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OPNAV NOTICE 5400

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: CANCELLATION OF DISESTABLISHMENT OF HELICOPTER SEA COMBAT SQUADRON EIGHT FIVE

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5400 Ser DNS-33/15U2217 of 17 Feb 2015  
(Canc: Feb 2016)  
(b) OPNAVINST 5400.44A  
(c) OPNAVINST 5400.45

1. Purpose. To cancel the disestablishment of Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HELSEACOMBATRON) EIGHT FIVE, published in reference (a), per reference (b).

2. Background

a. HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE is a Navy Reserve squadron that was made available for dedicated support to U.S. Special Operations Command beginning in 2003. Special forces operations support capability is currently resident as a mission subset of the Helicopter Sea Combat (HELSEACOMBAT) community. With the announced disestablishment of HELSEACOMBATRONs EIGHT FOUR and EIGHT FIVE, via reference (a), the Navy planned to maintain the ability to provide special operations support with active duty HELSEACOMBATRONs based on existing Navy general purpose force requirements. The availability and tasking of these units would be based on combatant commander priorities following the global force management plan.

b. Subsequently, the draft fiscal year 2016 (FY-16) National Defense Authorization Act prohibited the use of FY-16 funds for the disestablishment of HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FOUR and HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE unless the requirements set forth in section 1057 were satisfied. The Navy has approved and presented to Congress a plan that includes maintaining HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE to satisfy the requirements in section 1057. The Secretary of the Navy has since submitted a waiver to Congress asking them to release the prohibitions listed in the Nation Defense Authorization Act.

Commander, Naval Reserve Force (COMNAVRESFOR), via a new organization change request, has requested cancellation of the disestablishment of HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE and its continuance as a fully operational Reserve HELSEACOMBATRON.

3. Organizational Changes. Cancel disestablishment of HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE effective immediately. The following applies:

Preserved

Commanding Officer  
Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron EIGHT FIVE  
PO Box 357105  
San Diego, CA 92135-7105

(SNDL: 42BB3) (UIC: 09061)\*  
(PLA: HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE) (PDS: San Diego, CA)

\*(SNDL: Standard Naval Distribution List; UIC: unit identification code; PLA: plain language address; PDS: permanent duty station)

4. Action

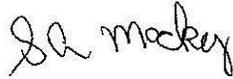
a. COMNAVRESFOR must take appropriate action to preserve HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE as a fully operational Reserve squadron. Disestablishment of HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FOUR will continue per reference (a).

b. Master Update Authority, Honolulu, HI will maintain the PLA in the Central Directory Component for HELSEACOMBATRON EIGHT FIVE.

c. This is change 59-15 to reference (c).

5. Records Management. Records created as a result of this notice, regardless of media or format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.

6. Cancellation Contingency. This notice will remain in effect for 1 year or until superseded, whichever occurs first. The organization action will remain effective until changed by Director, Navy Staff.



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