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It has been said that the best way to predict your future is to create it. Over the next couple of years, GNOC is the place to be for anyone who wants to get in on the ground floor, roll up their sleeves and make a difference in leading the Navy's transition to our Next Generation Enterprise Network. I personally encourage and welcome our brightest and most

energetic IT and Information professionals, civilian and military, to apply for the opportunity to join our team.

What are some of the challenges you have experienced since you became the Global Network Operations Center (GNOC) OIC?

The challenges I've experienced since arriving a little over four months ago pretty much all relate to trying to do more, and to improve what we are doing, with limited resources. There has been the challenge to stay focused on the task at hand amidst a level of distraction generated by external factors. Being new on the scene, I have done what every incoming boss does: observe how we do business, ask questions, and direct efforts where I feel we can improve our operations and processes.

Since we rely on various mission partners in everything we do (including NETWARCOM, HP Enterprise Services --formerly EDS --, the NMCI Program Office, Navy Cyber Defense Operations Command and others), we cannot change our processes and procedures unilaterally.

The challenge has been to set aside the time and attention to review these processes across the board, with all stakeholders and to implement changes/improvements where deemed beneficial to the majority. In addition to dedicating resources to these efforts, our team's attention has also been subject to being pulled by external organizations.

Everyone on our team is excited about the expanded mission and responsibilities we anticipate bringing on through the transition to NGEN, so it is natural we want to be participants in shaping our future. However, at the same time, we need to focus on the mission at hand -- that of prioritizing and directing operations of the NMCI network. The challenge here is that, although we realize the importance of contributing to NGEN planning, we cannot commit as much time as we'd like due to our on going daily mission and responsibilities.

We have a Navy Cyber Defense Operations Command (NCDOC), Navy Information Operations Commands (NIOCs) and other specialized commands monitoring the networks, so why a GNOC? How does your role differ from theirs?

The GNOC and each of the other commands mentioned have a specific mission. However, we all work together to protect and defend the Naval Global Information Grid (GIG), so there is definitely a partnership. The GNOC is responsible for directing the daily service operations and security of the NMCI enterprise network, so in that regard, I would consider GNOC a much more generalized command.

Representing DoD's largest intranet, NMCI naturally encompasses a significant portion of the GIG. Through a comprehensive information assurance vulnerability management program, we maintain vigilance in keeping the NMCI network secure, while implementing specific network defense tasks and security measures received from commands to include NCDOC and NIOC.

I would not say GNOC's role is any more important than our partners', but as the operational arm of NMCI, GNOC carries a degree of responsibility in overseeing all

aspects of NMCI network operations and service delivery that extends beyond some of the more specialized or focused areas of our mission partners.

Do you foresee growth of your command as the Navy transitions to NGEN?

Most definitely. In fact GNOC is planned to triple in the number of personnel over the next 12-15 months as we bring on an additional NGEN workforce.

To accommodate the growth in personnel, we are planning to upgrade and expand the GNOC spaces. This is where we are working very closely with the NGEN Fleet Implementation and Transition Team (FITT) and NETWARCOM headquarters staff.

Do you see the role of GNOC changing with the establishment of Fleet Cyber Command?

Not directly, near-term. As NETWARCOM will remain responsible for the daily execution of global naval network operations, our near-term mission and roles at GNOC should remain largely unchanged as we continue to focus on the operations of the NMCI network.

One area that we are evaluating is the relationship and roles of the GNOC Command Center and NETWARCOM's Global Network Operations Support Center Watch, especially as we transition to NGEN.

With NGEN replacing NMCI over the next couple of years, will GNOC continue to have the same role it has presently, or will that change as well?

Before answering this question it is necessary to place the relationship between NMCI and NGEN in its proper context. As the first Navy enterprise network migrates to NGEN, we will all learn together as we adopt a standardized naval network enterprise approach in how we plan, command, operate, maintain and defend the Navy's portion of the GIG.

NGEN is not really replacing NMCI, but rather NMCI is the first network to transition to a larger NGEN. So with that understanding, and to directly answer the question, GNOC's role will undoubtedly change.

In time, as NGEN incrementally integrates NMCI and ONE-NET, and then other Navy enterprise and excepted networks, the GNOC as we know it today will go away, or at least will not remain a stand-alone organization solely responsible for NMCI.

GNOC's role will expand over the next couple of years, to include not only what we do today, but to assume an additional level of ownership over what currently falls under purview of the NMCI contractor. This will provide the capability to run a more agile and responsive network, while enabling increased command and control.

What changes have you personally made to GNOC and what changes do you foresee?

Through recent direction from NETWARCOM, GNOC has just shifted to a new organization structure, adopting the NGEN organizational chart established for GNOC's chain of command and workforce. This organization will be filled in as we bring aboard more than 90 additional

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AT A **GLANCE**

CAPT Bruce R. DeMello is the officer-in-charge, Global Network Operations Center Detachment, Norfolk, VA.

A native of Murrysville, PA, he was commissioned in 1988 through Pennsylvania State University's NROTC Program. Following graduation, he reported to Aviation Indoctrination at Pensacola, FL, and was selected Maritime Patrol Naval Flight Officer, and earned his wings from Mather AFB, Sacramento, CA.

His first tour entailed a dual-squadron, split-location assignment beginning with VP-19 at NAS Moffett Field, Mountain View, CA. Upon VP-19's decommissioning, he finished his tour with VP-9 at NAS Barbers Point, HI.

From June 1993 to September 1995, DeMello completed post-graduate studies at the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, earning a master's degree in Space Systems Operations. In October 1995, he reported to Patrol Squadron Special Projects Unit TWO (VPU-2), Barbers Point, HI. Upon completion of this tour, DeMello was selected for lateral transfer to the Fleet Support Community, Space and Electronic Warfare Specialty Area. This selection was concurrent with his assignment to Naval Space Command, Dahlgren, VA.

At NAVSPACECOM, DeMello led the Naval Space Support Team and served as Deputy Director, Fleet Support, while also serving as United States Space Command's LNO to Joint Task Force-Southwest Asia (JTF-SWA), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. As JTF-SWA J3's Space Officer, he stood watch in the Combined Air Operations Center and as the Theater Ballistic Missile Defense (TBMD) Exercise Officer, he was responsible for theater-wide TBMD training and exercise coordination.

While assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific from March 2001 to February 2004, DeMello served as Deputy Plans and Programs Officer prior to assuming the job of Operations Officer. Here he guided the operational mission of five Pacific Region Naval Computer and Telecommunications Stations while directing a department of more than 300 people. During this tour, he was selected to the newly-established Information Professional Officer Community and promoted to commander.

In March 2005, DeMello completed one year of study at the College of Naval Warfare, Naval War College, Newport, RI, earning a master's degree in International Policy/Strategic Studies. He reported to the Staff, Commander Carrier Strike Group TEN in August 2005, and served as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for C4I and Staff Knowledge Management Officer prior to assignment as Staff N6, where he led USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) Carrier Strike Group's C4I deployment preparations, to include full integration of Canadian and UK partnerships through work-ups and the first month of a Sixth Fleet (C6F) and Fifth Fleet (C5F) deployment.

From January 2008 to March 2009, DeMello served in a support assignment to CJ6 Staff, Multi-National Force - Iraq, Baghdad, where he performed as CJ6 Knowledge Management Officer and CJ6 Deputy Director, Strategic Plans. In June 2009, DeMello completed the Joint and Combined Warfighting School curriculum at the Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA, earning Joint Professional Military Education Phase II credit.

He reported as OIC NETWARCOM GNOC in June 2009. ✂



FORCE SUICIDE PREVENTION COORDINATOR

Thank you to the leadership of every NETWARCOM command who has supported our efforts to prevent suicide across our domain. Your training initiatives and proactive approach in the Suicide Prevention Program are providing an ideal setting for Sailors and civilians to help shipmates feel free to express their concerns when issues arise.

In today's Navy, it's paramount that we plan and execute the mission without jeopardizing human integrity. Everybody is a vital component of this enterprise and our Navy, so we must constantly be aware of the personal well-being of those around us. This enables us to quickly provide support when a problem appears. This practice will not only increase unit readiness and resiliency, but will also boost the proficiency and productivity levels of every individual in the command, ultimately strengthening the integrity of the Navy.

I would like to challenge each and every one of you to care for each other, live life to the fullest and ensure every shipmate around you can do the same. As you walk around your work spaces every day, make it a habit to say a genuine "Good Morning," "How are you," "Thank You" or "Have a good day." Even though it might seem to be common courtesy, we do not know whose life might be depending on this simple touch of appreciation and acknowledgment.

If you or somebody near you who is going through a difficult time, please get help. Inform your chain of command, visit a chaplain or a counselor, call the National Suicide Prevention Hotline (1-800-273-TALK) or seek immediate assistance at your nearest military treatment facility.

You are not alone. Let us share your load.
For more information on the Navy's Suicide Prevention Program, talk to your command Suicide Prevention Coordinator or visit: www.suicide.navy.mil ✂

Semper Fortis, Semper Fidelis,
RPC (FMF) Eugene A. Trinidad, USN

NETWARCOM Sailor gets Warm Welcome at Airport

Compiled by NETWARCOM Public Affairs

For the past year, LT Darren Roberson has served his country, placing himself in harm's way on an Individual Augmentee (IA) tour in Iraq. Roberson spent several weeks training at Ft. Jackson, SC, and Kuwait before deploying to Iraq, where he was assigned as a project officer for the Multi-National Forces HQ in Iraq. Roberson was recently greeted with cheers from co-workers and family members as he returned to Norfolk International Airport. Among the greeters was co-worker, LT Richard Dickinson. Dickinson and Roberson shared a brief tour together in Iraq before Dickinson returned to the states.

As a token of the command's appreciation, Roberson was presented with a fruit basket and a card signed by NETWARCOM staff personnel. His wife, Stacey and daughter Alexa were presented with flowers and balloons. "I missed my family and it's good to be back home," Roberson said. "He looks great and lost so much weight, but, out of all of the deployments throughout his career, this was definitely the longest and the toughest to endure," said his wife. "I just missed spending time with him," said his daughter. "I'm so happy he's finally home." While members of other branches of the military usually return from Iraq or Afghanistan in groups via ship

or plane, Sailors serving on IA assignments are usually not deployed as a team and often return individually. "Our role at NETWARCOM is to ensure our Sailors receive an appropriate welcome home," said Cheri McCullough, NETWARCOM IA Coordinator. "We want to ensure our returning Sailors receive the same 'team' appreciation as those in other branches of the service. We want them to know how much we appreciate their sacrifice to us and our country, and that we are so excited they returned home safe and sound." Roberson is now preparing for his retirement on Feb. 1, 2010.



Friends and family greet LT Darren Roberson upon his return from a one-year Individual Augmentee tour in Iraq. More than 200 Sailors assigned to NETWARCOM's domain are currently serving as Individual Augmentees in support of Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century. (Official U.S. Navy Photo).



(Left to right) Army Col. Richard Miller, DISA/JFC Field commander, presents Jeff Aman with an award while CAPT John L. Chandler, NCTAMSLANT commander looks on.



(Left to right) Army Col. Richard Miller, DISA/JFC Field Office commander, presents a plaque to Wes Holland and CAPT John W. Chandler, NCTAMS LANT commander, also holds an award for the facility.

NAVSATCOMMFAC Northwest receives DISA Award

By Douglas Graves, NAVSATCOMMFAC Northwest

CHESAPEAKE, VA – Navy Satellite Communications Facility (NAVSATCOMMFAC) Northwest has been named the top Category X, Standardized Tactical Entry Point, the best in Category III, Transmission, and the runner-up in Category IX, Defense Satellite Communications System One in the Defense Information System Agency (DISA) Outstanding Facility of the Year awards for 2008. In addition, Wes Holland, special projects and node site coordinator, was named Node Site Coordinator of the Year. This is the fourth straight year NAVSATCOMMFAC Northwest has been recognized in the DISA awards. NAVSATCOMMFAC Northwest provides continuous satellite communications support and Global Information Grid (GiG) connections for globally deployed Department of Defense personnel. U.S. Air Force Col. Richard Miller, DISA/Joint Forces Command Field Office commander, and CAPT John W. Chandler, NCTAMS LANT commanding officer, presented the plaques and letters of commendation to Site Manager Jeffery Aman, who accepted the awards on behalf of all the men and women that serve at NAVSATCOMMFAC Northwest.

NIOC Hawaii improves Linguist Training

From NIOC Hawaii Public Affairs

SLMP is an uncommon acronym for most, but not for Navy linguists at Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii. The letters stand for Supervised Language Maintenance Program. The program was created, and is now mandatory, for linguists who score poorly in listening or reading on their Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT). Sub-proficient linguists are given 30 days from DLPT failure to sign a contract and begin meeting with a language mentor. SLMP employs language mentors and facilitators. Language mentors provide one-on-one mentoring while

facilitators provide small group sessions and classes at NIOC Hawaii and at the Navy College Office. The program began when CTI2 Collette Vigen proposed the idea to the Command Language Program Managers. It was endorsed by NIOC leadership and went on to be shared with the Command Language Program Managers of the other military branches as well. "Those who learned of the program were excited about the idea that would benefit all who participate," said Vigen. "After receiving its blessing from each branch's commanding officer, it evolved into a multi-service program providing a joint service solution to a joint

service problem." CTI1 Alyssa Chubbuck took the lead initially, stepping up as the program director, coordinating the training of the facilitators, and identifying the initial wave of mentors and protégés. CTI1 Armando Garcia is the current director with 66 joint service mentors and 39 facilitators participating. To date, 16 linguists have already raised their DLPT scores. "The flexibility of the program is paramount in its success," said Garcia. "Through mentorship, the training can be tailored to the specific needs of each person involved."

Navy embraces Smartphone Applications, ensures Communication

From U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs

NORFOLK, VA -- U.S. Fleet Forces Command (USFF), the Executive Agent for the Individual Augmentee (IA) continuum, added a new means of communication through social media with the launch of the Navy's first Smartphone application, or IA app, on Sept. 1.

