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FI / N1 IDENTIFIER

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Only the most competent and deserving 15U can obtain the title Flight Instructor/ Standardization Instructor with N1 Additional Skill Identifier (ASI). The typical MTOE in a CH-47 flight company has three N1 positions. Crewmembers who maintain the N1 designation but cannot perform flight duties due to promotion to certain positions, get permanent Duties Not to Include Flying (DNIF) 2992s, or move to a position where they are unable to perform flight duties and do not remove their N1 identifier from the Soldier Talent Profile (STP) negatively impact the CH-47 flight company. This limits the crewmembers from going to school or PCS'ing into the company.

Prior to every movement cycle HRC will open a computer-generated system, called the Assignment Satisfaction Key-Enlisted Marketplace (ASK-EM). When the system identifies eligible movers, it can select any soldier with a N1 identifier regardless of rank, unit of assignment or recency of flight duties. If there are three CH-47 N1s not assigned to a flight company and not on flight status, the ASK-EM will not build a requisition for a "N1" position in the marketplace. If the Brigade's population of CH-47 N1s is over strength, and there are N1s not performing SI duties, a requisition will not be built into the marketplace.

DA PAM 611-21 Smart book table 12-2 actions all ASIs. PARA C under N1 states "ASI [is] revoked when soldier can no longer perform duties associated with this ASI." Aircrew members (ACMs) who have permanent DNIF DD 2992's will have their ASI removed, to prevent an inaccurate depiction of N1 unit manning. Arguably, an ACM who is slotted in a PARA/LN that is not "F" coded cannot perform flight duties and will have their ASI removed.

To perform FI/SI duties, AR 95-1, PARA 4-34 and PARA 4-35, sub paragraph "A" states, "complete a course of instruction for FIs at an authorized Aviation proponent school." However, it does not state a N1 designation is required to perform those duties. If Part II of the DA 7120 is checked FI and/or SI, and the NRCM satisfactorily completed a FI/SI validation flight performed by an authorized crewmember documented on the ACM's DA 7122, then the NRCM can perform FI or SI duties IAW applicable publications, without having the N1 identifier on their Soldier Talent profile (STP).

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