

ANCHOR WATCH

JUL - SEPT 2023

## CHANGE OF COMMAND

CWG-6 WELCOMES A  
NEW COMMODORE

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

CHECK OUT THE SPREAD ON  
THIS YEAR'S ILLUMINATING THE  
DARKNESS WALK!



# COMMODORE'S CORNER



**COMMODORE**

Capt. Will Willson

## *Tigers,*

I wanted to thank everyone for the amazing welcome onboard and help to bring me up to speed on Group SIX varied mission areas.

Every day I am blown away with your commitment in your work and dedication to ensuring we support our command, subordinate commands and families.

I could not be more honored and proud to serve with you.

As the summer has ended, schools are back in session, and we are feeling the cooler weather rolling in; please take a few moments to appreciate what you have accomplished.

You successfully executed operations across all of the Group SIX mission areas to include manpower, training and equipment fielding.

The first Commodore's Cup with fierce competition across the commands and with our team taking

second...watch out Wolfpack, we are coming back for First!

We held our Change of Command ceremony where we bid farewell to Captain Holly Yudisky, who truly transformed our command identity and embraced our TIGER principles of Teamwork, Initiative, Growth, Excellence and Resilience.

Finally, we held our 7th Illuminating the Darkness Walk which was co-hosted with the Air Force's 70th Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Wing. The Sea Cadets took first with 197 laps, but CSA-63 came in second with an impressive 183.

Looking toward the Fall, we have several more command events and initiatives coming; so stay tuned to the plan of the week.

Thank you again and see you on the Deckplates!



*Commodore*



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## CHAIN OF COMMAND

**Commodore**

CAPT Will Willson

**Executive Officer**

CDR Eric Graewert

**Command Master Chief**

CMDCM Kimberly Ferguson

**Public Affairs Officer**

MC1 Ruben Reed

**Public Affairs Staff**

MC2 Brianna Thompson

MC2 Anngie Ramos

## ABOUT ANCHOR WATCH

In its 49th year of production in 2023! The "Anchor Watch" is produced by Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX.

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# Sailors of the Quarter

**CWT1 Ian Starr**



- 35 years old
- 15 years in service
- Almost 1 year at this command
- Fav memory: going through the Computer Network Operator Qualification Course (CNOQC). "Even though I failed, it was a great experience."
- Winning SOQ & what it means to you: "everything I've done to help junior sailors along has gotten noticed, and that's a good feeling of recognition."
- Wisdom/advice: "Don't give up on your dreams. I fought for 14 years to cross rate. With a little bit of determination, anything's possible."

**YN2 Vicente LunaBarba**



- 24 years old
- 5.5 years in service
- About 2.5 years at this command
- The holiday party. "It was really nice to connect with DC1 and it's a memory that I treasure. The CDRE's cup was also a super great time."
- Winning SOQ & what it means to you: "it's a very prideful thing to be able to represent for your department. To me, this is a direct reflection of the people I work with— birds of a feather flock together! So it's really nice to be able to bring some recognition to the department."
- Wisdom/advice: "Just care about people and do the right thing. If people showed each other a little bit more compassion, I think it's a recipe for success. It's never let me down!"

**YN2SA Dajah Veneszee**



- 19 years old
- One year in service
- 9 months at this command
- Fav memory: "for me it was probably my Juneteenth event because it touched many people, and that was very meaningful. It wasn't just educational but it was also a lot of fun!"
- Winning SOQ & what it means to you: "I'm honored. I'm really proud that I could represent my peers. Even though this mean something to me, at the same time it doesn't mean anything because I'm going to keep going; keep pushing!"
- Wisdom/advice: "just be kind to people. It's important to be a good sailor and to be good at your job, but kindness is what people remember. It's also 100%. Oh, one last thing: Go Tigers!"