The Navy IA app, which works on the iPhone and iPod Touch, allows Sailors to take the entire content of the www.ia.navy.mil Web site with them on deployment without need of an internet connection. In addition to the iPhone app, USFF is exploring development of applications for other Smartphones used by today's Sailors.

According to Navy officials, communication between Sailors, their families and their commands is increasingly difficult with so many Sailors filling the demands of the IA program. Through social media, the Navy has been able to establish a means of sharing information with deployed Sailors, and a venue for Sailors, families and the public to exchange pictures, greetings and messages.

The Navy IA app, as well as Facebook and Twitter sites, are all components of USFF's communication strategy to provide the latest information and resources to IA Sailors, families, commands and civilian employers to support them throughout the IA process.

"Our IA Sailors are answering our nation's call, and we owe it to them to stay connected with their commands, their families and Navy leadership," said ADM J. C. Harvey, Jr., commander, USFF. "We must use the latest available technology to ensure two-way communication is continuously maintained."

The Navy IA app covers the entire IA process from receipt of orders to Navy Mobilization and Processing Site, and Continental U.S. combat training to in-theater boots on the ground, to re-deploying, demobilizing and returning home. They also include videos of returning IA Sailors describing their experiences, and a variety of Navy publications on the subject, including relevant instructions and NAVADMIN messages.

The videos and publications embedded in the app can be viewed without an internet connection, making this information easily available to Sailors during deployment, whether at sea or boots on ground. The Navy IA app is free of charge.

For more information on the Navy IA app, visit www.ia.navy.mil. Follow IA news and updates by becoming a fan at <http://www.facebook.com/navyIA> and follow at http://twitter.com/Navy_IA.

NCTS Jacksonville's portal improves Command's Business Processes

By ET2(SW/AW) Antonio Valerio, NCTS Jacksonville Public Affairs

Many organizations, military and civilian alike, are looking for ways to improve business processes, become more efficient and more effective. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Jacksonville (NCTS JAX) is using information technology to do just that. Implementation of a Web-based information portal has maximized information sharing, streamlined correspondence routing and provided a central repository of instructions, publications and briefings for the entire command to access from an individual's desktop.

NCTS JAX utilizes a portion of the Fleet Forces Command Web portal for accountability and sustained fluidity of normal business operations. The portal

is used daily for nearly every aspect of correspondence and scheduling within the command.

"Think of it as a working blend of Outlook, Facebook and a strong database of useful documents, all available in a single location," said ET2(SW) Elliot Burton, NCTS JAX Portal Manager. "On the portal, you can create a profile with pictures; develop lists of "friends," view schedules, look to future events and taskers, access instructions and even route documents or chits through your entire chain of command."

Paperless routing is one of the more sophisticated features available through the portal. Imagine electronically submitting a leave chit and receiving an approval within a few hours.

According to Burton, the portal is a big step in the Navy's goal of decreasing its ecological footprint while increasing efficiency. Such importance is being placed on the proper function of the portal that Burton was sent to specialist training in San Diego to learn how to operate it. The combination of Burton's expertise and NCTS team contributions are aiding development of innovative expansions that will keep the portal current and consistent with emerging technological trends.

Users of the portal are well aware of how easy it is to link together in the virtual workspace.

"I am impressed that the Navy has initiated such a big step in using technology for internal workflow, and it is exciting to be in on the ground

floor," said fellow portal contributor ET2(SW) Daniel Raley.

This expansive technology is only in its infancy and promises unlimited potential, according to Raley. It is also believed that the capabilities of such a tool could theoretically extend beyond correspondence to strategic and operational activity.

"It's exciting to ponder the portal's vast possibilities and watch this Web-based phenomenon mature," said Raley. "The portal is yet another illustration of the excellence provided the Navy by its outstanding info-tech warriors and NCTS JAX personnel are definitely enjoying the benefits of easier information sharing and more organized business processes." ✂

NCTS Sicily creates Innovative Training

By Ligia Sam, NCTS Sicily Public Affairs

In the Navy's tradition of innovative training programs, Naval Computer and Telecommunication Station (NCTS) Sicily is bridging the gap between the knowledge gained by new Sailors in IT 'A' School and what is required by seasoned NCTS Sicily communication operators.

NCTS Sicily Operations Officer, LTJG Kirstein Lewis, spearheaded an intensive training and qualification program to strengthen the Operations Department knowledge base, increase watch standing qualification readiness, and standardize watch stander system knowledge. The sought after course is referred to by NCTS Sailors as "N3 University" or IT "B" School.

N3 University is conducted in a classroom setting and taught by six NCTS Sicily subject matter experts. The first class of 11 students met May 4 – August 31. Students were all Information Systems Technicians (IT's) in pay grades E-1 through E-5.

The course was organized into four modules: Technical Control Facility, Electronic Key Management Systems (EKMS) Clerk duties, Tactical Support Communications (TSCOMM) Operations, and Computer Networking. The syllabus was derived from the Personnel Qualification Standards and the IT Advancement Bibliography. One hundred percent of the "plank owner" class graduated from the 17-week training and received a number of qualifications, including Tech Control Operator, TSCOM Operator, EKMS User, EKMS Local Element and EKMS Clerk.

Before running the pilot course, NCTS Sicily N3 leadership knew that it would require a significant upfront

investment in time and personnel. In order to allow junior Sailors to attend, Sailors who were already qualified agreed to stand a three-section watchbill for the duration of the first course. Members of the NCTS N3 leadership are convinced that they are already seeing the payoff and will continue to reap the benefits from standardized training and more qualified watch standers.

According to N3 Leading Chief Petty Officer ITC(SW) Curtis Rutledge, the success of the course was that it built upon the existing knowledge and skills of Sailors, providing tangible information on the specific systems at NCTS Sicily.

"The evidence of the success of this course is visible on the watch floor today," said Rutledge. "Any IT would benefit from this training, as it provides basic operational knowledge and serves as a starting point to stand the watch."

Highlights from the N3 University program included the outstanding grades achieved by the graduates on a 300-question EKMS Test, watching students building their first circuit; and the positive course critique feedback. Another highlight was the peer-to-peer instruction by NCTS subject matter experts.

The petty officers instructing the course had the opportunity to inspire their fellow shipmates, as well as refine their own skill sets and refresh their rate knowledge. Lewis was extremely proud when, during the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Europe Performance Evaluation, the lead inspector said, "This [the N3 University] is the best training program we have ever inspected." ✂



(Left to right) ET2(SW) Elliot Burton explains NCTS JAX's portal training plan to ET2 (SW) Robert Hering. (Photo by ET2(SW/AW) Antonio Valerio)

LETTERS FROM THE GROUND

Greetings from Baghdad!
The temperature is cooling off to a balmy 80 degrees and the days are getting shorter. It's autumn in Iraq... a season of change and a change of scene. Due to a combination of events my deployment has been shortened, and I'm headed back to the states for some leave and training enroute to USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19)!

The eight months have absolutely flown by, and I attribute this to a couple of factors. First, there is just so much to do! The work days are pretty consistently long because of the sense of urgency associated with real-time operations. It's very similar to the operational tempo during an at sea deployment. You might ask yourself... why would Knowledge Management (KM) feel that kind of pressure? KM is all about improving information flows and processes to help people do their job better or faster, preferably both. This capability is extremely critical in a combat situation where missing information or slow response rates can have serious consequences. Whether any of us are directly in the fight or are enablers supporting the fight, what we do matters and we must consistently perform to the best of our ability. I've been fortunate to work with a group of people that "get it."

This leads me to the second factor that helped time go by so quickly... the people at work we have a diverse and slightly crazy group of folks who know how to work hard and have fun while we're doing it. Every tour has different experiences but when you look back, it is often the people, not necessarily what you accomplished, that stand out. That holds true on individual augmentee deployments too. You can let yourself get dragged down by focusing on the negative aspects or you can focus on the positive features of a joint deployment. Although we work in a joint environment, the service with the skills to support tens of thousands of troops in a combat environment is the Army. They coordinate our billeting, our feeding, and just about anything else of significance when you're deployed. It's a tough job and done on a scale to which we're just not accustomed. So, when you think to yourself

“there must be a better way,” just remember that the service member is following rules that were established to be the most effective for large numbers of troops.

But I digress...back to the fun stuff. Don't be afraid to embrace the craziness when it presents itself. Case in point, the KM camel. Picture if you will a stuffed camel...the size of a small adult...that just appeared one day in the office...full of dust...and with a winsome look about it. Despite its questionable past, we have wholeheartedly adopted said mammal into our group. Mr. Camel has undergone some cosmetic surgery to repair some damaged seams, manned a desk while one of our guys was on R&R, and is quite possibly one of the most photographed camels in Baghdad.

Before I forget, one last tip on surviving an Individual Augmentee deployment: stay in touch with your Navy community. Sometimes it will be tough, especially if you are stationed alone and unafraid in the midst of a group of

(Back Row, L-R) LCDR Jim Maher, LT Robert Powell, RDML Davis Simpson, LCDR Vinny Sarisen, LCDR Blake Eikenberry and LT Darin Smith. (Front Row, L-R) LCDR Randy Fuller, CWO3 Yolando Loveless, LCDR Shawn Roberts, CDR Susan BryerJoyner, LCDR Alissa Clawson, LCDR Lisa McLaughlin, LT Robert Adams and LT James De Los Santos. (Photo by Marine 1stLt. Mark Simmons)



(Left to right) CDR Susan BryerJoyner, Air Force Majors Bryan Skarda and Rene Alvidrez, Terrell Herbert and ITC Derek Hartmen pose with the KM Camel. Mr. Camel is quite possibly one of the most photographed camels in Baghdad. (Photo by Roger Bennett)

Army and Air Force service members. Take the time to locate others in the near vicinity or to keep up with what's going on in the Navy. The IPs at Camp Victory and in the International Zone established processes that facilitate the completion of the IP Basic and Intermediate Qualifications. Even if you can't get together in person, there is always Adobe Connect sessions, VTCs, or phone calls. Stay engaged! RDML Simpson led by example, holding a professional development meeting with the IPs in Baghdad soon after he reported as the new MNF-I J6. That's all for now. It's time to get back to the Fleet. Have a great Navy day! ✂

EDITOR'S NOTE: CDR BryerJoyner has redeployed and will be reporting as the C5I Officer on USS BLUE RIDGE. She was previously the Chief, Knowledge Management Branch, Multi-National Force-Iraq, Flag Aide at NETWARCOM, and the Communications Officer on COMCARGRU 8 staff.



(Left to right) Identical twins CTSA Elyssa Valentine and CTTSR Ashley Valentine share a laugh in the main quarterdeck at Center for Information Dominance (CID) Corry Station, Pensacola, FL. The Sailors from Temecula, CA, are attending the Cryptologic Technician (Technical) "A" school here.

Identical Twins join Navy, train at CID Corry Station

Story & photo by Gary Nichols, Center for Information Dominance Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, FL -- Center for Information Dominance (CID) Corry Station recently welcomed identical twins, Ashley and Elyssa Valentine, to Cryptologic Technician-Technical (CTT) "A" school where they will carry on their family's legacy of naval service.

Throughout their lifetime, the identical twins have shared a room, dressed up in matching clothes and played together with teachers and friends. However, upon graduating from Chaparral High School, Temecula, CA, in 2007, they both believed their days of sharing were over. They planned to go their separate ways, each to make their own mark in the world.

Elyssa went to college and Ashley joined the workforce. But after a year at Riverside Community College, just 35 miles from home, Elyssa had her fill of studying business management. She decided to follow her parents'

footsteps, both of whom served a full career in the Navy, and enlisted on Sept. 5, 2008.

According to Ashley, her twin had wanted to join the Navy since she was 18 and after a year of college, she did just that.

"I kind of knew I'd always end up in the Navy," Elyssa said. "I went to college and was kind of bored; it just wasn't my cup of tea."

Ashley, on the other hand, worked as a freelance graphic designer after high school. But less than two weeks after Elyssa joined the Navy, Ashley walked into the local recruiter's office and enlisted as well.

From the moment they reported for testing and evaluation at the Military Entrance Processing Station in San Diego, Ashley and Elyssa turned heads and caught people off guard.

The twins shipped out to boot camp at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, IL, at the same time and were

assigned to the same company.

Sharing the same last name, the pair ended up as bunkmates for the first half of their two months at Great Lakes. The sisters once again found themselves sharing a room and wearing matching clothes as they had as children.

Being together again, seemed to offer the twins some comfort as they learned to deal with the rigors and new challenges that boot camp presented.

"It was easier emotionally," Elyssa said. "I needed someone to confide in. I could talk to her after Taps. She always had my back."

The twins eventually earned the nicknames "Thing One" and "Thing Two." No one, including fellow recruits and company commanders, ever seemed to be able to figure out who was who.

"None of them [in boot camp] could tell us apart," Ashley said.

“When Elyssa got in trouble, I got punishment.”

Ashley and Elyssa turned 20 in the last few days of boot camp. “We were at battle stations during our 20th birthday,” Ashley said. “That was kind of cool.”

The twins said when they graduate from CTT “A” school later this winter they had originally hoped to get stationed in different parts of world. Elyssa said she hoped to get stationed on the West Coast; Ashley had hoped for Japan.

“I would like to go back to San Diego,” Elyssa said. “I miss it there and I could go home on

the weekends.”

Recent circumstances, however, have made Ashley reconsider her original choice of duty station.

“I had wanted to go to Japan, but that was before I got married,” Ashley explained. “But now I’m hoping to go to San Diego because my husband is being assigned there on board the USS Curtz (FFG 38).”

Ashley recently married high school sweetheart-turned fellow Sailor Seaman Justin Day, who graduated two years earlier. They had a small, private wedding ceremony at the chapel on board Corry Station. The couple hopes

to have a formal wedding back home in Temecula, sometime next year for their friends and family.

