



# Anchor Lines

Your line to the Fleet Mess...

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## Key Message

### ***Duty and advancement in the Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF)***

- Opportunity to live and work in exciting places such as Japan, Korea, Singapore, Guam, etc;
- Fast-paced, high-OPTEMPO area experience with 24/7 leadership opportunities;
- One of the highest advancement percentages than any other PCS location in the world;
- Opportunity to learn the local language, customs and traditions of their host nation;
- Some of the best port visits in the world including: the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, beaches of Thailand, international flavor of Hong Kong and Singapore, "Onsens" of Japan, exquisite diving in Palau and exotic locations like Vietnam and Cambodia;
- Other advantages outlined below describe additional benefits of a career enhancing overseas tour in the FDNF.

### ***Focus:***

#### **Cost Of Living Allowances**

##### ***COLA example - Yokosuka, Japan:***

- An E5 with 6 yrs service and no dependants averages \$809.00 per month
- An E7 with 14 yrs service and 3 dependants averages \$1320.00 per month

##### ***COLA example - Singapore:***

- An E6 with 10 years service and 1 dependant averages \$1268.00 per month

### ***What's Being Said...:***

"The challenges presented to enlisted leadership in the Forward Deployed Naval Forces are different than in any other theatre and those who succeed consistently advance. Thirty-three percent of the FDNF (Pacific) First Class Petty Officers eligible for selection to Chief Petty Officer this year are going through Induction right now. Most importantly, the leadership skills our men and women learn while stationed there benefit every Sailor they lead for the rest of their careers."

***-FLTCM(SW/AW) Tom Howard***

### ***Advancement Opportunities:***

- FDNF: 759 eligible, 253 selected, 33%.
    - Hundreds more who have recently completed their tour of duty in the FDNF have also been selected this year to CPO.
  - IAs: 1654 eligible, 426 selected, 26.75%\*
  - RDCs: 149 eligible, 54 selected, 36.24%\*
  - Instructors: 1957 eligible, 441 selected, 22.53%\*
  - Recruiters: 671 eligible, 142 selected, 21.16%\*
- \* 5 years of data used to determine percentage averages

### ***Additional Adv. Opp. Data:***

- 66% of the FDNF (Pacific) units afloat have surpassed the Navy average of 20% advancement to CPO.

### ***Resources:***

- **Commander, U.S. 7<sup>th</sup> Fleet**  
[www.c7f.navy.mil](http://www.c7f.navy.mil)
- **Commander, Naval Forces Japan**  
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