



Preface

The Navy Community Service Guidebook is a resource to assist Navy commands in planning, developing, and implementing the Navy Community Service Program (NCSP). This document encourages Navy commands to promote volunteerism and community service. The NCSP targets issues related to education, citizenship, health and fitness, environmental conservation, drug demand reduction, and humanitarian assistance. Navy commands are encouraged to establish community service partnerships.

The purpose of this document is:

- To assist coordinators who are new to community service partnerships to develop, implement, manage, and evaluate efforts based on methods found to be useful throughout the Navy, and
- To assist experienced coordinators to expand community service partnerships and programs.

The Navy Community Service Guidebook takes the place of the Navy Personal Excellence Partnership Guidebook (NAVPERS 1560.4C) and supersedes any and all other draft revisions that may have been disseminated.

Navy Community Service Program Executive Summary

It is the Navy's policy to promote a joint Navy and community effort to assist in the education and enrichment of America's youth and communities and in revitalizing citizenry.

Navy civilian and military volunteers will strive to improve education as well as the quality of life in communities. Volunteers are highly encouraged to join with other military services, businesses, labor, foundations, colleges and universities, religious organizations, media groups, community organizations, health care centers, and Government agencies in developing a collective vision of community needs and commitment to share responsibilities and resources required to address them. Five "Flagship Projects" serve to strengthen youth and communities. These Flagship Projects are titled: (1) Personal Excellence Partnership, (2) Health Safety and Physical Fitness, (3) Environmental Stewardship, (4) Campaign Drug Free, and (5) Project Good Neighbor.

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Personal Excellence Partnership. Develops American youth to their fullest potential in the areas of education, healthy lifestyles, and civic responsibility. Volunteers tutor, mentor, provide technical expertise, and serve as role models. Project goals include improving scholastic achievement, social and life skills, and providing vocational guidance.

Health Safety and Physical Fitness. Promotes healthy and fit lifestyles. Project initiatives include fitness programs, sports and recreation programs such as Special Olympics, nutritional and hygiene information, and youth athletic events.

Environmental Stewardship. Promotes efforts with local communities to educate youth and families on domestic and international environmental initiatives and to encourage communities to preserve, protect, restore, and enhance the environment. Activities include developing youth environmental stewardship, teaching environmental values, enhancing environmental science curriculums, and organizing or participating in environmental cleanup efforts.

Campaign Drug Free. Provides a drug demand reduction program for schools, organizations, and communities to educate youth on the dangers of drug abuse and the importance of being drug free. Volunteer teams use professionally produced

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videotapes to convey a powerful and anti-drug message to elementary, middle, and high school students. Following the videotape presentation, volunteers engage the students in discussions to challenge them to take charge of their lives and stay drug free.

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Project Good Neighbor. A year-round project that provides an avenue for volunteers to contribute to improved quality of life in their communities. By reaching out to those less fortunate with food drives as well as repairs and renovations to shelters and homes, Navy

people brighten the future for struggling individuals, families, and communities. This project generates hope and helps others help themselves throughout the year.