

Navy Foundation

Brief on Navy Foundation

Prior to the constitution of Navy Foundation, the following major Retired Naval Officers Bodies were functioning in India :-

- The Navy League at Delhi and Kolkata.
- The Anchor Hold at Mumbai.
- Association of Retired Naval Officers at Kochi.
- Retired Naval Officers Association at Pune.

With the aim to serve the Naval Retired Officers better umbrella organization of Navy Foundation was formed on 27 Dec 1988. Few of the Retired Naval Officers Bodies passed resolutions and incorporated themselves as part and parcel of the Navy Foundation.

The Navy Foundation had six charters during inception. Today it has 15 charters viz. Chandigarh, Delhi, Jaipur, Lucknow, Mumbai, Pune, Goa, Kolkata, Odisha (Bhubaneswar), Vizag, Hyderabad, Chennai, Coimbatore, Kerala (Kochi) and Bangalore.

The NF office bearers are as follows:-

- President - CNS
- Secretary - PDESA
- Treasurer - PDNPF
- Legal Advisor - JAG (Navy)

The charter of Navy Foundation lays down the following Guiding Principal:-

- It will be an apolitical & secular organization.
- Will maintain contact & fraternal relationship between naval veterans.
- In event of wars, calamities will place veterans at the disposal of government.
- Carry out charitable, social, philanthropic, cultural, educational & other activities for benefit, & to look after interests to the retired fraternity.

Naval Regimental System

The time-tested traditions of camaraderie and brotherhood in the Armed Forces demand that the welfare of our personnel, their families and dependents is taken care of through the life span of each naval family. In order to create and nurture a system which ensures that even after the departure of our colleagues, their widows and dependents have the Naval system firmly behind them to guide, help and take care of them, the Naval Regimental System (NRS), akin to the Regimental system of the Army, was formally adopted in Dec 2010.

The basic aim of NRS is to make the service responsible to reach out to each and every family after the demise of a naval colleague, immaterial of whether the individual died in harness or after retirement. Besides assisting in completion of all paper work for getting them their entitled dues, efforts are also made to help them tide over their other difficulties as well.

The organisation and the functioning of the Naval Regimental System is as follows: -

- **Chairman**

Controller Personnel Services (CPS) is the Chairman of NRS who is the nodal point at IHQ MoD (Navy) and responsible for overall co-ordination and functioning of NRS.

- **Vice Chairman**

Principal Director Ex-Servicemen Affairs (PDESA) at IHQ MoD (Navy) and CSOs (P&A) at Command level are the Vice Chairman and functional heads to ensure implementation and smooth functioning of NRS.

- **Command Regimental System Officer (CRSO)**

Keeping in view the vast area of responsibility of HQENC and INS India, seven Command Regimental System Officer (CRSO) have been established at Mumbai, Kochi, Visakhapatnam, New Delhi, Kolkata and Andaman & Nicobar Island. The CRSOs function under respective Vice Chairman (Commands) to address issues related to NRS and are responsible for families of deceased naval personnel located in the geographical area earmarked under his jurisdiction.

- **Regimental State Unit**

Major shore establishments have been tasked to look after particular state/states under their jurisdiction. RSUs in consonance with respective CRSOs, are responsible to reach out to each widow/NoK residing in that state.

- **Regimental Coordinating Unit (RCU)**

Minor Naval / NCC units located in various districts function as RCUs and are the first point of contact with the widows/NoKs residing in the geographical area under their jurisdiction.

Organisation Chart

The organisation chart for Command and control of NRS is as appended below: -

[View Organisation Chart](#)

Charter of CRSO/RSUs/RCUs

CRSOs, RSUs and RCUs function in close co-ordination with each other. The CRSO and his staff are the prime movers and main executors of the NRS. The RSUs augment the efforts of CRSO for undertaking various tasks including administrative support and deputing personnel to visit the families of deceased personnel. The RCUs are the first point of contact with the family of deceased or retired personnel in their area of responsibility.

NRS Initiatives

Directives to Naval NCC Units

The DG NCC, vide letter 9000/Naval Units/NCC/Plg dated 16 May 11, has directed the naval NCC units to provide support to the naval widows, NOK/dependents in their area of jurisdiction. This organizational set up would go a long way in reaching the naval widows at their doorstep.

Enhanced Interaction with the Rajya/Zila Sainik Boards (RSBs/ZSBS)

Since the setting up of NRS, all CRSOs have been directed to visit and interact with RSBs/ZSBS and work out specific programmes to visit the naval widows and pensioners to solve their pension/education/health/welfare related problems.

NRS Directory

Contact particulars of CRSOs along with information on policy guidelines including generic issues and various `Helplines` and telephone numbers are being disseminated through e-news letter, DESA blog as also through distribution of limited number of New Year Calendars. The NRS directory is appended below and enclosed as a power point attachment.

Reaching Out to Widows

Existing Navy Foundation Charters, Veteran Sailors Forum Charter, RSB/ZSB and Ex-Servicemen Associations are the agencies to reach out to widows and link up with NRS.

Regular visit to RSB/ZSBS are being undertaken by CRSOs towards updation of database. In addition, pension adalats/ESM Mela are also being organized by respective CRSOs to facilitate interaction with widows/ESMs towards resolving of their grievances and appraising the target audience regarding various policy letter of common interest in vogue.

Veteran Sailors Forum

With a view to espouse the cause of retired sailors, widows & NOKs and also to promote awareness about Indian Navy in the country, a Veteran Sailors' Forum (VSF) has been set up on 10 Apr 08 at Delhi. The same has been Registered under Societies Registration Act XXI 1860 vide Registration No. S/62103/2008 on 05 May 08. VSF is secular & non political. The cardinal objectives are as follows:-

- To provide focused attention to ex-sailors/widows/dependents of ex-sailors on welfare related issues, namely, children's education, post retirement benefit, rehabilitation, vocational training/courses, entitlements from Central and State Govt etc.
- To assist in resettlement and provide assistance to the needy and help them in their ventures for charitable, social and philanthropic causes.

- To provide an interface with IHQ/MOD(N), viz, DESA, INBA, NWWA, DGR, CABS, NPO etc towards availing various benefits earmarked for ex-servicemen under various schemes promulgated from time to time.
- To provide a platform for sharing/dissemination of information related to opportunities/difficulties faced by the ex-sailors and widows/NOKs.
- Furtherance of Naval image in the civil world through measures such as highlighting values of honesty & integrity to the nation, projecting achievements of the naval community to the society etc.

Membership

All ex-sailors can become lifetime members of VSF by filling up membership form and paying one time subscription as follows: -

- Hon LTs/Hon SLTs/MCPOs/CPOs - Rs 300/-
- Petty Officers & below - Rs 200/-
- Widows are offered honorary membership free of cost. They will, however, have to fill up the VSF membership form.

The subscription can be forwarded in cash/ bank draft/local Cheque in favour of "VSF Fund.. payable at respective city(eg Delhi, Mumbai, Vizag etc).

Management Structure

The Forum Office at New Delhi will have a Governing Council (GC) and an Executive Council (EC). Its duties and functions are given in approved Rules & Regulations of the VSF.

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Membership Form

The membership forms for VSF can be collected from VSF office. A copy of membership form is also enclosed. The detail information and Membership Form can also be downloaded from Website www.irfc-nausena.nic.in (VSF page).

Office Bearers

Members (Ex.-Sailors) desirous of taking on responsibilities in VSF on honorary basis are to contact JD (VSF).