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NARR/REF A PARA 620.13 ESTABLISHES RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ZONE INSPECTIONS. REF B CNSF ZONE INSPECTION PROCEDURES. REF C CH 808 ESTABLISHES GUIDELINES FOR INSPECTIONS//

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1. RECENT INSURV REPORTS HAVE NOTED MANY DISCREPANCIES, SOME SIGNIFICANT, WHICH SHOULD HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AND CORRECTED AS A RESULT OF ROUTINE ZONE INSPECTIONS.
2. SELF-SUSTAINABILITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A KEY ENABLER FOR SHIPS TO CONDUCT SUSTAINED COMBAT OPERATIONS AT SEA. IN ORDER TO SELF-SUSTAIN, SHIPS MUST FIRST BE ABLE TO SELF-ASSESS. ROUTINE ZONE INSPECTIONS AND EFFECTIVE PMS ARE THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS. SELF-ASSESSMENT IS NOT A "ART FORM" THAT REQUIRES INTENSE TRAINING. ALL KHAKI WITH MORE THAN ONE SEA TOUR SHOULD BE ABLE TO WALK INTO A SPACE AND NOTICE CORROSION, ABNORMAL MACHINERY NOISES, AND OUT OF SPEC SYSTEM OPERATING PARAMETERS.
3. ACTION: COMMANDING OFFICERS ARE TO RE-FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH REFS (A) THROUGH (C). ENSURE YOUR SHIP IS COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS AND INTENT OF THAT GUIDANCE.
4. MY EXPECTATION IS THAT PERIODIC ZONE INSPECTIONS WILL ENSURE PROPER MEASURES ARE TAKEN TO KEEP MACHINERY, SPACES, AND EQUIPMENT OPERATIONAL, AND IN A SATISFACTORY STATE OF PRESERVATION AND

CLEANLINESS. AS DISCREPANCIES ARE DISCOVERED BEYOND SHIP'S FORCE CAPABILITY, THOSE WILL BE DOCUMENTED IN A TIMELY FASHION AND WILL ALLOW BETTER MAINTENANCE TEAM PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING. I ALSO BELIEVE THERE IS SIGNIFICANT VALUE IN THE SHIP'S SENIOR OFFICERS CONDUCTING ONE ON ONE SELF-ASSESSMENT TRAINING WITH OUR JUNIOR OFFICERS AND CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS.

5. A SUCCESSFUL SHIP ZONE INSPECTION PROGRAM DOES NOT EXCLUSIVELY RELY ON THE THOROUGHNESS AND KEEN OBSERVATIONS OF THE INSPECTING OFFICERS, IT RELIES MORE SO ON ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL LEVELS OF THE SHIP'S CHAIN OF COMMAND. SET HIGH STANDARDS, TRAIN YOUR SAILORS ON THEIR ROLE IN THE PROCESS, HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE, AND STAY INVOLVED.

6. I CHALLENGE YOU TO TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT YOUR PROGRAM AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK THROUGH BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED.
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