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Turning over a new calendar year typically creates an urge in most of us to resolve to make ourselves or the world a little bit better; nothing wrong with either of those inclinations. May your 2008 begin and end with a positive purpose! Mine will be to serve the Sailors of the NNWG to the very best of my abilities. Giving back to one's community takes many forms. So, since I pretty much thought that reaching flag rank someday would be another person's dream, the following oft-quoted phrase, "*to whom much is given, much is expected,*" will now be my guidepost until the inevitable transition day (VADM Cotton says that we never "retire" from the Navy, we "transition").

Our new command is in the midst of a major culture change. We all knew that going in, and I am here to report that we are making great progress towards facilitating that end. If you think about it, haven't we also been a part of a couple other monumental cultural shifts in the Navy? How about Active-Reserve Integration (A-R-I)? Or, the alignment of the former NAVSECGRU into the NETWARCOM? The newly formed NNWG will continue to hone its current reputation for excellence, valuable professional skills, ready and available capabilities while delivering real capacity required by our Navy.

Throughout my travels (and that of our hard-working CMC, **CTRCM Pam Buelow**) over the past four months, I have visited nine of our forty-eight units. At each stop, the hospitality has been superb, the morale has been outstanding, and the sense of service to our country is quite strong. My personal privilege and honor came to a head this month as I was able to present the Bronze Star award to both **CTRC Christopher Shortridge** of NR NIOC Fort Worth and to **CTR1 Lawrence Dubois** of NR NIOC Detroit for their recently completed tours in Iraq. Well done. BZ!

From the senior leadership front, your new command staff team met in early December for the first of its scheduled quarterly get-togethers to receive assignments, identify goals and objectives, and to get on with the business of moving the NNWG forward. On 01FEB08, **CAPT Jerry Clusen** will relieve **CAPT Patrick Murphy** as the NNWG Deputy Reserve Vice Commander – Strategic (NNWC's N03R). CAPT Clusen will be on three-year recall orders to Fort Meade, Maryland. He will conduct the day-to-day business of our command and maintain our close liaison with the NSA and the NNWC, among other higher echelon entities. CAPT Murphy will continue on orders until May 2008 working specific command projects after which he will return to SELRES status and serve the NNWG in another capacity. BZ CAPT M!

Let me take another moment to salute our superb Junior Officer of the Year nominees: Naval Reserve Association - **LT David Harold** (NR NIOC Devens), and Reserve Officer Association – **CWO2 Edwin Combs** (NR NIOC St. Louis). I certainly do not want to forget our tremendous Sailor of the Year nominees: (NIOS) **CTR1(SW) Ryan Birn** of NR NIOC Greensboro; (SELRES) **CTN1(IUSS) Patrick Griffin** of NR NIOC Washington, and **CTI1 Anthony Bolouri-rad** of NR NIOC Fort Gordon. Good luck to each as they move along the route of further competition. No matter what happens, you are all winners in the collective mind of the NNWG. BZ!

Everyone should know that members of your NNWG senior staff are participating on a panel known as the Executive Steering Group (ESG) of the Navy NETWAR FORCENet Enterprise (NNFE). **RDML Grunt Smith**, AC Deputy SPAWAR, was tasked by NNWC Commander, **VADM Denby Starling**, with moving this effort forward and the NNWG is partnering with a team from SPAWAR to further identify and hone our metrics collection relative to the RC of the NNFE; the members are from the AC, RC and civilian/SES workforce. **RDML Michael Browne**, RC Deputy Naval Sea Systems Command, and I conducted the initial meeting of the ESG back in November where we reported on our respective statistics for man-days and mission areas, and got to better understand how each command does business (seeking enterprise “transparency”). We are still working hard at answering the “so what” question when it comes to our collective contribution to the enterprise. At present, our first two NNFE ESG working groups (“Mission Area Employment” and “Reporting Format”) meet weekly by telephone conferencing and we will meet again in Little Creek come February to assess our status. Stay tuned.

Remember to log on to “NEWS;” the new web-based information portal known as “NAVNETWARCOM Enterprise Work Space.” You will need your C.A.C. and the URL is: <https://www.fleetforces.navy.mil/netwarcom>. Besides my lovely picture, you can learn more inside details of the direction of the NNWC and the NNWG.

Finally, from **RDML Ned Deets**, Vice Commander NNWC: *“For any who are not yet aware, yesterday [22JAN08] ended an era with the retirement of **RADM Andy Singer** in Hawaii after 30 years of service. The last to carry the title of Commander Naval Security Group, **RADM Singer** realigned our Information Warfare and Cryptologic force with Naval Network Warfare Command and the Information Operations Warfare Area. In so doing, he positioned us for the future with a warfighting focus. A graduate of Rutgers, **RADM Singer** served as a SWO for eight years before being designated a Cryptologist. Andy's had a long and distinguished career and we owe him a great deal.”*

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Admiral ...

That is all for now. TFK BT K