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From: Commander, Military Sealift Command
To: Commander, Navy Recruiting Command

Subj: POLICY DECISION MEMORANDUM: MODIFICATION TO PROGRAM
AUTHORIZATION 221 FOR STRATEGIC SEALIFT OFFICER DIRECT
COMMISSION OFFICER FISCAL YEAR 2025 SELECTION BOARDS

Ref: (a) Program Authorization 221

1. Purpose. To provide a policy modification to reference (a) in support of the Fiscal Year 2025 Direct Commission Officer (DCO) selection boards for the Strategic Sealift Officer (SSO) Program. This policy is effective as of the date issued and will remain in effect until superseded or upon expiration as noted herein.
2. Modification. Section 4.h. "Program Specific Requirements" is modified in order to accept applicants who hold a current Third Mate or Third Assistant Engineer Unlimited License with current Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping (STCW10) Certifications and can demonstrate that they are actively sailing on their license with proof of recency within the last six months. Section 7. "Indoctrination" is modified to read, "Selectees must attend the 5-week Officer Development School (ODS) within 1 year of commissioning into the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and must attend the 2-week SSO Post-Commissioning Indoctrination (PCI) within 2 years of commissioning into the IRR." Previously commissioned officers are excused from ODS but will attend PCI within one year of commissioning into the IRR.
3. Addition. Section 4.h. "Program Specific Requirements" Valid Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC). Valid USCG Medical Certificate. Letter of Intent.
4. Change. Section 11.d. Replace OPNAVINST 1534.1E with OPNAVINST 1534.1F.
5. This provision expires 30 September 2025.
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