Ashley has been a Sailor long enough to realize that the needs of the Navy must come first, even regarding matters of the heart. The ship’s schedule will dictate – at least to some degree – when and maybe where her dream wedding will finally take place.

The twins have discovered they still receive double-takes when they are together, but now Ashley is sporting a new name tag – CTTSR Ashley Day. At long last, people may finally be able to tell the twins apart. ✂

My DOMAIN continued ...

government civilian positions and approximately 20 military billets.

We have made the training and certification of GNOC’s workforce a priority. For GNOC to be successful we must match each military and civilian position to an individual training/development plan while anticipating a great influx of NGEN personnel. To do this, we are aligning the Information Technology Infrastructure Library (ITIL) V3 IT Service Operations framework to GNOC’s mission set and applying DODINST 8570.01M – IA Work Force Improvement Program requirements. And, to support this priority, we have submitted a POM-12 future year funding request.

Not to say this is a change, but we are also updating our standard operating procedures and instructions, drafting new ones as needed, and conducting this update in tandem with our mission partners to ensure our processes and procedures are documented, current and relevant. A couple of key documents being finalized are GNOC’s Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan and

Telework instructions.

To answer “What changes do I foresee?” really requires a separate interview.

A couple of things come immediately to mind. As the Navy’s previously “excepted” operational and tactical networks (and their users) transition to NGEN, we will need to capture and understand these customers’ unique requirements in order to be responsive in our role as the Global Network Operations Center.

This will be challenging and requires close coordination with NMCI, the NGEN program offices, the numbered fleets and geographical Maritime Operations Centers (MOCs) and other Navy functional/type commands. Secondly, NGEN in itself will be a continuous change mechanism.

Across the spectrum, we will be making decisions that will potentially require changes -- whether it be in NMCI and NGEN network operations policies, facilities and where we work, or in our organizational structures their alignment and relationships. ✂



TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN



Marines Corps, Navy, Army, and Air Force participants gather for a group photo after a formation run. The photo event highlighted the culmination of NIOC Georgia’s 5th Annual ‘Tribute to the Fallen’ run which honors those Marines and Sailors who have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)



NIOC GEORGIA PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL ‘TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN’ RUN

From NIOC Georgia

Since the fighting began in Iraq and Afghanistan, more than 1,140 Marines and 29 Sailors embedded with Marine units have fallen in battle in the Middle East defending our safety and peace.

However, their legacy continues through Naval Information Operations Center (NIOC) Georgia’s 5th Annual “Tribute to the Fallen” run on Fort Gordon, GA. The run involves the Marine Detachment on Fort Gordon and NIOC Georgia Sailors as well as Soldiers and Airmen stationed on Fort Gordon. Retirees and civilians from the surrounding community often bring food or come to walk or run in the event.

Oct. 16 – Nov. 5, Sailors, Marines and other Fort Gordon service members took turns carrying 21 rifle rounds for a lap around the

base’s three-mile dirt track -- one lap for each fallen hero -- to symbolize their struggle and their journey. The rounds were for a salute in the closing ceremony.

“We ran to honor their sacrifice,” said CTI3 Matthew Thrush. “We ran so that their memories live on through our breath, our footsteps and our sweat.”

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, the rounds were carried around the track, 3,507 miles in all. Each time the rounds were handed off to the next runner, a new face and life was remembered and honored. A video screen next to the track displayed a photo and short biography of the Sailor or Marine who had given the ultimate sacrifice. On the final day, Sailors, Marines, Soldiers and Airmen joined in a formation run to

complete their tribute.

The 21 rounds were fired into the open sky as part of the closing ceremony by a rifle team firing the traditional rifle volley. These rounds, carried by so many hands for so many miles, served as a salute to commemorate the service of fallen Sailors and Marines.

“It’s important that we remember our fallen brothers and sisters, as well as those still serving,” said GySgt. Jared Bean, operations chief, Marine Corps Detachment, Fort Gordon. “We will continue doing this annual tribute until everyone comes home.”

“They may have fallen, but in our hearts they will always be with us,” emphasized Thrush. “This day is for them. They will never be forgotten.” ✂

WWII VETERAN SHARES STORIES WITH SAN DIEGO COMMANDS



(Left) Retired EMC Stuart Hedley addresses guests at the 4th Annual Veteran's Day Parade events hosted by Veterans Elementary School in Chula Vista, CA, Nov. 6. (Below) USS West Virginia (BB 48), Hedley's ship, underway prior to her sinking in Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. (Official U.S. Navy Photos)



"He covered more ground between December 1941 and March 1943 than most service members cover in a 30-year career."

-CDR John Watkins, NCTS CO

From NCTS NMCI Det. San Diego Public Affairs

"I represent the fighting spirit of the Navy, and those who have gone before me to defend freedom and democracy around the world."

Far too often, those words are rehearsed and memorized by Sailors. However, occasionally a Sailor may meet an individual who personifies the true meaning of those words.

Sailors at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Navy and Marine Corp Intranet (NMCI) Detachment San Diego were privileged to have just such an encounter Oct 26.

Retired EMC Stuart Hedley, stationed on the battleship USS West Virginia (BB 48) Oct. 29, 1940 – Dec. 8, 1941 witnessed first hand the attack on Pearl Harbor from turret three and shared a few of his WWII stories with the Sailors.

Hedley's visit to NCTS NMCI Det. San Diego was connected with his official function as a guest speaker at the 4th Annual Veteran's Day Parade events hosted by Veterans Elementary School in Chula Vista, CA, Nov. 6. Arriving early, he met and inspired junior and senior Sailors alike.

"Chief Hedley, in my opinion, is a modern day Superman," said CDR John Watkins, NCTS commanding officer. "He covered more ground between December 1941 and March 1943 than most service members cover in a 30-year career."

Watkins was also impressed by Hedley's enthusiasm for life and the exuberance that the 88-year-old displayed.

Other Sailors who had an opportunity to meet Hedley were left with a sense of pride and a stronger connection to the Navy's proud heritage and fighting spirit.

LT Henry Martinez, officer in charge of NMCI Det.

San Diego, who recently returned from an Individual Augmentee tour in Afghanistan, said, "The 14 months I served over there were rough for me, but they don't compare with his past. It was an honor to meet him."

IT1(SW) Magda Gomez was also impressed to have had the unique experience to meet and hear the stories from a man who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"He really inspired patriotism in all of us," said Gomez. "He is truly a living legend."

Hedley was transferred to USS San Francisco (CA 38) the day after the Pearl Harbor attack since West Virginia sustained heavy damage from the attack. He went on to participate in battles on Wake Island, Bougainville, Espiritu Santos, New Caledonia, Cape Esperance, Guadalcanal, Rabaul, Solomon Islands, Kwajalein, Majuro Lagoon, Truk, Tinian, Saipan, and patrolled the waters off Noumea Attu and the Bearing Sea.

He left the San Francisco in March 1943 to attend destroyer training and gyro school, and was assigned to USS Massey (DD 778) from 1944 to 1946, where he took an active part in the Okinawa campaign, survived numerous kamikaze raids and witnessed the surrender of the Japanese in Tokyo harbor.

Hedley was born Oct. 29, 1921 in Miami and enlisted Aug. 20, 1940 in Buffalo, NY. He retired from the Navy Aug. 29, 1960. He worked for the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District for 21 years before becoming a ship inspector for both the Navy and the Military Sealift Command until 1996.

Hedley is the President of the San Diego Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, and has been a member since 1984. He was selected as the association's Veteran of the Year in 2005. ✂



(Inset) CWO4 Robert Reese (USN retired) and IT2(SW/AW) Jared Williams stand by to ring the bells during the 4th Annual Veterans Day parade in Chula Vista, CA. (Below) Sailors from NCTS NMCI Det San Diego march in the annual parade on Nov. 6. (Official U.S. Navy Photos)



Parade Ceremony Honors Veterans

By MC2(SW) Alexia Riveracorrea, NPASE, West

SAN DIEGO – Veterans throughout the San Diego area received cheers and thanks from spectators attending the 4th annual Veterans Parade ceremony Nov. 6. The event honors all living and deceased veterans from all branches of service.

“I volunteered to come down here and show support for Veterans Day by participating in this important parade,” said AGI(SW) Kathryn Roe. “We are here to recognize and remember veterans.”

Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Four Nine (HSL-49) kicked off this year’s ceremony with a courtesy fly-by. It was followed by a parade that ended at the Veterans Elementary School with a ceremony recognizing veterans and military families from the past, present and future.

“We should all be so fortunate that we have the unique opportunity to celebrate their honor, their courage and their commitment to ensuring

we maintain and enjoy our way of life,” said CDR John A. Watkins, commanding officer, Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, guest speaker for the event.

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

–John F. Kennedy, 35th President

“Please remember those who paid that ultimate cost; our fallen heroes, our defenders of freedom, who while not here physically, are with us spiritually in perpetuity.”

In addition, Watkins dedicated a prayer to those troops who left America’s shores, but did not return to

be thanked as veterans.

“Let us pray each in our way, for their comfort. Let us remember the men and women in uniform whose fate is still undetermined -- our prisoners of war and those missing in action,” said Watkins.

Pearl Harbor survivor retired Chief Electrician’s Mate Stuart N. Hedley was also present at the event. He shared a few of his experiences with active-duty service members and children from the school.

“We need to learn to love each other, and when we learn how to do that, we won’t fight against each other,” said Hedley.

Before the end of the ceremony, the co-founder of the Veterans Parade, LT Henry A. Martinez thanked everyone for their support, and closed his speech with a quote from the 35th United States president, John F. Kennedy, “As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” ✂



OSCAR OPERATIONS SECURITY COLLABORATION ARCHITECTURE

By James Magdalenski, NIOC Norfolk

OPSEC

TOOL ASSESSES & REDUCES VULNERABILITIES

As the Naval Operational Security (OPSEC) Support Team (NOST) makes its way around the fleet, providing training, assessment and support, one thing has become abundantly clear: OPSEC assessments are not being conducted annually in accordance with Navy and Department of Defense directives.

Many OPSEC Officers just don't know how to complete the assessments, or are afraid to start one. Well, no more worries. The Operations Security Collaboration Architecture (OSCAR) automated risk assessment tool is now on-line to make OPSEC assessments easier.

OSCAR is an automated risk analysis and risk management tool for assessing command OPSEC posture and reducing OPSEC vulnerabilities and risks. OSCAR also provides DoD Information Operations (IO) planners with data required for IO planning. It provides a standardized framework for OPSEC risk assessment, analysis, reporting and risk management that is intended for use by even the most junior personnel assigned to OPSEC duties.

This will allow the quality of OPSEC assessments to be improved significantly compared to previous assessments, as well as allowing their results and proposed corrective actions to be recorded. Because OSCAR is web-based, with servers located at the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), no software downloads are needed.

Prior to OSCAR becoming available to the DoD in September 2009, two major assessments were accomplished off-line in support of Forward Deployed Naval Forces (FDNF) in Japan. Seven ships of Seventh Fleet's Task Force 77 were assessed using the OSCAR model in August 2008. USS George Washington (CVN 73) was assessed in September 2009.

In August and September 2009, two staffs and four ships of Task Force 76 were assessed. By using OSCAR, the trained assessment teams from Navy Information Operations Command, Norfolk and ALION Science and Technology Corporation (developers of OSCAR), spent only one day assessing each unit/ship. If conducted properly and thoroughly, assessments can be accomplished in a day, with very little impact on the ship and crew.

Not only does OSCAR provide an individual unit with a single assessment, but it also provides the Strike Group Commander with an overall OPSEC posture of all assigned units comprising the group. The ability of a Strike

Group Commander to pull OPSEC vulnerabilities from its units enables that commander to focus on specific countermeasures for the entire group.

Another capability OSCAR provides the Navy is the ability of either the NOST or OPNAV staff to pulse the service by looking at the number of ships and shore commands that have completed or initiated assessments. This information can be fed into a required annual status report. OSCAR will soon provide that report card by facilitating OPSEC input from the Echelon II and III commands.

One of the most significant features of OSCAR is that it's not just an annual assessment tool, but a tool that allows the user to complete multiple assessments as needed. For example, a ship can conduct an OPSEC assessment for every port visit during a deployment. The majority of the data already contained in OSCAR will not change or have to be repeated, such as the type of ship, crew size or programs in place. However, threat data will change. This is why OSCAR is hosted on Secure Internet Protocol Router

Network (SIPRNet). Threat data is provided automatically through a live feed from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), and in cases where threat data is not available or current from DIA, it can be updated manually by the user via intelligence reports obtained locally or online.

OSCAR will allow even the newest, most inexperienced OPSEC Officer the ability to conduct self assessments. First-time users can complete computer based training once an account has been established. There is also a reach-back function should the user have any questions while using the tool.

To request an OSCAR account, contact the NOST at opsec@navy.smil.mil or (757) 417-7100, or go directly to the OSCAR SIPRNET site: <https://register.dtic.smil.mil/wobin/WebObjects/RegLite?SiteID=OSCAR> and follow the on-screen instructions. ✂

NAVY REALIGNS CYBER DOMAIN TO STRENGTHEN INFORMATION DOMINANCE

From Naval Network Warfare Command Public Affairs Office

Navy leadership is bringing information warfare to the forefront of its 21st century arsenal through a multi-faceted realignment of its cyber infrastructure, elevating information to a core warfighting capability.

Building on the successes achieved from consolidating all elements and missions in the information and cyber domains within Naval Network Warfare Command (NETWARCOM), Chief of Naval Operations ADM Gary Roughead is making what he called three important moves in a bold and comprehensive approach to leverage cyber to enable better decision-making for operators, and position the fleet to sustain dominance in an increasingly techno-centric and information-driven battlespace.

In his 2010 Navy Posture Statement delivered before the Senate Armed Services Committee in June, Roughead cited the magnitude of cyber concerns for modern warfighters.

