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TO THE VETERAN: *This Rating Description is an official document of the United States Navy. It has been issued to you mainly to help you get a job in civilian life which will make the best use of your naval training and experience. Don't hesitate to show it to any employer or prospective employer. Your Rating Description may prove to be one of your most valuable papers. Take care of it.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

This description is designed to give prospective employers, employment service officials, educators and other interested persons an over-all picture of the technical responsibilities assumed, duties performed, and knowledge and skills acquired by personnel in this rating. Representative related civilian occupations are included as a placement guide.

It is the Navy's policy to issue a Rating Description booklet that most accurately reflects the discharged man's naval experience as

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determined by examination of his service record. For this reason, the booklet issued will not always correspond to the rating classification held by the dischargee.

Special skills, training or qualifications other than those described in the following sections may be obtained from the certificate of discharge or other separation records and by personal interview.

Enlisted personnel of the Navy are divided into two groups, rated and non-rated. The rated personnel are petty officers and are divided into four levels of responsibility and skill, ranging from third class, upward through second class and first class, to chief, which is the highest petty officer rating.

II. GENERAL

Specialists (A) (physical training instructors) are petty officers who are primarily engaged in directing men in mass or group physical conditioning exercises, and in military drill. Planning physical training and recreational programs, and classroom teaching of specialized courses (Naval Administration, Ordnance, Seamanship, Small Arms Instruction, and Identification of Ships and Aircraft) are important collateral duties. All specialists (A) are graduates of the Navy's School for Physical Training Instructors.

The CHIEF SPECIALIST (A) is the most experienced man in the rating and is thoroughly familiar with all aspects of physical training. He plans, takes charge of, and directs the physical training program of the ship or station. He applies current instruc-

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tions relative to the physical training program, and keeps the required records and reports appertaining thereto. Although he may perform any of the duties specified under the other grades, the function of the chief is one of administration and broad supervision.

III. DUTIES PERFORMED (Representative duties performed by a CHIEF SPECIALIST (A).)

(1) Plans, takes charge of, and directs the physical training, mass calisthenics, and athletic program of the ship or station. (2) Devises a master physical training schedule and coordinates it with the educational and other activities of the station. (3) Plans and supervises recreational activities such as games, movies, dances, U.S.O. entertainment. (4) May teach classes in specialized naval subjects not related to physical training. (5) May teach judo, wrestling, and related combatives. (6) Keeps the required records and compiles essential progress reports of personnel. (7) Assigns the work load to subordinates and designates the field in which each is to operate. (8) Requisitions materials, supplies, and athletic equipment.

NOTE: Major sports include the following: baseball, boxing, football, swimming, track, and wrestling. Sports considered minor include: badminton, handball, soccer, softball, squash, tennis, touch football, tug-of-war, and volleyball.

IV. BASIC KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

1. Has a knowledge of military organization and administration.

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2. Has a thorough knowledge of military drill methods and physical conditioning techniques.
3. Knows practical teaching methods.
4. Has a practical and teaching knowledge of first aid and artificial respiration.
5. Knows safety precautions to be observed to prevent injuries to participants in the major sports.
6. Knows the rules and regulations governing major and minor sports.
7. Has a thorough knowledge of the principles and practices of recreational supervision.
8. Knows how to organize training schedules, and to keep personnel records and reports.
9. Knows the proper exercises to correct faults of posture and muscular weaknesses.
10. Is skilled as an athlete in one or more major sports.
11. Has ability to speak clearly and understandably to large groups of men.
12. Is skilled in performing and demonstrating conditioning exercises.
13. Is an expert swimmer and skilled in water safety.
14. Has a thorough knowledge of swimming pool sanitation and hygiene.

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15. Has a thorough knowledge of the care and repair of athletic equipment.

V. RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATIONS

A CHIEF SPECIALIST (A) with the experience described above is qualified for various civilian occupations. Listed below are some of the more closely related fields of work with specific examples of suitable OCCUPATIONS.

The CHIEF SPECIALIST (A) is qualified for such jobs as ATHLETIC COACH, TRAINER, UMPIRE, and MANAGER in the field of major sports. These jobs may be found in secondary schools and colleges, professional athletic teams or clubs, or in industrial plants providing recreational facilities. He is qualified for such jobs as DRILLMASTER and JUDO INSTRUCTOR with a police force.

With little or no training, a CHIEF SPECIALIST (A) can qualify for a job as SALESMAN of athletic equipment in the field of retail trade.

CHIEF SPECIALISTS (A) who are unusually proficient in a particular sport can qualify as an exhibition player or as a private instructor in such jobs as PROFESSIONAL GOLFER, TENNIS PROFESSIONAL, BOXER and SWIMMING TEACHER at clubs and resorts or as a BASEBALL PLAYER or FOOTBALL PLAYER with a professional team.

CHIEF SPECIALISTS (A) who have had special professional training in physical education with courses in physiology and

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kinesiology, can qualify for a job as PHYSICAL INSTRUCTOR at a convalescent or rehabilitation camp, hospital or private club.

With additional training in the administration of recreational activities, a CHIEF SPECIALIST (A) can qualify for such jobs as PLAYGROUND SUPERVISOR, RECREATIONAL DIRECTOR or CAMP DIRECTOR with camps and clubs and in municipal government, or as a BOY SCOUT EXECUTIVE.

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