

Schedule for
AOTC # 96
15 Nov 2010

1. **Opening:** Intro, Welcome 8404(Tony) and myself,
 - a. Who I am, Who Tony is, welcome him back..

A former Vietnam-era Marine and pre desert-storm Army Reserve soldier who happens to be a parent of an HM-8404 Corpsman. Like any concerned parent, I went searching for answers, after my son experienced a few ahem ... untruths about enlisting as a Navy Corpsman. I found those answers and much more at Corpsman.com and now enjoy educating applicants and families on the unbiased facts, based upon actual Navy policy and instruction.

- b. What show number #96
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Year end newsletter -I want to have it out to everyone on Dec 23rd - deadline for submissions will be December 10th

2. Veterans Day Rant:

- a. Rant
- b. PTSD: Is it ok to get help? Will it affect my career?
- c. Traffic over 25k visitors
- d. biggest are visited, They like Food!

3. Marine Corps Birthday 10 Nov 1775

- a. 235 Years Strong!

4. Letters:

(From AMS3, 70-72, Navy Vet, Proud Dad of a Doc, has a question about his son..)

Hi Chief

I have been with the group for 2 years now and the advice and assistance you and your people have given me is "Priceless".

I come back to you and request assistance for my son Chris Moffett HM3 (HM 8404) who has been in 2+ years now and is being deployed to a Marine Squadron at **NAS PENDLETON** in May.

He originally went in as SAR Aircrew and changed his mind in bootcamp.....he passed all the tests to go to NAS Pendleton but dropped it for corpsman. He told me that he can save lives more as a corpsman.

He has served in a clinic (NAS FALLON) for 1-1/2 years and I just know he wants to go back in AIRCREW as HM.

He made E4 last March and is really squared away (I do remember his ASVAB being 96).

My question to you and your staff is what is the correct way for him to go THROUGH THE PIPELINE to aircrew HM? He has 5 months before being deployed and what recommendation of squadron would be best for his choice?

(NAS PENDLETON)

I guess I could have gone on a forum but wanted to be one on one with you instead.

You may show this to any and all of the staff!

This looks like a question for Poolzer but I believe he has already answered this in the following thread ==>

<http://www.corpsman.com/forum/showthread.php?t=1950>. I would think a NAVPERs 1306/7 request form would be in order requesting the AVT (8406) school.

From STG2

Actually, would you happen to have the email for the HM detailer? Also, any ideas on what I should study before I get to "A" School? (assuming my package is accepted). My ultimate goal is to go FMF, so any help is appreciated. Hopefully there is someone on [corpsman.com](http://www.corpsman.com) who has recently graduated from HM school who can provide some insight on lessons that were difficult so I can get a head start at understanding it.

HM Detailer contact information can be had by visiting Navy Personnel Command and logging on to the NPC's secure side for [Medical/Dental Detailers Contacts](#).

Cool

NHCS lessons that were difficult??? I would like to direct this user to [corpsman.com's thread \(link\)==>](#) , "[A question about NHCS. Is it hard?](#)"

5. News:

++ [Karzai calls for fewer troops, Irks General Petraeus](#) KABUL, Afghanistan — Top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Gen. David Petraeus, was frustrated by

the Afghan president's blunt call for a reduced military footprint in the country — a remark that threatens to undermine efforts to maintain international support for the war at this week's NATO summit.

President Hamid Karzai said in an interview this week that he wanted the coalition to put an end to night raids, which cause friction between Afghans and foreign troops. These operations are a key part in Petraeus' strategy to rout insurgents, improve security and bolster governance and development.

NATO and diplomatic officials said Petraeus was frustrated by Karzai's remarks, which came just days before the NATO summit starts Friday in Lisbon, Portugal. Support for the war is waning in the capitals of troop-contributing nations and NATO officials hope to use the summit to convince heads of state that progress is being made, and that the effort be supported.

++ [Hope for GI Bill Fix Fades](#) For those keeping a close eye on the efforts to reform the Post-9/11 GI Bill, it looks like after spending the money to implement the poorly written law, Congress lacks the will, and/or the wallet to fix it. The following is a summary of the Congressional Budget Office's findings on the fiscal impact of fixing the GI Bill without finding offsets.

++ [Online Portal Helps Vets, Others Land Jobs](#) WASHINGTON -- Just in time for Veterans Day, a new, state-of-the-art Web portal is being rolled out tomorrow to help veterans -- as well as Reserve-component members, their families and wounded warriors -- land jobs with civilian employers who value their military experience.

The user-friendly tools will enhance the popular Employer Partnership of the Armed Forces program by making it easier for both job hunters and employers seeking their skills, said Army Lt. Col. Matt Leonard, the program's public affairs officer.

++ [NEW Mandatory Deadline approaches, Deadline 31 Dec 2010](#)

SAN DIEGO -- The mandatory wear date for the Navy Working Uniform (NWU) is approaching quickly and all Navy personnel are reminded to have all components of the new uniforms.

According to NAVADMIN 299/10, the fleet-wide availability of the NWU had been reached six months ahead of schedule and the new mandatory wear date is Dec. 31.

++ Ambush Survivor Former CPL Dakota Meyer, Up for MOH. (Marine Who recovered HM3 Layton) The Marine Corps has recommended that a former corporal receive the Medal of Honor for braving a hail of enemy fire in September 2009 to pull the bodies of four U.S. troops from a kill zone in eastern Afghanistan, Marine Corps Times has learned.

Dakota Meyer, 22, of Greensburg, Ky., was recommended for the nation's highest award for valor, according to a source with knowledge of the process, speaking on condition of anonymity.

++ 4 in 5 Airmen passing PT test. Three facts you should know about the new PT test: Officers score better than enlisted airmen, men do better than women and almost half of all airmen score 90 or above — good enough to earn a pass on taking the test every six months.

Through September, more than 150,000 airmen — active-duty, Guard and Reserve — have taken the test, and 82.6 percent of them have passed, a far higher rate than leaders predicted. A passing score is 75 points, with minimums for each component: a 1.5-mile run, push-ups, sit-ups and waist measurement.

++ Retiree's left vulnerable to Hospital Fee Hikes Every day that Congress fails to pass the 2011 defense policy bill is a day the Defense Department could surprise military retirees with a massive cost increase for inpatient hospitalization.

In 2009, Congress blocked defense officials from imposing a \$110-a-day increase in the inpatient hospitalization charges for military retirees. But the moratorium on fee hikes applied only during fiscal year 2010, which ended on Sept. 30.

6. Entertainment

Jokes: Send us a joke if you want us to share it!