“Cyberspace presents enormous challenges and unprecedented opportunities to shape and control the battlespace,” he said. “To pace the complex and adaptive techniques of potential adversaries, we need survivable and persistent network communications that enable secure and robust means to command and control our assets, and to use, manage, and exploit the information they provide.”

INFORMATION DOMINANCE

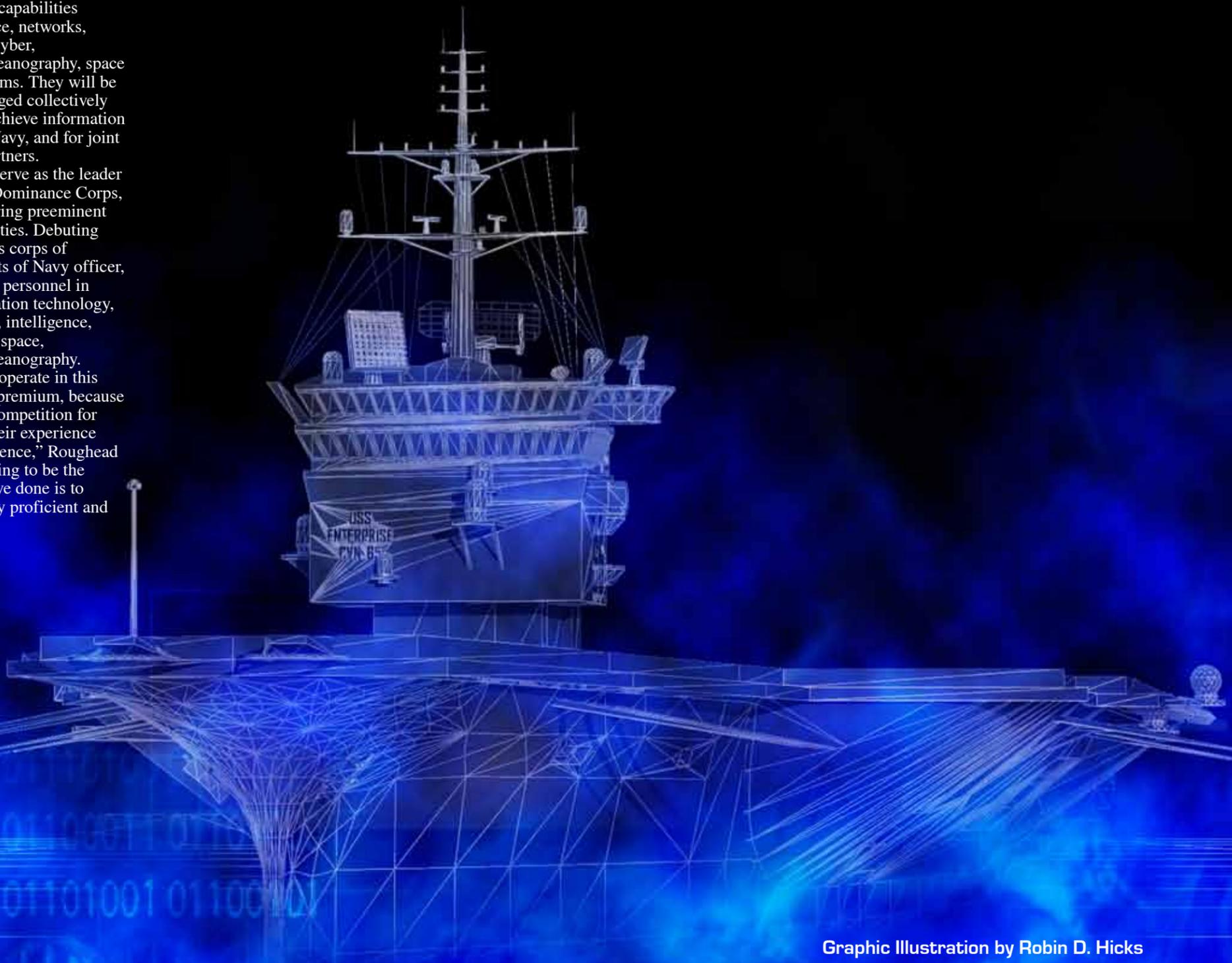
Roughead’s first move was to merge his Naval Intelligence (N2) and Communications and Networks (N6) directorates into one entity. CNO’s Director of Naval Intelligence, VADM David J. Dorsett, was tapped to lead the organization as the first Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance (N2/N6). Dorsett was confirmed for the position in October and the directorate began operations Nov. 2.

This initiative brings together the resource sponsorship for all

information-related capabilities including intelligence, networks, electronic warfare, cyber, meteorology and oceanography, space and unmanned systems. They will be resourced and managed collectively and holistically to achieve information dominance for the Navy, and for joint and inter-agency partners.

Dorsett will also serve as the leader of the Information Dominance Corps, charged with delivering preeminent information capabilities. Debuting at 44,000 strong, this corps of professionals consists of Navy officer, enlisted and civilian personnel in the fields of information technology, information warfare, intelligence, counterintelligence, space, meteorology and oceanography.

“People who will operate in this domain will be at a premium, because there will be great competition for their intellect, for their experience and for their competence,” Roughead said. “People are going to be the key. So, what we have done is to take our already very proficient and



Graphic Illustration by Robin D. Hicks

experienced operators ... they will retain their individual identities, but they will be managed as a corps, they will develop as a corps and they will fight as a corps.”

FLEET CYBER COMMAND

Roughhead also directed the establishment of Fleet Cyber Command (FLTCYBERCOM) as the Navy's service component to U.S. Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM), the formation of which was directed by Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates on June 23. The top position will be dual-hatted as Commander, Tenth Fleet.

This alignment model follows an existing, well-functioning model at U.S. Navy Central Command/Fifth Fleet, achieves unity of command for cyberspace operations and enables FLTCYBERCOM to execute cyber missions as required by USCYBERCOM and the fleet.

FLTCYBERCOM will serve as a central operational authority for cyberspace operations supporting forces afloat and ashore. The new command will operate a secure, interoperable naval network; coordinate Navy's operational requirements for networks, cryptology/signals intelligence, information operations and space capabilities.

Tenth Fleet will provide operational support to Navy commanders worldwide in the area of cyber, information and computer network operations, electronic warfare and space. Tenth Fleet was initially established during WWII to address the growing threat of submarine warfare and consisted of a staff of about 50. This was the first time that intelligence and operations were to be fully unified in one command. Similar to ADM Ernest King's establishment of Tenth Fleet during WWII, the modern day Tenth Fleet will address the growing threat and opportunities presented by cyber warfare.

VADM Bernard J. McCullough

III, who previously served as Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources, has been nominated to serve as the first commander of FLTCYBERCOM/Tenth Fleet, which will be collocated with USCYBERCOM at Fort Meade, MD.

NAVY CYBER FORCES COMMAND

Roughhead's plan also includes the establishment of Navy Cyber Forces Command (CYBERFOR) under U.S. Fleet Forces Command and realignment of NETWARCOM under FLTCYBERCOM. Both commands will remain in their current facilities at the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek-Fort Story and Naval Station Norfolk.

CYBERFOR is being established as the Navy's global Type Commander for Network Operations, Intelligence, Information Operations and Space, consolidating Navy's cyber man, train and equip functions into a single type command that is responsive to all Fleet Commanders. The use of the word "Forces" in the title aligns the command's name with those of the other Type Commanders — SUBFOR, AIRFOR, SURFOR and Navy Expeditionary Forces — and stresses the importance of maintaining a ready workforce, poised to meet the increasingly complex demands of modern warfare and peacekeeping missions. CYBERFOR plays an integral role in the Navy Cyber Enterprise (NCE), the new Naval Network/FORCEnet Enterprise (NNFE), using an enterprise approach to deliver cyber capabilities to the warfighter at the right time and the right cost.

The alignment of NETWARCOM under FLTCYBERCOM will give the Navy an operationally agile organization focused fully on its communications, networks and space operations missions to provide assured net-centric services across strategic, operational and tactical boundaries in support of the Navy's full spectrum of war fighting and

support missions. NETWARCOM will continue to direct and execute operations that enable decision superiority. The FLTCYBERCOM/TENTHFLT model assigns NETWARCOM responsibility for many of the same operational tasks already performed today.

Because of the solid foundation NETWARCOM has built over the past seven years, the Navy is uniquely positioned to execute the CNO's vision. This transformation is the next step in elevating information as a main battery of the Navy's warfighting capability. It will empower the Navy to maintain information dominance over potential adversaries and deliver decision superiority to commanders and operating forces. ✕

NETWARCOM IS HIRING...

Network Security can mean Job Security & NGEN needs Your Skills

NGEN

NEXT GENERATION ENTERPRISE NETWORK

By Emily Gucwa, NETWARCOM (NGEN FITT)

The Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN) Fleet Implementation and Transition Team (FITT), in partnership with NETWARCOM, is preparing for the transition from Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) to NGEN by acquiring one of its most important assets: people. In short, NETWARCOM is now hiring for NGEN, a program strongly supported by the Department of the Navy.

NETWARCOM will be filling billets for new positions in Norfolk, VA; San Diego and Hawaii in FY2010, including officer, enlisted and civilian personnel.

Immediate positions are available with NETWARCOM, the Global Network Operations Center and the Global Network Operations and Security Center. Desired experience includes Network Operations (NetOps), Information Technology Service Management (ITSM), and knowledge of industry best practices such as Information Technology Infrastructure Library.

The majority of jobs will fall under the Government Service (GS) 2210 Series, but all applicants with relevant skills are encouraged to apply. Civilian resumes are accepted online at <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil> and www.usajobs.com. Please see the following for guidance:

APPLICABLE JOB SERIES

- 2210 Information Technology Specialist (main listing)
- 0080 Security Specialist
- 0303 General Support
- 0343 Management & Program Analyst
- 1083 Technical Writer & Editor
- 1101 Business
- 1603 Equipment, Facilities, & Services Support

SEARCH RESULTS

Many job announcements may appear in the search. Look for ones with the following result information:
Closing Date: OPEN CONTINUOUS (for searches on <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil> only)

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Prepare your resume in Microsoft Word, then copy and paste your information into the appropriate website fields. This allows for easy review of your data.
- You can save your resume information and then review and/or update before submitting.

ABOUT NGEN AND NGEN FITT:

NGEN is the secure network being created as the follow-on to NMCI. NGEN is building on NMCI successes and lessons learned, and taking full advantage of the opportunity to enhance security and operational effectiveness.

NGEN aligns to the future Naval Network Enterprise (NNE), a single secure network environment that will meet the requirements for net-centric capability management throughout the Department of Defense.

NGEN will combine industry's best technology with appropriate government oversight of design, operation and control and will meet the warfighting and business needs of the Navy and Marine Corps.

NGEN FITT is responsible for developing ITSM processes, including technology, training and workforce requirements, for the NetOps community, and needs a skilled workforce to succeed. The result will be a secure network and improved information sharing, leading to increased mission success.

NGEN FITT, led by CAPT Todd Rich, exists to develop, maintain and promulgate a coordinated, executable strategy to ensure effective transition from NMCI to NGEN. NGEN FITT also acts as the NGEN Stakeholder Communications Lead for the Fleet. Specific responsibilities include:

- Preventing network disruptions during roll-out
- Developing operational and user processes and coordinating training
- Minimizing impact on Department of the Navy warfighter mission and users ✕



GLOBAL NETWORK OPERATIONS CENTER

COMMAND MAINTAINS MULTIPLE SUPPORT PLATFORMS FOR NAVY & JOINT FORCES

By NETWARCOM Public Affairs Office



The Global Network Operations Center (GNOC) was established alongside the Navy-Marine Corps Internet (NMCI) Operations Center late in 2000 to provide on-scene government operational oversight of the contract with Electronic Data Systems (EDS), while also serving as liaison between the service provider, the Navy operational customer base, Naval Network Warfare Command's (NETWARCOM) headquarters and the NMCI Program Office.

Then-Secretary of the Navy Gordon R. England summed up the Navy's Information Technology (IT) environment prior to the commencement of NMCI: "We basically had 28 separate commands budgeting, developing, licensing and operating IT autonomously. It was inefficient and from the larger department perspective, produced results that were far from optimal."

The GNOC's core mission has grown over the years to include a more prominent role in implementing improved network service operations, processes and communications, while becoming more of a partner with the contracted service provider, instead of solely performing government oversight and direction. This is demonstrated by having GNOC military and government civilian personnel fully integrated with NMCI network operations watches, ensuring collaborative work to prioritize incident resolution and service request fulfillment.

GNOC ensures day-to-day delivery of comprehensive and secure computer network services to the Navy and Joint Service forces. Direct support is offered to the NETWARCOM director of global operations by providing command and control of the Navy's portion of NMCI via operational direction, network security, information assurance, network status and problems resolution activities. The center submits bi-annual performance surveys on the performance of the NMCI contract.

In addition, GNOC is the 24/7 Command Center for NMCI, providing direct operational status and incident reporting to the NETWARCOM Battle Watch while also performing all assigned higher echelon network operations tasks. Monitored NMCI network services include e-mail, web, collaborative tools (including phone and video conferencing), remote Virtual Private Network (VPN) access and BlackBerry mobile services.

GNOC is responsible for taking appropriate defense and maintenance actions to ensure NMCI network services are delivered at or above established service standards.

GNOC's 51-member staff is divided into four departments: Enterprise Operations, Information Security, C2 Network Operations and Support (administration/logistics). CAPT Bruce DeMello is the officer in charge of this team of military, government civilian and government contract IT professionals.

"As a detachment of NETWARCOM, GNOC is assigned responsibility for the daily execution of the Navy's global network operations mission," DeMello said. "GNOC will continue to maintain its role as the operational arm of NMCI, while establishing the Next Generation Enterprise Network (NGEN) transition model for other Navy enterprise networks."

GNOC will also be responsible for executing Fleet Cyber Command assigned tasks to operate and defend an agile, responsive, secure and interoperable enterprise network, according to DeMello.

