissioned ships of the Navy, those Military Sealift Command (MSC) vessels contributing to the Navy's deployable battle force count, and all aircraft. Retirements and transfers as used here include decommissioning, inactivation including commencement of inactivation availabilities, and transferring between active status and NRF or to the MSC.

5. Action

a. Ships

(1) Chronology

(a) Resource sponsors will commence the process when presenting their Sponsor Program Proposals (SPPs) during development of the Program Objective Memorandum (POM). The SPPs will address the ship retirements and transfers for the POM years promulgated in the current Ships and Aircraft Supplemental Data Tables (SASDT). In their SPPs, the resource sponsors may also propose any changes to the SASDT schedule with their supporting rationale. Their recommendations will be tentatively approved by SECNAV during the Department of the Navy (DON) Program Strategy Board (DPSB) and published in an updated version of the SASDT.

(b) Prior to the start of each fiscal year, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) will request, by memo, SECNAV's permission to decommission those ships planned for retirement during the ensuing fiscal year. Transfers between active status and NRF or to the MSC do not require SECNAV approval.

(c) After approval by SECNAV, CNO (Resource Sponsor) will authorize appropriate commands by message to decommission the subject ships on the approved dates. CNO will also authorize ship transfers between active status and NRF or to the MSC as required.

(d) Resource sponsors who desire to change the approved retirement/transfer plan published in the POM and updated in the SASDT must submit requests to OP-80 (via OP-43) for approval by the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Navy Program Planning) (OP-08). If the desired change would occur before SECNAV's approval of the next annual memo, OP-08 will coordinate obtaining CNO and SECNAV approval.

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(e) After SECNAV's approval of the upcoming fiscal year retirements, the CNO (OP-802K) will provide a copy of the SECNAV approved memo that lists the ships, their respective hull numbers and their retirement dates to the Office of Legislative Affairs.

(2) Responsibility. OP-80 will coordinate the entire process established in this instruction with respect to ships.

b. Aircraft

(1) Chronology. The Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Air Warfare) (OP-05) will submit to SECNAV via CNO twice yearly a list in the format of enclosure (1) of aircraft recommended for striking. The list will be compiled from type commander and Naval Air Systems Command recommendations and will include a signature block for SECNAV authorization of each individual asset.

(2) Responsibility. OP-05 is responsible for all internal OPNAV aspects of aircraft striking. That includes obtaining appropriate approval and notifying affected organizations.


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REQUEST TO STRIKE AIRCRAFT

1. Strike Category: (1 {damage}, 2 {depreciation}, 3 {administrative}, or 4 {completed service life}).
2. Aircraft type: BUNO:
 - a. Number of aircraft in the active inventory:
 - b. Number of aircraft in the inactive inventory:
 - (1) Mobilization aircraft:
 - (2) Force level assurance aircraft:
3. Material reclamation needs:
 - a. Supply support per ASO _____ save list.
4. Other information:
 - a. Reason: (excess to requirements, service life complete, restoration is uneconomical, etc.)
 - b. Location: (Type Commander in custody and physical location of aircraft.)
 - c. Disposition: (Intended final disposition {SARDIP, museum, FMS, etc.}, Command responsible for strike actions, location.)
 - d. Germane References:

Approved
Secretary of the Navy

Enclosure (1)