

# E-PME Enlisted PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION

## Authority 5-4.01-K

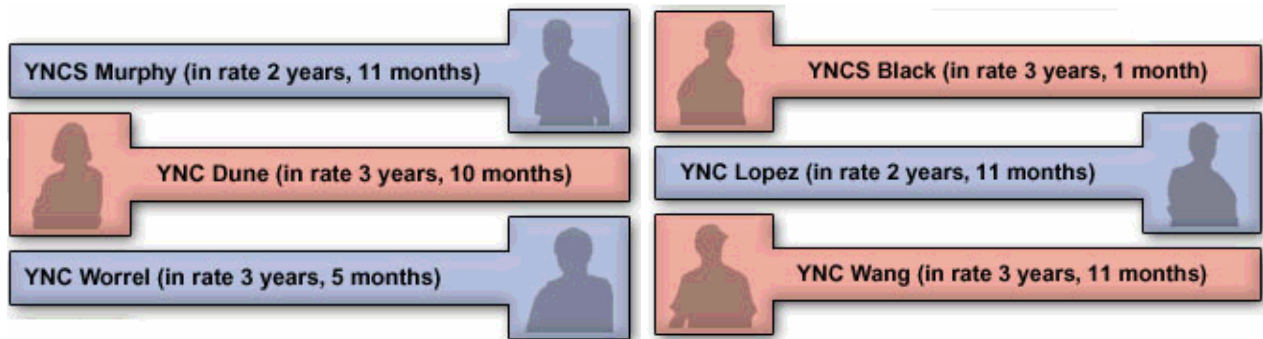
COMPREHEND the following as presented in the E-PME Study Guide.

- Authority of a Petty Officer
- Parameters of issuing a Lawful Order

### ***Petty Officer Authority***

Petty officers take precedence over all non-rates. They have delegated authority to carry out the orders of their superiors by virtue of their rate. Commensurate with petty officers' rate is their level of authority, responsibility, and accountability.

Within each rate, the individual with the most time in rate assumes responsibility for leading. Who is the leading member of the following group? The answer is found on the next page.



In exercising their duties, petty officers have authority to issue orders. Deliberate failure to obey a lawful order violates Article 91 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). Failure to obey a lawful order may also violate Article 92 of the UCMJ.

Petty officers are given apprehension authority under UCMJ, Article 7.

*Petty Officer  
Authority  
(continued)*

- **Article 91 – Insubordinate Conduct Toward an Officer.** As a court-martial may direct, any warrant officer or enlisted member shall be punished for any of the following actions:
  - ▶ Strikes or assaults a warrant officer, noncommissioned officer, or petty officer, while that officer is in the execution of his or her office
  - ▶ Willfully disobeys the lawful order of a warrant officer, noncommissioned officer, or petty officer
  - ▶ Treats with contempt or is disrespectful in language or deportment toward a warrant officer, noncommissioned officer, or petty officer while that officer is in the execution of his or her office
  
- **Article 92 – Failure to Obey Order or Regulation.** As a court-martial may direct, any person subject to this article shall be punished if he or she commits any of the following actions:
  - ▶ Violates or fails to obey any lawful general order or regulation
  - ▶ Fails to obey any other lawful order issued by an Armed Forces member if the person has knowledge of his or her duty to comply
  - ▶ Is derelict in the performance of his or her duties

*Answer to  
Question on prior  
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**The leading member of the group on the previous page is:**

**YNCS Black (in rate 3 years 1 month)**

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