"Over the next five years, the NETWARCOM GNOC detachment will be at the forefront of implementing Department of Defense (DoD) and Department of the Navy (DON) enterprise network operations programs and initiatives," DeMello said.

GNOC expects to expand its mission and add manpower as the Navy's Next Generation Internet (NGEN) comes online, according to DeMello, who said he will need to bring in the brightest and best IT professionals to bring NGEN to life.

The GNOC workforce is composed of specialists in the fields of computer network defense, information assurance, enterprise network operations and network maintenance, as well as administrative, logistics and financial management personnel. Most GNOC workers fall under the DoD/DON's Information Assurance Workforce Improvement Program and are required to obtain and maintain specified levels of information security training and certification. GNOC's military manning consists of information systems technicians, communications technician officers, communications officers, electronics technician officers and information professionals.

Under program management of the Program Executive

Photo Illustration by MC2 Travis K. Burcham

Office for Enterprise Information Systems (PEO EIS) and requirements/acquisition management of the SPAWAR NMCI Program Office, successful GNOC mission execution relies on the ability to use shared enterprise network performance monitoring and situational awareness tools, as well as maintaining constant vigilance of the information security threat. In this sense, advanced technology provides improved network service delivery and information sharing capabilities, but also requires maintaining the capability to counter threats aimed at disrupting or denying the delivery of secure and reliable network services.

Addressing the need to establish a uniformly-governed enterprise network environment, NGEN is the foundation for the future Naval Networking Environment, which

is envisioned to be a fully integrated enterprise-wide infrastructure where data and services are continuously available. With the NMCI contract scheduled to expire Oct. 1, 2010, NGEN represents the overarching secure, reliable and responsive network enterprise operations architecture under which NMCI (as the lead enclave), and eventually other Navy global network systems, will transition. NMCI is planned to transition to NGEN through fiscal years 2011-2012 to a yet to be determined NGEN Initial Operation Capability (IOC) via a Continuity of Services Contract. With this transition from NMCI to NGEN, the GNOC will be at the very front, taking on an even greater role as the Navy expands its level of Command and Control (C2) and ownership of the Navy enterprise network operations mission. ✕



GNOC staff members gather for their daily meeting aboard Naval Base Norfolk. (Photo by MC2 Travis K. Burcham)



Driving Navy Network Operations **NAVGNOSC**

The Navy Global Network Operations Support Center (NAVGNOSC) provides situational awareness of the myriad of Navy networks, systems and applications that operate on the Global Information Grid (GIG) and protects and defends that grid from potential cyber threats. Additionally, the GNOSC performs a Command Center function that provides a wide variety of support to the Defense Information Systems Agency's core mission areas.

The Navy has upgraded the regional Navy Computer and Telecommunications Stations (NCTS) to include two Regional Network Operations Support Centers (RNOSCs) under the NAVGNOSC to support all Navy Network Operations world-wide.

To support afloat naval commands, the Navy has also established the Fleet NetOps Centers (NOCs), colocated with the two RNOSCs in the continental United States and Navy Computer and Telecommunications Stations located in Naples and Bahrain, outside the continental United States. The Fleet NOCs are the tactical entry points for fleets operating in their areas of responsibility (AOR) and provide them with connectivity on all voice, video, data and network services, passing the fleet from one Fleet NOC to the next as they transit from one operational area to another.

The majority of the Navy's unclassified and classified networks are run by contractors either under the Navy Marine Corps Internet (NMCI) contract in CONUS, or OCONUS Network Enterprise (ONE NET). Military command and control of NMCI in United States is conducted by the NMCI Global Network Operations Center (GNOC), providing operational direction to the NMCI contractor for the Navy's portion of NMCI networks. Outside the continental U.S., the Navy established Theater Network Operations Support Centers (TNOSCs) that report directly to the RNOSCs responsible for their AOR.

The basic organization to support global Navy NetOps is lead by the NAVGNOSC as supported by the East and West RNOSCs and the NMCI GNOC. The NAVGNOSC integrates separate common operational pictures and situational reports from the Navy RNOSCs, the NMCI GNOC, and the Naval Satellite Operations Center (NAVSOC) to provide global Command and Control for networks and situational awareness to Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations and U.S. Fleet Forces Command. ✕

NAVY LAYS COURSE FOR SECOND FLEET MIGRATION TO NMCI

NEW MOC, FIRST C2F SYSTEM ON MANAGED NETWORK

By Sean Gallagher, Defense Systems magazine

The Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) is entering the last year of its contracted life. Yet after 10 contentious years, marked by delays and user complaints, the network has become one of the most reliable and secure networks in the Defense Department.

As evidence of the Navy's continuing reliance on NMCI, the network recently gained more customers: the headquarters of Commander, Second Fleet (C2F) and the Second Fleet's newly-established Maritime Operations Center (MOC). MOCs are regional command and control centers that give joint and

Navy fleet commanders an overview of their forces' location and status, in addition to other information that help commanders make decisions.

The goal of using NMCI for the C2F MOC is partially to enhance decision-making through improved collaboration, but the need for increased cybersecurity was also a major factor, Navy CAPT Jeff Link, C2F's director of command, control, communications, and computers, said in a statement issued by C2F's public affairs office.

"Working under tight restrictions and timelines, the coordination between the organizations involved

in transitioning the systems to NMCI worked out extremely well," he said.

FIRST OF A KIND

The C2F MOC is the first to be built using NMCI's infrastructure. NMCI is also providing interoperability between the fleet's networks and NMCI to maintain and improve command and control capabilities.

C2F also moved its unclassified network into NMCI -- about 1,000 users, 74 applications and 20 systems were moved onto NMCI's managed infrastructure. The transition was completed in August, and C2F's

systems — and its MOC — are fully operational.

Consolidating C2F's network to NMCI and building the MOC on NMCI's Secret IP Router Network connectivity are expected to reduce operations costs. But the biggest benefit might be improved security. By consolidating C2F into the Navy's biggest enterprise network, C2F might have needed to compromise some of the configuration of its systems. But in exchange, the command has gained better security and configuration management.

Navy Chief Information Officer

Robert Carey has made consolidating the Navy's disparate networks a major element of the Navy's strategic vision for its networks, as laid out in the Navy Networking Environment 2016 strategy paper, published in May 2008.

"It is the Navy and Marine Corps' goal that most of the Navy's and many of the Marine Corps' legacy networks will either be consolidated into existing enterprise networks or eliminated," task force authors noted in the document. "A limited number of legacy networks will be permitted to continue operations as 'excepted' networks."



Photo Illustration by MC2 Travis K. Burcham

C2F was previously exempted from using NMCI because it was a command and control organization. Navy officials chose to go forward with a plan for the Navy's new MOCs based on NMCI's infrastructure, according to a statement from the NMCI Program Office public affairs officer.

"Earlier this year, Navy leadership selected a MOC design that combined the NMCI network, workstations, network operations, and security services and Integrated Shipboard Network System (ISNS) command and control applications," NMCI Public Affairs Officer Denise Deon writes. "This hybrid approach utilizes the strongest assets from the NMCI and ISNS networks to create an interoperable and flexible MOC solution."

ISNS, also known as Afloat Networks, is a combination of shipboard local-area networks and a wide-area network connecting to the fleet, and it is one of the shipboard networks that the Navy's Consolidated Afloat Networks and Enterprise Services program is intended to pull into its architecture.

MAJOR DOMAINS

The Navy has four major network domains:

- **NMCI ashore at facilities within —and some outside— the continental United States.**
- **The Outside Continental United States Navy Enterprise Network for facilities overseas.**
- **The Marine Corps Enterprise Network tactical network.**
- **The Information Technology for the 21st Century portfolio of programs that included ISNS, satellite communications systems and shore-based support systems for fleet data communications and services.**

But there are also more than 500 existing networks by the Office of the Department of the Navy CIO's count. That vast number of networks makes creating a totally secure Navy networking environment nearly impossible.

"If a hacker is able to get access to a very limited number of systems, or even just a single system within an environment, they can use the trust relationships that exist with just that one system to broaden the attack to the point where it compromises other systems" said Ron Ritchey, a principal at Booz Allen Hamilton.

"If you allow an environment to grow up where you have an unrestrained number of configurations, the one thing that you're absolutely guaranteed is that some of the systems are going to be more secure and some of the systems are going to be less secure," he said. "You leave yourself open to the least common denominator of security that's in your environment."

To prevent that, organizations should consolidate networks and reduce the number of configurations of systems allowed to run on them, Ritchey said.

"By negotiating a common standard that may not be 100 percent of what you want but is 98 percent of what you want and deploying that widely, you're making your environment less complex," he said. "And that makes it easier to manage and to take advantage of things like automated patch management. The problem with patch management is if you push out a patch in an unmanaged environment, you're going to break things because you can't test the patch against 1,000 configurations. If you have a limited set you're managing, that's practical. You can test to that and push that patch out because you're able to test it thoroughly."

Consolidation also makes it easier to centrally manage and support networks.

"The benefits of consolidation are that this is a very challenging job, the number of threats are growing exponentially, and the DoD network is continuing to grow," said Tom Conway, director of federal business development at McAfee, which provides much of the technology behind NMCI's security management. "You always have a personnel situation there — where do you have the best trained people to handle all this? Luckily, the tools have come to the point where it's easier to do this through automation, through consolidation and centralization — [letting you] put your best people on the critical points of the network."

DEMONSTRATED BENEFITS

Those benefits have been demonstrated by NMCI, Conway said. "I think NMCI is in a good situation. They have more complete visibility into what their network looks like. They can push a policy and make it stick really rapidly, whereas other organizations within DoD aren't at that point yet because they have very heterogeneous networks, and in some cases, they don't even have full situational awareness of what their networks look like."

He said those capabilities are something the Navy is looking to build on and extend with the Next-Generation Enterprise Network procurement, which will eventually replace NMCI. ✂

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The Navy-Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) is a Department of the Navy outsourcing program, in which an outside contractor provides a vast majority of information technology services for the entire Department, which includes the United States Navy and Marine Corps.

- More than 730,000 active users are on NMCI. Only the World Wide Web is larger.
- More than 368,000 seats have been transitioned to the NMCI environment.
- EDS* has completed Assumption of Responsibility (AOR) at more than 1,000 networked sites.
- In Sep 2009, EDS was bought by Hewlett-Packard and renamed to HP Enterprise Services (HP ES).
- 5,381 sites have been deployed in support of Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century since Sept. 11, 2001.

NMCI AND HP ES OPERATE:

- Four network operations centers (three CONUS-based and one on Oahu, HI)
- Four enterprise service desks
- Nearly 50 classified and unclassified server farms and 3,000 enterprise-wide servers
- 24/7 connectivity for approximately 24,000 BlackBerry wireless devices and more than 5,000 wireless air cards.

NETWORK SECURITY:

- NMCI was the first network to fully implement Department of Defense information assurance (IA) standards in both classified and unclassified environments.
- NMCI was the first large-scale production network to cutting-edge DOD IA standards such as full PKI (spell out) enforcement, application inspection at the firewall, and is now aggressively rolling out an enterprise Data-at-Rest (DAR) program. These actions are for both the SIPRNet and NIPRNet.
- NMCI prevents more than 9 million network connection attempts per month.
- NMCI detects an average of 60 new viruses per month.
- NMCI investigates 1,200 unclassified intrusion attempts per month.
- Integrated operation of NMCI network operations centers, service desks and server farms enables off-site storage, rapid service and data restoration, and rapid response to service delivery requirements in the event of a real or potential disaster.

- NMCI has helped the Department of Navy to sustain mission capability through real-world challenges, including:
 - Pentagon reconstruction after Sept. 11 attacks**
 - Hurricanes Isabel, Katrina and Rita**
 - California wildfires in 2008 and 2009**
 - Indian Ocean tsunami in 2008**
 - Japan's typhoon in 2007**
- March 31, 2009, the Department of the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command began negotiations on a Continuity of Service Contract (COSC) that would allow EDS (now HP ES) to continue to provide IT services during the transition from NMCI to NGEN. Under the new contract, EDS/HP ES would continue NMCI services, support the transition to NGEN (which includes various engineering services), and give the Navy licenses for the network's operations and infrastructure. The chief goal of the new contract is to ensure that the network remains up and running while the Navy pursues stands up NGEN. ✂



INFLATABLE MUOS

Commands find Antenna Prototype ... Durable, Lightweight & Portable

Compiled by NETWARCOM Public Affairs Office

The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Atlantic has expanded testing and evaluation to include the Joint Tactical Radio System of an inflatable satellite communications antenna that communicates with the Mobile User Objective System (MUOS) satellites.

Chris All, a SPAWAR electronics engineer, was chosen as the 2006 Navy Engineer of the Year for his innovative work on the antenna.

After learning of the operating ground forces' need for a lightweight and easily transportable satellite antenna, All conceived, designed, developed, tested, documented and began limited production of an Ultrahigh Frequency (UHF) Satellite Communication (SATCOM) and MUOS radio in smaller form factors for more mobile/portable applications. The award citation noted All's innovative spirit, creative mind, determination and resourceful tactics.

