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As I make the turn into the final fiscal year quarter of my Navy career, a couple of “good gouge” items need to be sent out to everyone within the command. My retirement papers have been submitted. I am awaiting confirmation from the CNO of this request. A few more AT and ADT trips are on my schedule. No worries, it is still full speed ahead until 01 October 2010. The transition and turnover with **RDML(s) Jerry Clusen** is quickly moving forward. The Change-of-Command and retirement ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 11, 2010, at the parade field (Mapes and English Roads) at the Fort Meade Army Post (refreshments follow at nearby Club Meade).

This issue of my K-Gram series includes a slightly edited version of the recent CNIRC-NNWG communiqué regarding the current status of our RC command integration efforts and the Information Dominance Corps (IDC). Also, we celebrate another annual command milestone by announcing our latest Grey Lion awardee, **CTNCS Howard “Jimmy” Beckett**.

Status of the IDC and the RC

The Navy Net-Centric Warfare Group (NNWG) and Commander, Navy Intelligence Reserve Command (CNIRC) will soon stand down as individual CNRFC Echelon IV commands. While many decisions still remain relative to a new RC alignment with the AC, over the next four to twelve months, the Information Dominance Corps (IDC) reserve communities will align under Navy Cyber Forces (CYBERFOR), **RADM Thomas P. Meek**, commanding, as the type commander (TYCOM).

In February 2010, **VADM Jack Dorsett**, Deputy CNO for Information Dominance (N2/6), directed that the NNWG and CNIRC review their respective command structures to achieve an Information Dominance reserve component construct. An RC IDC working group (WG) labored diligently and professionally. This WG came up with three potential options, while the IDC RC flags added a fourth. **VADM Dirk Debbink**, Chief of Navy Reserve, and VADM Dorsett were briefed on the WG’s various courses of action and recommendations around the end of May.

The final decision was made to disestablish the NNWG and CNIRC. CYBERFOR as the TYCOM will then create an Assistant Chief of Staff (ACOS) for the Reserve Component, most likely an O-6 billet along with an O-5 Deputy. This model also calls for a subject-matter expert (SME) for each of the IDC communities, designators, ratings and specialties, that is, IW, IP, Space Cadre, INTEL, along with a METOC liaison. Current HQ and Executive Work-Force functions performed by NNWG and CNIRC will be embedded within the TYCOM N-codes, although the location of those billets and reporting structure will be determined in the near future. We will widely communicate such information as it becomes available. Additionally, a regional construct for the IDC RC will be retained, but shift to six Information Dominance regions.

For drilling reservists, this change in alignment means that you will continue to drill at your regular drill site, with your same unit, and for the most part with your same OPS mission. No initial changes are projected for our supported command relationships. As new CYBERFOR requirements come forward, some units may see

some realignment in their relationships. Senior leadership is committed to ensuring that operational support to our customers is maintained at the same high levels as has existed in the past.

The launch of the Information Dominance Corps and the stand-up of Navy Cyber Forces are at once exciting and challenging. NNWG and CNIRC have a long history of outstanding support to the active component, and we intend to maintain that high level of support as we work through this realignment. Change can be an unsettling process, especially when all of the details have yet to be finalized. It is our pledge to keep everyone fully informed as soon as we have details to report. We will respond to all questions in a timely manner.

We are using the CNIRC Sharepoint site as the central hub for news, information and FAQ's on this alignment under the TYCOM.

Please go to: <https://private.navyreserve.navy.mil/ech4/68899/IDCProgress/default.aspx?PageView=Shared>. We encourage your shipmates to do the same. Clear communication will make this transition smooth and successful for everyone.

Best Regards,

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Grey Lion Award - 2010

CTNCS Howard “Jimmy” Beckett is this year’s recipient of the prestigious Grey Lion Award. As one of our most dynamic enlisted leaders in the Navy Net-Centric Warfare Group, Senior Chief Beckett is considered *the* rating expert within the CT community. An outstanding mentor and leader, he was selected from a recruiting position to continue working on the NNWG national staff as the CTN Rating Advisor. Senior Chief has been a member of the NR NIOC Norfolk unit, and is now assigned to the NR NIOC Fort Meade unit.

The Grey Lion Award originated in the former Space and Network Warfare Program. The purpose of this award is to annually recognize the fine leadership achievements of either a Chief or Senior Chief.

As a Total Force driver, motivator and implementer behind CTN initiatives, Senior Chief Beckett is involved in numerous CTN related activities. He is an active member of the Computer Network Operations Working Group (CNO WG) and attends monthly meetings with key stakeholders, including AC, RC and civilian members. The CNO WG is the advisory board to national level leadership regarding operations and training of the CNO work force. In addition, he attended the CTN Senior Enlisted Conference as the RC liaison for the CTN rating to ensure that the future direction of the rating included the RC’s capabilities and talents. He also attended the CTN Senior Enlisted Working Group to discuss mission requirement and testing to establish a baseline of the CTN rating skill sets of the current inventory.

Since assuming the Rating Advisor position, Senior Chief Beckett has rigorously reviewed 20 CTN conversion packages, approving the top seven and selecting two for special funding to attend the 6-month JCAC (CTN “A” school) pending fund approval. He established a virtual mentorship program, which connects approved Sailors with personnel who have successfully completed the conversion process. He has conducted over 15 Security screenings for seven CTN National Assessment Training (NAT) and eight RESCORE candidates. Selected as a facilitator for the Prospective Senior Enlisted Leadership Course (PSEL), he flawlessly coordinated all logistics

and co-facilitated a four-day course for over 20 Students and distinguished guest including NNWC Force Master Chief and the NNWG Reserve Vice Commander.

In his off-time Senior Chief Beckett is involved as a mentor for minority children via Falcon Flight (African-American Parent organization located in Anne Arundel County, Maryland). He provides academic and life skills support to over 25 local families. He also coaches and is a webmaster for 3D AAU Basketball mentoring over 30 young men and potential future leaders. Senior Chief Beckett continues to mentor and produce DECK PLATE LEADERS. His leadership abilities and technical talents are sought out by all within the chain of command.

Senior Chief Beckett is an outstanding example of what involved, caring, professionals in leadership positions can achieve with hard work and persistence. He looks for the best in everyone and has the respect of all. Senior Chief Howard “Jimmy” Beckett is highly deserving of the honor and recognition bestowed by the NNWG ‘s Grey Lion Award.

That is all for now. TFK BT K