

The Navy Answers Your Questions

CAN THE USS MIDWAY GET THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL?

All ships of the U. S. Navy are built with that consideration in mind.

DOES THE NAVY HAVE AGE BRACKET INFORMATION ON ITS PERSONNEL?

Yes, it is:

| <u>AGE</u> | <u>NAVY</u> | <u>MARINE CORPS</u> | <u>COAST GUARD</u> |
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| 17 | 3.37% | .66% | 3.07% |
| 18-22 | 46.30 | 52.34 | 34.73 |
| 23-30 | 31.56 | 36.99 | 43.24 |
| 31-38 | 14.57 | 7.76 | 12.67 |
| 39 & over | 4.20 | 2.25 | 6.29 |

IS THE NAVY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF INDUCTEES AND WHAT DOES THE REDUCTION MEAN?

Yes, approximately by one-half. The Navy is approaching its authorized strength of: Navy, 3,389,000; USMC, 478,000; USCG, 173,165.

WOULD THE AGREEMENT TO LET THE ARMY HAVE ALL INDUCTEES 18 TO 20 YEARS OLD (SEE PAGE 2 OF THIS LETTER) PLAY A PART IN THE NAVY'S DECISION TO CUT BACK DRAFT QUOTAS?

All factors having to do with manpower were taken into consideration. The primary factor is that it is approaching its present authorized strength.

IN SITUATIONS INVOLVING PUBLIC APPEARANCE OF A SOLDIER, SAILOR AND MARINE, IN WHICH ORDER ARE THEY LINED UP?

It should be in order of seniority of the service, from right to left, the soldier, marine and sailor if there is no flag being carried; if there is a flag being carried, the soldier carries the flag, with the marine to his right and the sailor to the left.

WHAT IS THE PERCENTAGE OF REGULARS AND RESERVISTS IN NAVY AND WHAT IS DIFFERENCE IN STATUS OF ENLISTED REGULARS AND ENLISTED RESERVES?

Roughly 80% are reservists.

There is no difference in regulars and reserves except for period of enlistment. A regular enlists for 6 year period which is extended during wartime. But should the war end before the 6 year hitch is served, the regulars will finish out their enlistments; while reservists are signed up only for the period of the National Emergency and six months.

WHO IS IN CHARGE OF CIVIL ADMINISTRATION IN ALL ISLANDS IN PACIFIC UNDER NAVAL COMMAND?

Admiral Nimitz is in overall command of such islands and the U. S. Naval Military Government controls the Marshalls, Western Carolines and Marianas (Saipan, Tinian and Guam).

HOW MANY PRISONERS OF WAR ARE THERE IN THE UNITED STATES?

There were 365,437 prisoners of war held within the continental limits of the United States as of April 1, according to the War Department. Breakdown as to nationalities was as follows:

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| German..... | 311,630 |
| Italian..... | 50,549 |
| Japanese..... | 3,258 |