All and his team conceived the idea and analyzed

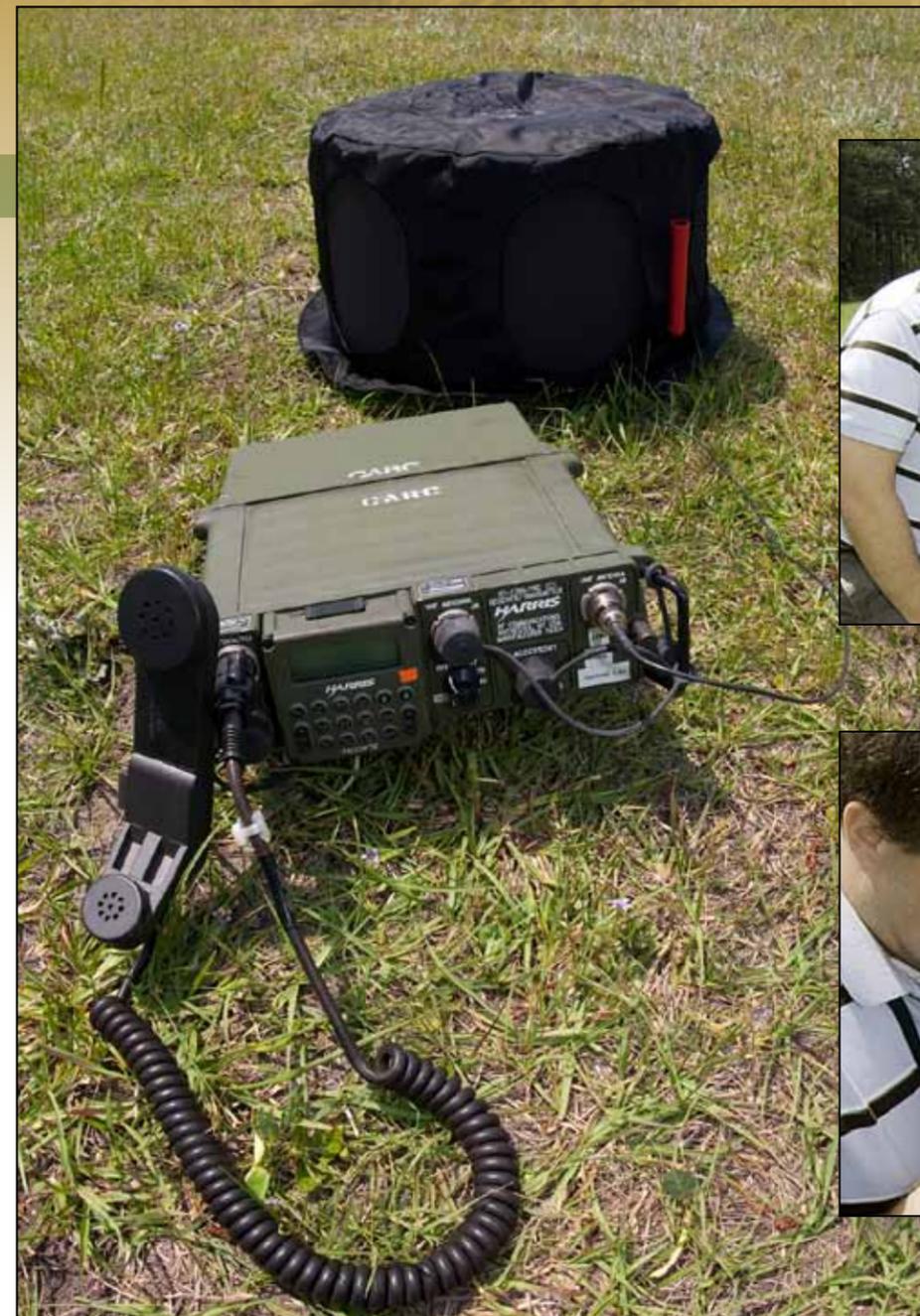
alternatives, then built and tested prototypes. He determined that inflatable antennas with appropriately shaped and configured conductive cloth inside were the most portable, durable and affordable solution to replace the bulkier and higher profile satellite antenna currently in use.

In addition, his inflatable antenna was smaller and lighter than current SATCOM antennas, which are larger than most hand-held radios. An inflatable antenna is not rigid, is more easily packed and is more durable with fewer rigid parts to break or bend. It also provides the deployed ground warrior a low-profile antenna that is lightweight, highly portable and can even be used as a pillow when not needed operationally.

The new product is more economical since it requires less machining to produce, and fewer mechanical requirements allow for flexibility in electrical design. The strategy was to use flexible conductive materials that are formed into current antenna designs and sewn into an outer fabric. The outer fabric is held rigid by inflatable chambers sewn to the inside. An oral inflation tube with a valve is provided so the user can inflate the antenna for temporary use.

All had introduced the new antenna to the U.S. Marine Corps, Joint Forces Command (JFCOM), and the Special Operations Command warfighting communities late last year. JFCOM recently demonstrated it at the NATO and Multinational Concept, Development and Experimentation conference. He will be providing additional prototypes to operational commands in February 2010 for experimentation, feedback and acquisition. ✂

Graphic Illustration by Robin D. Hicks



(Above) Chris All talking on a SATCOM circuit using the inflatable antenna. (Left) An inflatable antenna staged next to a UHF SATCOM unit. (Official U.S. Navy Photos)



Chris All blows into an oral inflation tube with a valve which allows the user to inflate the antenna for temporary use. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)



NIOC Hawaii Sailors visit South Korean Special Needs School

From NIOC Hawaii Public Affairs

Incheon, South Korea -- Members of Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC), Hawaii and USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) recently spent the day with the children of the Myong Shim Won Special Needs School/Orphanage. The team of Sailors was led by ENS Melissa Ocasio from NIOC Hawaii.

More than 20 children live at Myong Shim Won. The children there suffer from developmental and intellectual disabilities.

The team was told to gently touch the children's arms and hold their hands as the staff at the orphanage said human touch is very healing for the children. This was especially important for the children who are immobile due to physical deformities.

After receiving a tour of the facility, the Sailors assisted the school staff in escorting the children to the park, where each Sailor spent one-on-one time with a child.



(Center, front) ENS Melissa Ocasio and a Myong Shim Won official pose in front of special needs students and Navy volunteers. Sailors from NIOC Hawaii and USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) spent the day getting to know the children of varying disabilities and cleaning up their play ground. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)

NIOC Hawaii's JMT supports Samoans

By CTI2 Theresa M. Buitron, NIOC Hawaii

KUNIA, Hawaii -- When a deadly tsunami hit the islands of Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga Sept. 29, several charity organizations mobilized to help survivors by collecting food, personal items and clothing. The Pacific Baptist Convention, which has a church in nearby Mililani, obtained shipping containers needed to transport goods safely to the islands and sent out a call for clothing donations for its people.

That call was answered by the Joint Ministry Team (JMT) at Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii, headed by LT Rob Nelson, a Navy chaplain, Capt. Brian Murphy, an Army chaplain and RP2(SW/FMF) Richard Figueroa.

The team started by asking for people to bring donated clothing to the Chaplain's Office. But after a huge response, they began placing large, wooden crates around the command to take in even more donations.

"Quite honestly, I am shocked, in a good way," said Nelson. "I would have been happy to just fill up the back of my vehicle with items, but now it looks like we will be needing a big, flat-bed truck."



(Left to right) CTMSN Adam Astorino hands CTRSN Michael Frantz a bag of donated clothing. NIOC Hawaii Sailors worked closely with Joint Ministry Team officials in supporting the Samoan relief effort following a deadly tsunami in September. (Photo by CTH Jennifer Schooley)

Charitable organizations on the affected islands that normally provide clothing to those in need were affected themselves, so obtaining clothing donations became a top priority.

Other service branches and civilians who work with NIOC Hawaii, many with personal ties to the Samoan Islands, strongly supported the effort. The NIOC Junior Enlisted Organization donated underwear and socks.

The JMT collected donations throughout October, and Nelson was overwhelmed with the response.

"This was a good opportunity for NIOC Sailors to help out an international cause, and expand on local efforts," said Nelson. "From this effort, I have learned a lot about the people of this command. I have learned about the heart of the command, what they are willing to contribute, and I know we will be able to do more for those in need in the future."



Photo by CTH(SW) Kristy Noesges

NIOC Bahrain's CTI2 Jae Moore and 30 other Sailors recently participated in an ongoing painting and renovation project at the Rehabilitation Institute for Active Learning (RIA school), in Adliya, Bahrain. The school provides educational opportunities for autistic and other learning disabled children. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)

NIOC Hawaii Chiefs restore Veterans' Center grounds

By LTJG Carrie Sanders, NIOC Hawaii Public Affairs

Chief petty officers from Naval Information Operations Command (NIOC) Hawaii recently put their efforts into a community project to clean up the Kalaeloa Veterans' Housing Center, located on six acres of the former Naval Air Station (NAS) Barber's Point.

The Chiefs refurbished a basketball court that was overrun with weeds from years of neglect. They spent hours in the blazing Hawaiian sun to show their appreciation for those service members who served before them by giving them a recreation area to enjoy.

CTMC(SS) Duain Woodruff, of NIOC Hawaii, remembers what Barber's Point looked like a decade ago.

"It was beautiful," he said. "It makes me sad to see it in disarray now. That is why I wanted to make sure we could do something to help beautify it."

The restored basketball court gives veterans an opportunity to stay active, interact with one another and maintain that indelible connection that remains among all service members, both old and new. Additionally, the Chiefs hope children from the community will

come out to use the courts, lending the chance for them to interact with the veterans from generations past.

Barber's Point is named for Henry Barber, a British ship Master whose ship ran aground on the point of Oahu during a storm, Oct. 31, 1796. He lost all but six Sailors of his crew that night.

The air station itself passed into history in 1999 and the land

was turned over to the state of Hawaii. The Honolulu Veterans Administration Medical Center, state of Hawaii, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Veterans Affairs leased the afore mentioned acreage on the former naval installation to develop housing and support services for U.S. Veterans (Kalaeloa Veterans' Housing Center).



NIOC Hawaii Chiefs' Mess refurbishes basketball courts near the Kalaeloa Veterans' Housing Center. This community service effort was a chance for today's Navy to give back to our Veterans, as well as beautify an old naval base. (Photo by CTRC(SW/AW) Derek Scheil)

Sea Cadets find New Purposes for Outdated Navy Uniforms

By ET2(SW/AW) Antonio Valerio,
NCTS Jacksonville Public Affairs

An innovative type of community service is developing at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Jacksonville, FL (NCTS JAX).

NCTS JAX Sailors already participate in tutoring at local elementary schools, Habitat for Humanity, food donation programs and a multitude of other local community projects. Now this group of motivated charity warriors has gone national with their efforts, in a new program that provides uniforms to the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC). The NSCC Valor Division of Trussville, AL, is the initial sponsor for this program, and the result has been swift and steady success.

In just the first month, thousand of dollars worth of uniforms were donated to NSCS Valor. Sailors' old uniforms have been set free, so to speak and given new life to support future generations of American service members as they learn the ways of the Navy through NSCS.

The concept was conceived like many other charitable ideas, where a need surfaced and the call was answered. Ken Youngblood, an NSCC LTJG in the Valor Division, identified the need and NCTS JAX CMDCM Terrence Mitchell responded. His Sailors began collecting uniforms immediately.

One of the key organizers, IT1(SW/AW/NAC) Michael Gregory, worked closely with the NCTS JAX staff in collecting all types of uniforms to donate to the sea cadets.

"To donate uniforms was a small thing," said Gregory, "but it is an honor to help this unit thrive and continue to do wonderful things for their community and our country."



Sea Cadets from NSCC Valor Division of Trussville, AL, host a fundraiser that provides assistance to veterans for their housing needs. (Photo by LTJG Kenneth Youngblood, NSCC)

The Navy's New Service Uniform and the Navy Working Uniforms have freed up no longer needed utilities, winter blue and summer white uniforms. In addition, NCTS JAX has collected dress uniforms from retirees and seasoned Sailors who have grown out of their old uniforms.

The Alabama sea cadets, in return, have provided significant contributions to their local district, including a recent project of upgrading and repairing the home of a disabled veteran who was injured in Afghanistan.

The 2008 freshman class at the U.S. Naval Academy included nearly 800 former sea cadets. Many prior sea cadets go forth to do great things, such as David C. Leestma, a retired Navy captain, who graduated from the academy in 1971 and became a highly decorated naval officer and astronaut.

Across the country, cadets enthusiastically serve their communities and actively learn how to become future Sailors, and, often, leaders of America. Teaching and learning the art of giving is vital in order to properly sustain our way of life in this great nation.

By their act of giving, NCTS JAX Sailors are helping veterans help future service members. This is the chain of benevolence that exemplifies honor, courage and commitment for the past, present and future defenders of freedom. ✎



(Bottom right) LTJG Alex Rios stretches with more than 300 of NIOC Hawaii's 1,300 Sailors during the command's first monthly all-hands training day. Before the physical training session, the command was presented general military training by the N7 team. (Photo by LTJG Carrie Sanders)

NCTAMS LANT Youth Program wins 2009 Community Service Award

By Eva Dawson-Griffin, NCTAMS LANT, Asst. PAO

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic (NCTAMS LANT) Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) program has won the Commander Navy Region Mid-Atlantic 2009 Community Service Award of the Year.

NCTAMS LANT has also won the DEFY Red Ribbon Award for its Community Drug Awareness efforts over the past year.

Red Ribbon Week is an important tradition for the drug prevention community and has become a national symbol of drug prevention since its inception more than 20 years ago.

The 2009 Red-Ribbon Kick-Off ceremony was hosted by NCTAMS LANT Oct 26. CAPT John Chandler, commanding officer, NCTAMS LANT provided opening remarks stating the value and importance of the DEFY program.

"It is important to continue this program of educating and teaching children the quality of a healthy drug-free lifestyle because they will be our future leaders and decision makers for our country," said Chandler. He congratulated and gave tribute to DEFY Coordinator, Sharon Shaw, and her team of representatives for superior leadership and teamwork and presented certificates to the DEFY team for the Community Service Award of the Year.

