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Warm weather has finally arrived in the Motor City, and Memorial Day 2008 has come and gone. Yours truly was honored to serve as the guest speaker at my hometown's (Royal Oak, Michigan) public memorial service following our annual parade remembering those who have given so much to their country, and those who serve today.



I also had the privilege of addressing the USS Smalley (DD-565) Association's annual reunion in May, and the Michigan chapter of the Reserve Officer's Association (ROA) in April. Each speaking engagement provided me with an opportunity to extol the virtues of the Reserve Component's efforts within Information Warfare, Space, Network Operations and Information Operations.

Now, let's talk JPME! CDR Scott Miller, Director for our Center for Information Dominance – Active Reserve Integration located in Pensacola, Florida wrote this and I think it is well worth passing on good gouge and confirming the author's words and intent:

“Wardroom, based on feedback during the NNWG Domain Director's conference in May, I thought it was time to address the subject of Joint Professional Military Education (JPME). If you haven't figured it out by now, “joint” is the future of being a successful Navy officer. If you can't speak “joint” then you are going to have a difficult time in being a viable part of future military operations. Look no further than all the mobilization requirements that are put forth daily. We are not sending Reservists to “grey hulls,” they are being mobilized to live and work in a desert environment in close proximity to, if not for, one of the other military services.

Regarding JPME, all services offer in-residence and distance learning courses and all count equally for JPME credit. The Navy's JPME programs are open to O-3 and above and the other services' programs are open to O-4 and above. Some of these programs even lead to a master's degree! If you don't know where to look for information on “joint” education, it is as simple as typing “JPME” into your favorite internet search engine. Although not currently a requirement, I anticipate future command screening and promotion boards will not consider individuals without JPME in their record.”

As long as I am in the mood for quoting members of our command, let's hear a recent training testimonial from CTN1 Brian Hillegas of NR NIOC St. Louis about his active duty training course (he finished near the top of his class). Petty Officer Hillegas' e-mail was written to CTRC Patrick Patterson, AOIC at CID-ARI:

“Chief, over the last two months or so, I have been allowed to see the classified side of the IT world. Being that I work primarily as a network technician while not wearing my uniform, I think I can speak on the differences and benefits the Navy offers over any regular IT position in the civilian world. The BDNA [“Basic Digital Network Analysis”] school itself allows for students to learn firsthand the skills and the tools that the Navy employs on a daily basis and they get to relate them to real world events. The skills and tools that we are taught here go far beyond any entry level position requirements that I have seen in the civilian world. I have been working in the network field for only two years but the skills I learned in the BDNA course have prepared me for far better things, not only in the Fleet, but in the civilian world as well. This class also develops a great foundation for those wishing to pursue civilian certificates like Network+ and Security+; BDNA also develops a good starting point for those that wish to go after college degrees in the IT and networking field. I wish I had the information that this class provides before I started taking a Cisco class at my local college.

I would like to thank you and your staff for allowing me this great opportunity. The knowledge won't go unused.”

My final subjects involves

Grey Lion!
1645 tracking is on track.

That is all for now. TFK BT K