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As I enter my final nine months of service in my “terminal paygrade,” I want to extend my best wishes to all for a **Happy New Year!** My special thoughts and prayers go out to all those from the NNWG who are engaged as Individual Augmentees (IA) in “Overseas Contingency Operations” (OCO). We have approximately 201 NNWG Sailors at various locations around the globe who are currently serving or who are in the pipeline to go forward. By the way, did you know that the Reserve Component makes up 46% of the total Navy Information Dominance Corps (IDC) currently on an Individual Augmentation (IA) for “Overseas Contingency Operations” (OCO)?

In recent months, we have witnessed the appointment and Senate confirmations of both **VADM Jack Dorsett** as the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance (OPNAV N2/N6), and **VADM Barry McCullough** as the Commander, U.S. TENTH Fleet and Commander, U.S. Fleet Cyber Command. We will see in the coming days and months the results of all the planning relative to each of these new entities, and our role within the enterprise. The mantra for the Reserve Component is “readiness.” Our OPTEMPO will not change for the foreseeable future.

A word about the status of the Information Dominance Corps and the Navy Reserve Component. The IDC is made up of the Naval Intelligence, Information Warfare, Information Professional and Oceanography officer designators, not to forget our Unrestricted Line officers and those enlisted members within the Space Cadre. Our enlisted ratings within the IDC include Intelligence Specialists (IS), Cryptologic Technicians (CT), Information Technicians (IT), and Aerographer Mates (AG). From OPNAV Instruction 5300.12 (dated: 06OCT09):

“The Information Dominance Corps has been created within the U.S. Navy to more effectively and collaboratively lead and manage a cadre of officers, enlisted, and civilian professionals who possess extensive skills in information-intensive fields. This corps of professionals will receive extensive training, education, and work experience in information, intelligence, counterintelligence, human-derived information, networks, space, and oceanographic disciplines. This corps will develop and deliver dominant information capabilities in support of U.S. Navy, Joint and national warfighting requirements.”

In his “Memorandum for the Information Dominance Corps” dated 17December 2009, VADM Dorsett summarizes the urgency and fast-paced nature of moving forward with the IDC:

“ ‘We’ve Burned the Boats’ The CNO is fully committed to the transformation of Navy’s information capabilities, with no thought of slowing down or returning to the status quo. During a speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in October Admiral Roughead commented, “We’ve burned the boats...there’s no going back.” He was alluding to the Spanish explorer, Hernán Cortés, who burned his ships as a sign to his men that retreat was not an option. CNO’s frequent use of this phrase in subsequent conversations and interviews encourage me to accelerate our efforts and apply a sense of urgency to all we do. He wants actions that will set us firmly on the course he has charted for Navy’s future. CNO’s sense of urgency is acute. He expects the leadership of the Information Dominance Corps to pick up the speed and advance the Navy’s information dominance initiatives and I intend for us to meet and exceed his expectations.”

I assure you that the senior staff of the NNWG is fully engaged on a daily basis not only with matters of the IDC, but also with the development of the U.S. TENTH Fleet and U.S. Fleet Cyber Command.

My travels since publishing K-Gram #14 include: visiting, performing PRT (October), and in December attending NR NIOC Detroit’s unit’s Holiday dinner; next, traveling to NIOC Sugar Grove, West Virginia, to present a Navy Drug Awareness Campaign award to its skipper, **CDR Chris Chrislip**, and crew. I also had the good fortune to visit with the NNWG’s Naval Security Force unit that drills out of NOSC Roanoke, Virginia, but also supports NIOC Sugar Grove with vital Master-At-Arms services. I finished up the year traveling to NNWG HQ at Fort Meade, NETWARCOM and NAVRESFORCOM in Norfolk, and a necessary detour to Millington, Tennessee, to select my successor. For those who think my sked will be reduced as I approach retirement, guess again! The fervent pace continues. I am looking forward to my visits to NIOC Denver, NR NIOC’s Orlando and Pensacola, and another Naval Network FORCEnet Enterprise (NNFE) Executive Steering Group (ESG) meeting in San Diego. **CAPT Jim Rodman** our new Vice Commander for the NNWG, along with our new Command Master Chief, **CTRCM Armond “Allen” Banks** will be able to add to their respective frequent flyer totals sooner rather than later.

I extend the NNWG’s heartiest congratulations to our new, NAVNETWARCOM and Norfolk-based, Operations Support Officer, **CDR Vanessa L. Ong**, on her recent promotion to Commander. Outstanding, well done, and BZ!



*Yours truly finishing up a half marathon on 4OCT09; always wearing the Navy's colors!
Recruiting is everyone's business ...*

That is all for now. TFK BT K