Three guest speakers at the ceremony from the U.S. Drug

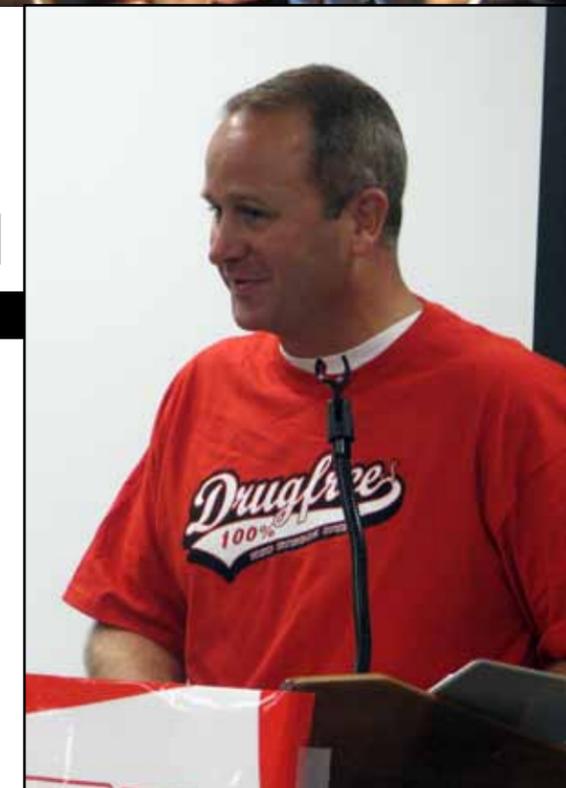
Enforcement Agency -- Jeff Cyr, Felix Fereby, and John Forkin -- shared information on the effect of drugs on our nation and, especially our children.

According to the DEA, children, particularly those ages 9-12, face significant pressure to experiment with substance abuse and participate in gang and criminal activity and anti-social behavior.

"DEFY's goal is to develop the youth's character, leadership, and confidence to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens," said Shaw.

DEA officials believe there's a downward trend in the rates of substance abuse -- yet there is much more work to be done to equip youth with the skills required to become successful, productive members of society.

Throughout the years, the NCTAMS LANT DEFY program has received numerous awards. In 2000, 2002, and 2003, they received the Secretary of Defense Community Drug Awareness award, and in 2004,



2005, 2006, and 2007 they received Fulcrum Shield awards and the Contribution to Campaign Drug Free Flagship award.

"The DEFY program is the framework for increasing community participation and commitment to our youth and it is a pre-emptive prevention program that delivers strong kids, in strong families, supporting a ready Navy and U.S. Marine Corps operating forces," said Shaw. ✎



(Top right) CAPT John Chandler, NCTAMS LANT, CO, introduces guest speakers from the DEA. (Right) DEA guests pose with NCTAMS LANT DEFY volunteers following their 2009 Community Service Award ceremony. (Photos by IT2 Rhiannon Kronberg)

Operation Aloha celebrates 20 years of Thanksgivings with NCTAMS PAC Sailors

By LT Miguel Macias, NCTAMS PAC Public Affairs

HALEIWA, HI – Sailors from the Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific (NCTAMS PAC) joined other community volunteers on Nov. 26 for Operation Aloha to help make Thanksgiving a little better for those in need along Hawaii's North Shore.

NCTAMS PAC's involvement with Operation Aloha began in 1989 as a simple Thanksgiving meal in cooperation with the Waialua Community Association. Since then, it's grown into an annual event with food and local entertainment attended by more than 400 people. Children from the St. Michael's School, transform a gymnasium into a festive hall with hand-made decorations.

NCTAMS PAC volunteers also collect non-perishable food and clothing throughout the year and donate it to the Waialua Community Center and the North Shore Food Bank at Thanksgiving, assisting the local Food Bank in feeding and clothing the homeless.

RADM Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii; CAPT Patricia Cole, commanding officer of NCTAMS PAC; and state Rep. Michael Magaoay were among the many volunteers.

"I am astonished at the generosity in the community to help our neighbors who are less fortunate," said Cole. "That so many people would come out on this major family holiday to help support others shows what our great country is all about."

YNC(AW) Corey Mincey, from NCTAMS PAC, was this year's event coordinator.

"We collected more than 13,000 pounds of non-perishable food items, some 2,500 pounds of clothing, and more than \$6,000 in cash -- all worth approximately \$45,000," said Mincey. "It's our way of giving back to our community."

During the festivities, Cole presented an honorary check, representing the cash donation, to Ron Valencianna, a local pastor, and Nancy Nelson, president of the Waialua Community Association.

"We are grateful for the Navy joining with our community in putting this together every year," said Nelson. "We give thanks all year long for everything they do for us."

"Operation Aloha provides our Sailors and their family members with a great opportunity to demonstrate the Navy's core values of honor, courage and commitment by

truly caring for their community," said Mincey. "The overall result is building on the relationship between the Navy and local community. And with 20 years of practice, that relationship is stronger than ever."



(Clockwise from top) Nancy Nelson, president of the Waialua Community Association, CAPT Patricia Cole, NCTAMS PAC's commanding officer and Ron Valencianna, a local pastor, pose with a \$45,000 honorary check. NCTAMS PAC Sailors show-off some of the 13,000 pounds of non-perishable food and 2,500 pounds of clothing which they collected for Hawaii's North Shore Community's homeless. Eight-year-old Lauren Ozbun assists volunteers in serving a hot Thanksgiving meal during Operation Aloha. Hula dancers from the Ave'Olela Polynesian Dance Troop perform for guests at the annual event. RADM Dixon Smith, commander, Navy Region Hawaii, mans the serving line. (Photos by ITC(SW) Robyn Wood)





Sharon Dodge (front row, left), CDR Bill Dodge (back row, third from right) and son Tyler (front row, third from left) are surrounded by Team Navy members shortly before hopping on their bicycles to trek 150 miles through the Pacific Northwest. (Photo by Butch Reinstra)

NIOC Whidbey Island Sailors bike for Cause

From NIOC Whidbey Island

MOUNT VERNON, WA -- Eighteen “Team Navy” riders recently joined 1,900 cyclists in a weekend charity challenge, Bike MS (multiple sclerosis). Each bicyclist logged 150 miles over the two days on various routes from Mount Vernon, WA, over Deception Pass Bridge to Oak Harbor and back on Saturday, and up to Bellingham and back on Sunday.

Team Navy was composed of 10 Sailors and family members, along with eight friends of the Navy dedicated in their fight to support MS research. The team expressed their motivation via their Web page, stating, “We understand that riding 150 miles on a bicycle is nowhere near as difficult as confronting a lifetime with MS.”

“Ask any member and they’ll tell you they ride for Sharon Dodge who lost her father, Walt Rogers, a former Navy A-4 Skyhawk and American Airlines pilot, to MS in 1988, and then was diagnosed herself with the same disease in 1996,” said CDR Bill Dodge, commanding officer of Navy Information Operations Command, Whidbey Island. “She is an inspiration to all of us.”

Dodge is not only Sharon’s

husband and head cheerleader, he’s the captain of Team Navy.

“It’s as simple as riding a bike,” said Sharon, explaining that multiple sclerosis stops people from moving. “It is always a mental and physical challenge for me to complete this ride when my own body is fighting the same disease that took my dad from me at the early age of 48.”

MS is a chronic, disabling disease that attacks the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild, such as numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or blindness. The progress, severity and symptoms of MS are unpredictable.

However, it was her perseverance against great obstacles that Sharon learned early on in her life. Interestingly, it was the first “big” word her father taught her. And it’s a trait she practices every single day.

“It’s an emotional experience riding together to fight MS,” said Dodge. “Biking for a cause has enriched my life. I’m surrounded by motivated people who see challenge as a good thing.”

The NIOC “Team Navy” contributions to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society this year topped \$34,000 to support research

projects around the globe. They also provide education, programs and services to everyone affected by MS, including the diagnosed, their friends and families, and the healthcare professionals who work with them.

The tired bikers of Team Navy, who had earlier broken into different biking groups based on ability, gathered together near the end of the ride to carry out the team’s time-honored tradition to “leave no man or woman behind” and crossed the finish line together.

Team members who participated this year were Sharon, Bill and son Tyler Dodge; CDR Dan Arensmeyer, commanding officer, USS Henry M. Jackson (SSBN-730); Ric Autio, NIOC employee and retired Army; Brian Bartlett; CTT1 Brad Carmichael; Jeanne Crisp; Zach Crum; CAPT Gerral David, commanding officer, NAS Whidbey Island; Jim Jaeger; Kimberly Koch, National MS Office, Denver; Craig Leroy; Douglas McVey, NIOC employee and retired Navy; Teresa and Mike Moore; William Oakes, retired Navy and Steve Owens, Submarine Development Squadron 5. 🇺🇸



Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Menwith Hill Station (MHS), England took time to recognize November as Warrior Care month. The command won a joint-service “Care Package Challenge,” raising more than \$800 in food and gift items that were mailed to deployed service members in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Navy’s challenge was led by CT12 Meghan Atkins, pictured with the plaque she was awarded. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)



NIOC Hawaii Sailor competes in Xterra World Championship Off-Road Triathlon

By ENS Melissa Ocasio, NIOC Hawaii

MAUI, HI – NIOC Hawaii’s CTN2 Albert Su joined more than 550 athletes representing 22 countries and 35 states at the Makena Beach & Golf Resort, Oct. 25, for the 2009 XTERRA World Championship Off-Road Triathlon.

Su had competed in many other races throughout the year to earn the right to compete in the extreme off-road race. He also invested four years of training to prepare himself physically.

The event began with a grueling one-mile swim with 550 other swimmers “packed and kicking each other like sardines,” said Su.

He then bicycled 20 miles up and down the slopes of Halekala, a 3,000-foot high volcanic mountain with softball size lava rocks waiting to trip up cyclists. Following the bike portion of the race, Su ran 7.5 miles, traversing lava rock, forest trails and beach sand.

The 550 athletes included 75 professionals and 475 amateurs, ages 15 -72, pitting their physical toughness against the terrain, as well as the sun, water, sand, kiawe, cactus and lava.

After four hours of blood, sweat, and tears, Su completed one of the world’s toughest races. Su finished 284th out of more than 550 competitors.

“The dedication and determination Su displayed for this triathlon is truly remarkable and the command is very proud of him,” said LTJG Carrie Sanders, watch officer at the Fleet Information Operations Center, NIOC Hawaii. 🇺🇸



(Left, center) CTN2 Albert Su stands with his racing bike prior to the start of the 2009 XTERRA World Championship Triathlon Race in Maui, HI, Oct. 25. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)



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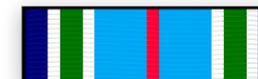


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 Etta Coleman, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 35 Years
 Doreen Cote, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 35 Years
 Susan Dahlke, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 35 Years
 E. Brown, NCTAMS LANT Norfolk - 30 Years
 Lillian Spurgeon, NCTAMS LANT Norfolk - 30 Years
 David Hodges, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 25 Years
 Cheri McCullough, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 25 Years
 Kafey Lane, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 20 Years
 Elizabeth Spear, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 20 Years
 Tracy Legg, NETWARCOM Norfolk - 15 Years

NIOC Whidbey Island receives Prestigious Electronic Warfare Award

From NIOC Whidbey Island Public Affairs

Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC), Whidbey Island is the recipient of the 2009 Association of Old Crows (AOC), Outstanding Unit Award (Surface Unit) for their multifaceted support to Information Operations and Electronic Warfare (EW) missions.

NIOC Whidbey Island's Commanding Officer, CDR William Dodge, was presented with the award during a ceremony held Oct. 18 at the AOC's 46th Annual Convention in Washington, D.C. The command was recognized for their superior efforts in furthering Electronic Warfare throughout the Navy.

During the past year, the NIOC deployed 24 Sailors to 13 Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups, five Fleet Expeditionary Electronic Attack squadrons, and two Fleet Marine Electronic Attack squadrons supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, and Countering Terrorism and Insurgency in the 21st Century.

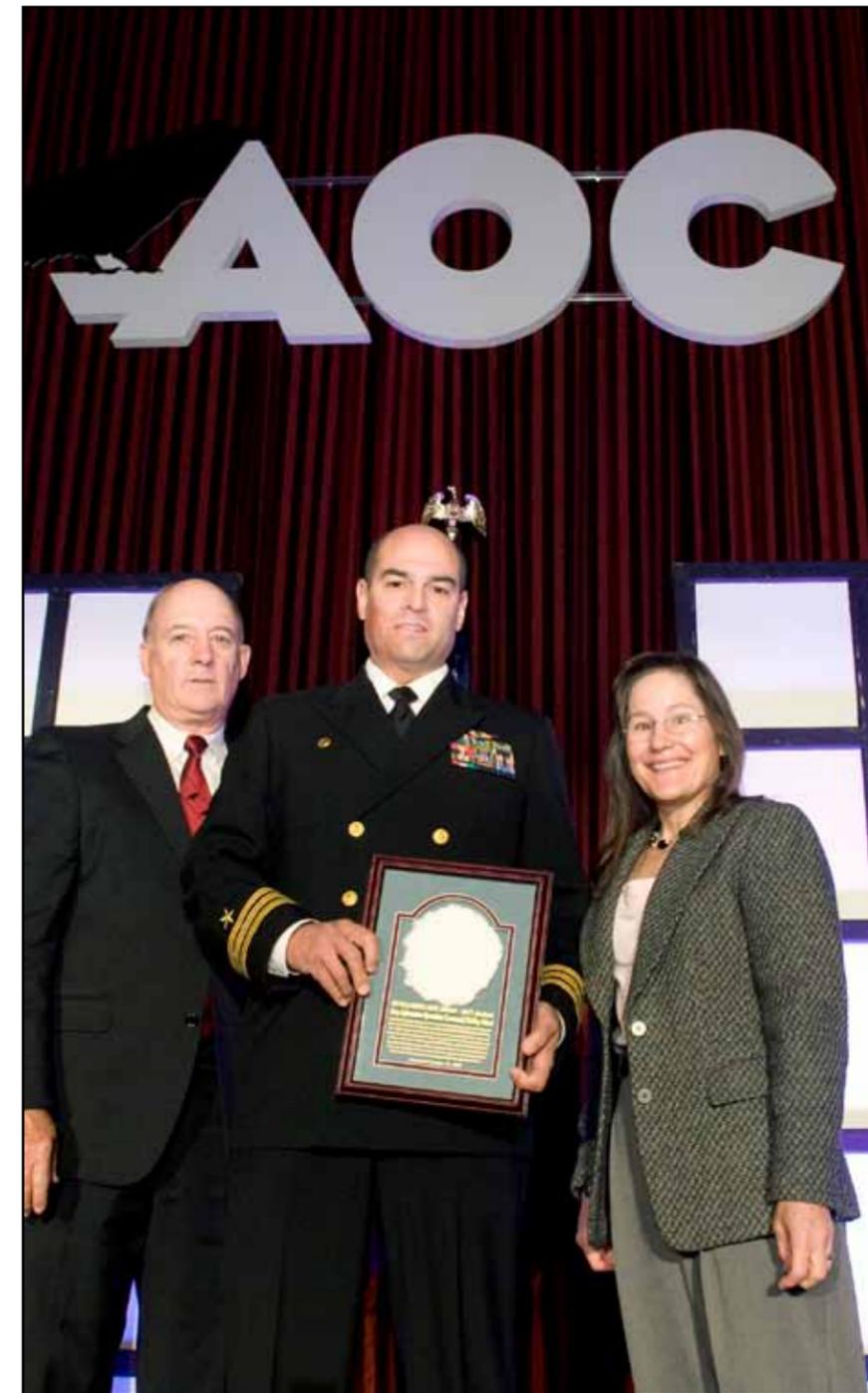
The award states ... Their superior support directly enabled combatant commanders to meet national and theater priority intelligence Requirements and ultimately saved lives.

