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Please pass this information along to a colleague.

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### CURRENT NEWS

\* **T**he EPSQ Receipt System was upgraded on **12/13/2000**. The system will maintain EPSQ receipts for **365** days. The system currently reflects receipts back to March 1, 2000.

\* **T**esting of EPSQ version 2.2 is completed. We are in the process of completing testing of the updated EPSQ version 2.2 Web site, download packages, and download site. The Case Control Management System (CCMS) is also being readied to accept the new EPSQ version 2.2 files. We hope to be able to provide a release date for version 2.2 in the near future. Here are more selected examples of the fixes and enhancements that will be found in version 2.2.

**1.** In Module 11 Your Military History of the SF86 and SF85P, Subjects provide their rank (Grade). CW5 (Chief Warrant Officer 5) is a valid grade, and is now a valid option in EPSQ.

**2.** Previously, EPSQ would abort if a user who sent a .tif file with their EPSQ transmission typed the name of their .tif file without being in the correct drive/directory. Users will now be given a more specific prompt, telling them that they must have previously named and created the .tif file, and that this file must now be selected from the list.

**3.** U.S. Merchant Marines will be able to enter a unique three-character code, indicating their specific Military Grade, in Module 11 of the SF86.

**4.** EPSQ will be able to discreetly collect Special Project data, and feed CCMS with this data. EPSQ will collect this data at the Certify screen. User will be given a place to enter a two-digit code, and instructed that entry is not required unless it is applicable. They are further instructed (If an established formal agreement exists with DSS, enter your two-digit Special Project code. If there is none, press OK and continue).

**5.** DSS will now know who is specifically submitting each request for investigation. Previously DSS collected discreet data regarding the requester only when the NAC Security sheet was used. When the Security Information is a DD1879, a pull-down list of 26 possible requesters (including Other) will now be available when the request is certified. A free-form field associated with (Other Requester) will also be available. EPSQ cannot be transmitted unless a Requester is indicated.

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**NOTEWORTHY**

\* **Y**ou may have noticed that the EPSQ FAQs at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/epsqfaq/index.htm> have gotten a recent makeover.

- They have been reduced in number from 55 to 43, only the pertinent questions were retained.
- They have been placed into an estimated order of importance.
- The FAQs are now available as both a Word document and a .pdf file.
- There is a new (EPSQ FAQs At a Glance) link at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/epsqfaq/epsqfaqglance.htm>. EPSQ users can now quickly scan through the list of FAQs, to see which question applies to their situation.

We hope these changes prove useful

\* **T**hanks for your support... Our EPSQ Enews reader list has grown to nearly 4300 names.

\* **C**heck out our Enews Archives at <http://www.dss.mil/eneews/archive/archive.htm>

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**TIPS OF THE DAY**

- **M**any EPSQ users run into questions when they try to provide information about a spouse or relative who is a US Citizen Born Abroad of US Parents. Other users are unsure how to reflect in EPSQ that they themselves were Born Abroad of US Parents. EPSQ Frequently Asked Questions 14 at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/epsqfaq/epsqfaq14.htm> and 41 at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/epsqfaq/epsqfaq41.htm> are available to help users when these situations arise.

- **P**lease be sure to visit our web site at <http://www.dss.mil/epsq/>. Some of

the resources you will find there include: EPSQ Software, Important News & Notes, Worksheets (SF86, SF85P, SF85PS), LOC & Receipt System, FAQs, Documentation, and On-Line User Guides.

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We hope you found this information useful. As always if you have questions or comments you can contact us by email at [epsq\\_questions@mail.dss.mil](mailto:epsq_questions@mail.dss.mil), complete our Feedback form at <http://www.dss.mil/contactus/feedback.epsq.htm> or call us at 1-800-542-0237.

**Thank You.**

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