Additionally, the command supported five EA-6B Prowler squadrons on the NIOC Whidbey Island – Yakima Information Operations Range Detachment. This support provided aircrew jamming system training and tactics validation against real-world targets, allowing the squadrons the opportunity to groom their systems prior to combat deployments.

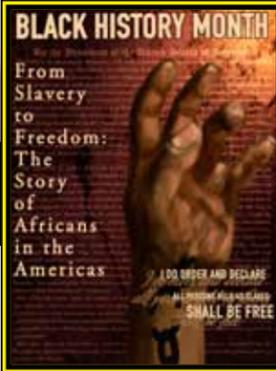
In support of airborne Signals Intelligence operations, NIOC WI installed and operated the Navy's only EP-3 Special Intelligence Mission Avionics System Trainer to thoroughly assess and certify Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron ONE and TWO (VQ-1/2) by providing realistic, target-specific scenarios prior to combat deployment.

"The NIOC strengthened relationship with Commander, Naval Air Forces, CPRW-10, VQ-1 and VQ-2 has significantly increased the combat effectiveness of EP-3E aircrew," said Dodge, who accepted the award on behalf of his Sailors stating that "the award represents the extreme pride and professionalism of each NIOC Sailor."

"I am extremely proud to have received the award on their behalf and we look forward to providing continued superior Electronic Warfare support to local squadrons and the fleet," said Dodge. ✎



CDR William A. Dodge, NIOC Whidbey Island's commanding officer, receives the 2009 Outstanding Unit Award (Surface Unit) from the AOC Board of Directors members Kermit Quick and Linda Palmer. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)



DIVERSITY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

African-Americans in the Navy

Compiled by NETWARCOM Public Affairs

African-Americans were present in the crews of U.S. Navy ships throughout the 19th Century. This presence was greatly enhanced during the Civil War as newly freed slaves and a greatly expanded Navy worked together. In addition, African-American civilians provided support services that were essential to keeping the wartime Navy functioning effectively.

Following the Civil War, African-Americans continued to serve in unlimited roles among the Navy's enlisted ranks, though a tendency to encourage them to become officer's stewards emerged.

The first decades of the 20th Century brought increasing restrictions on the role of African-Americans in American society. The Navy was no exception. Though the enlisted rates remained generally open to men of all races, African-Americans were pushed into servant roles.

When the United States entered World War II in December 1941, the Navy's African-American sailors had been limited to serving as mess attendants for nearly two decades. However, the pressures of wartime on manpower resources, the good examples of heroes like Doris "Dorie" Miller, the willingness of thousands of patriotic men to participate in the war effort plus well-focused political activities gradually forced changes.

Though the Navy remained racially segregated in training and in most service units, in 1942 all enlisted rates were opened to all qualified personnel. In 1944, African-Americans were commissioned as officers in the Navy.

The Vietnam War came as the civil rights struggle was reaching a climax, and the two conflicts defined a watershed in race relations in the United States. African-Americans

were heavily involved in Vietnam combat operations, generally in the lower ranks. As the war became longer and appeared less likely to produce a victorious outcome, racial and other tensions in American society, and in the Navy, reached an unprecedented level.

During the early 1970s, this situation led to major changes in the Navy's approach to its African-American personnel. Also in the early 1970s, Navy Recruiting Command issued several posters that featured African-American themes and individuals, as well as others that showed racially integrated Navy activities.

Eleven ships have been named in honor of African-Americans, including ships of the Military Sealift Command:

USS Harmon (DE-678), 1943-1967. The first ship to be named for an African-American, Harmon honored Mess Attendant First Class Leonard Roy Harmon, who was posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for heroism during the naval Battle of Guadalcanal, Nov. 13, 1942.

USS George Washington Carver (SSBN-656), 1966-1993. Named in honor of the noted scientist George Washington Carver.

USS Jesse L. Brown (DE-1089, later FF-1089 and FFT-1089), 1973-1994. Named in honor of Ensign Jesse L. Brown, USN (1926-1950), the first African-American Naval Aviator, who was killed in action during the Korean War.

USS Miller (DE-1091, later FF-1091), 1973-1995. Named in honor of Cook Third Class Doris ("Dorie") Miller, who was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism during the attack on Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

USNS PFC James Anderson, Jr. (T-AK-3002), 1985-present. Named in honor of Marine PFC James Anderson, Jr., (1947-1967), who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Vietnam War.

USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG-60), 1987-present. Named in honor of Marine Sgt. Rodney M. Davis (1942-1967), who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Vietnam War.

USNS Henson (T-AGS-63), 1998-present. Named in honor of the Arctic Explorer Matthew Alexander Henson (1866-1955).

USNS Watson (T-AKR-310), 1998-present. Named in honor of Army Pvt. George Watson, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Second World War.

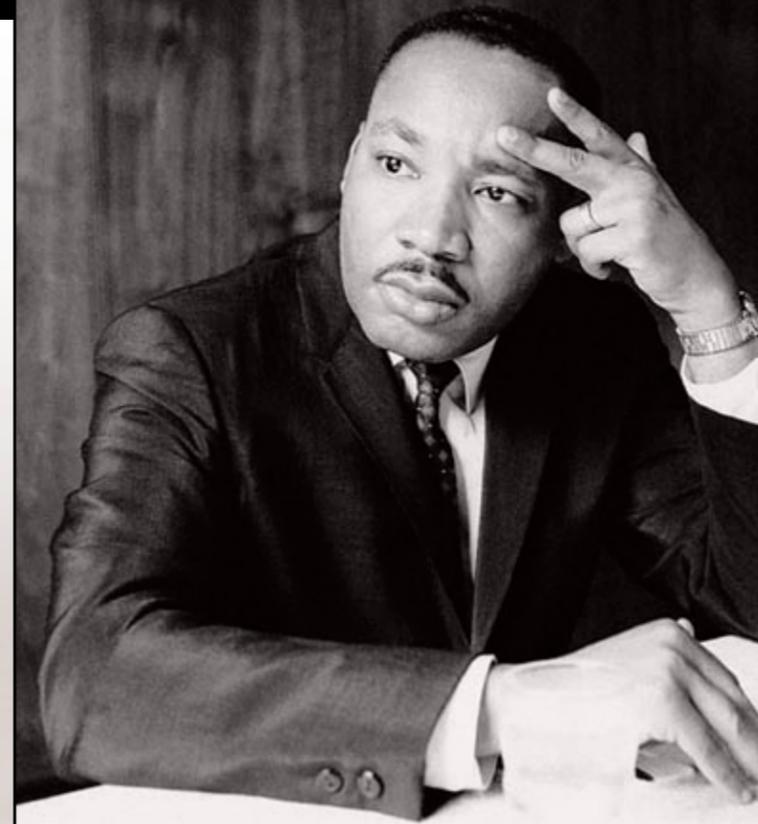
USS Oscar Austin (DDG-79), 2000-present. Named in honor of Marine PFC Oscar P. Austin, (1948-1969), who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for heroism during the Vietnam War.

USS Pinckney (DDG-91), 2002-present. Named in honor of Navy Cook 3rd Class William Pinckney. Pinckney's heroism aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise during the Battle of Santa Cruz in 1942 earned him the Navy Cross. He survived the battle and died in 1975.

USNS Carl Brashear (T-AKE-7), 2009-present. Named in honor of BMCM(MDV) Carl Brashear. Brashear was the Navy's first African-American Master Diver. ⚔

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Michael Luther King, Jr., was born Jan. 15, 1929, but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father served until 1960, when Dr. King served. After his death, King's father returned as senior pastor.

King attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of 15; he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Black institution in Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1951.

With a fellowship won at Crozer, King enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and

artistic attainment. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.

In 1954, King became pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, AL. Always a strong worker for civil rights, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to lead the first major Black nonviolent demonstration in the United States, the Montgomery boycott which lasted 382 days.

During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Black leader of the first rank.

On Dec. 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared the laws requiring segregation on buses unconstitutional, blacks and whites rode the buses as equals.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. He took the ideals for this organization from Christianity and its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the 11 years from 1957 and 1968, King traveled more than 6 million miles and spoke more than 2,500 times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action. Meanwhile, he wrote five books as well as numerous articles.

King led a massive protest in Birmingham, AL, which caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. The protest inspired his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Black revolution. During this time, he also planned drives in Alabama for the registration of Blacks as voters and directed a peaceful march on Washington, D.C., attended by 250,000 people, where he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. He also conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested 20 times and assaulted at least four; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American Blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of 35, King was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

He was assassinated on the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, TN, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city. Congress passed legislation in 1983 to create the federal Martin Luther King Jr., holiday, which was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan. ⚔

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(Left to right) Lilyian Caswell-Isley, Chair, National Board of Directors, Blacks in Government, RADM Edward H. Deets III, vice commander, NETWARCOM, YN1(SW) Cody Harmon, and Tommy T. Thomas, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, pose for a photo at the 31st Annual National Training Conference at the 2009 Blacks in Government Meritorious Service Award ceremony. (Official U.S. Navy Photo)

UPCOMING DIVERSITY CONFERENCES

CONFERENCE	LOCATION	DATES	WEBSITE
The 16th Hispanic Games at the New Balance Track & Field Center, The Armory	New York City	Jan 9	www.armorytrack.com
HBCU/Minority Institutions Conference	Atlanta, GA	Feb 4	www.hbcumiconference.com
Physics Diversity Summit and the Joint Annual Conference of the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP) and National Society of Hispanic Physicists	Washington, DC	Feb 10-14	www.nsbp.org/conference
Black Engineer of the Year Awards (BEYA)	Baltimore, MD	Feb 18-20	www.blackengineeroftheyear.org
DoD National African American History Month Observance and Outreach Program	TBD	TBD Feb	www.asalh.org
20th Annual Women in Aviation International (WAI) Conference	Orlando, FL	Feb 25-27	www.wai.org
Asian American Engineer of the Year (AAEOY) hosted by the Chinese Institute of Engineers, USA (CIE-USA)	New Brunswick, NJ	Feb 27	www.cie-usa.org
Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCFF) 11th Annual Member Universities Professional Institute and Exhibition Conference	Nashville, TN	TBD Mar	www.thurgoodmarshallfund.org
Heroes and Heritage (H&H) Student Leadership Summit	San Antonio, TX	TBD Mar	www.heroesandheritage.net
East Coast Asian American Student Union (ECAASU)	Philadelphia, PA	Mar 4-6	www.ecaasu2010.org
22nd Annual National American Indian Science & Engineering Fair (NAISEF) sponsored by American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)	Albuquerque, NM	Mar 11-13	www.aises.org/Events/NAISEF
Granville Academy 27th National Youth Conference	Cleveland, OH	Mar 25-28	www.granvilleacademynational.com
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Convention	Toronto, Ontario	Mar 31 – Apr 4	www.nationals.nsbe.org

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REMEMBERING JOHN L. JONES

By Mr. Timothy Severn, NCTAMS LANT, Department Head, N6



Thirty-plus years Naval Computer Telecommunications Area Master Station Atlantic (NCTAMS LANT) employee, John L. Jones, 50, passed away unexpectedly, Tuesday, Oct. 13.

Jones truly personified the definition of “expert” in all facets of his life. As an Electronics Technician throughout he continuously raised the standard of Navy operational readiness and excellence. A former Air Force sergeant, he had worked in the Electronic Maintenance Department of NCTAMS LANT since July 1987. During that time, he played an important role in shaping the daily operational and maintenance processes here.

Over the years, Jones gained the respect and admiration of both coworkers and senior leadership for his ability to not only resolve communication failures swiftly, but also to effectively communicate the reasons for outage.

His waterfront conference briefs to Navy commands on the functionality of Digital Modular Radios paved the way toward understanding the requisite support levels, as well as the interplay of related systems. His deep understanding of NCTAMS LANT’s diverse system architecture and infrastructure had no peer. He was the Electronics Maintenance Department’s go-to-guy, and he never failed to answer the call.

Jones mentored many young Sailors on Navy communication systems, imparting knowledge and confidence that would later serve them well in the fleet. His ability to teach and obvious love that he had for passing wisdom to the next generation is what set him apart. This is precisely what Jones was doing when he suddenly collapsed while teaching the Mini-Technical Control class and later passed away.

NCTAMSLANT, and all who knew him, will forever cherish their fond memories of Jones. The irascible outer layer was just a façade. Once peeled back, it revealed a kind, fair man. Fondly remembered are his quick smile and his penchant for telling good stories. Jones unabashedly doted on his shipmates and was loved all the more for it.

Jones will be missed but not forgotten. The United States Navy and NCTAMS LANT can feel him smiling down, urging everyone to be the best Operator/Technician possible. 🙏

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