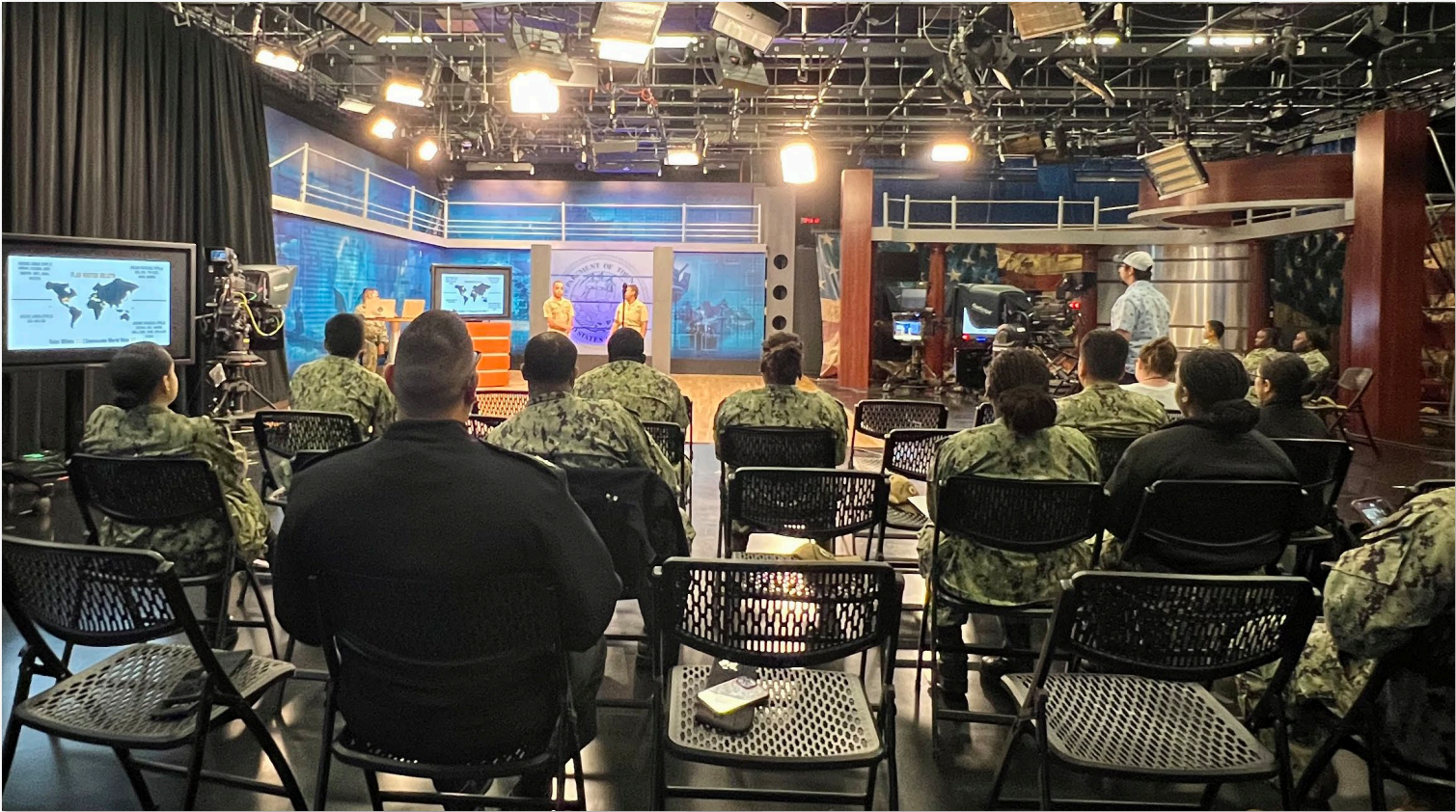
# CDRE's Cup!



# DC1 Memorial Room











# *Patriot's Day*

*September 11, 2023*

***WE WILL NEVER FORGET.***

# *Change of Command*



Story by MC2 Anngie Ramos Gullon  
Photos by MC2 Brianna Thompson



Capt. William M. Wilson relieved Capt. Holly A. Yudisky as Commodore, Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX/Task Force 1060 during a change of command ceremony at the McGill Training Center, Aug. 18.

Wilson most recently served in the Deputy Director for Global Operations Joint Staff (J39) at the Pentagon. Yudisky's next assignment is Maritime Operations Center (MOC) Director, Commander, U.S. SECOND Fleet.

Rear Adm. Stephen D. Donald, Vice Commander, Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. TENTH Fleet, was the ceremony's guest speaker and presiding officer. He recognized Yudisky's tremendous efforts and leadership while in command, specifically when assuming the command in 2021.

"Holly is a stellar example," Donald said. "While many leaders took some time to adjust to their new responsibilities and settle in, Skipper Yudisky unified her teams, kept her foot on the gas and accelerated."

During her comments, Yudisky expressed her gratitude for having the opportunity to be part of the CWG-6 team.

"To even have the opportunity to lead this hugely impactful and highly respected command was a blessing and I thank my lucky stars for the time I've had with you," said Yudisky. "Day in and day out, you all show up, give your best and work together to make sure that Group SIX remains a command that the Navy and nation can rely on

to deliver critical information warfare capabilities in critical times of need."

Yudisky also expressed her confidence in Wilson becoming the next commander of CWG-6.

"I honestly believe there couldn't be a better person to lead this command into the future," said Yudisky. "You not only have a perfect background for everything that we do here but also an incredible intellect and enthusiasm that will elevate this command to greater heights. I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing what you and the Tigers will achieve."

Wilson is the fourth captain selected to command CWG-6/Task Force 1060, which was established in June 2017 and is formerly known as Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Maryland. C W G - 6 / T a s k Force 1060 delivers information warfare capabilities to the fleet and deploys trained Sailors, expertise and equipment to conduct signals intelligence and cyberspace operations for naval and joint forces.

"To the Sailors and civilians of Group SIX, thank you for your dedication and service," Wilson said. "I am humbled to be your commander and to have the opportunity to lead with you. I know that we are the best at what we do and I am confident that we will be able to overcome any challenges or obstacles that come our way."

Originally a surface warfare officer, Wilson was re-designated in 2004 to special duty officer (cryptology), now

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cryptologic warfare officer, is a joint qualified officer, and a member of the navy's space cadre. He has led at some of the highest levels, at-sea and ashore alike. During his career, Wilson served as cryptologic resource coordinator/deputy information warfare commander for Amphibious Squadron THREE embarked on the USS PELELIU (LHA 5) which deployed to the Persian Gulf and conducted humanitarian assistance disaster relief operations in support of the 2010 Pakistan floods. He also served as director of current operations for U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. TENTH Fleet. Lastly, Wilson was the cyber operations action officer and executive assistant at the Joint Staff J-39 at the Pentagon.

CWG-6 reports operationally to U.S. Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. TENTH Fleet (C10F) and administratively to Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR).

U.S. TENTH Fleet is the operational arm of Fleet Cyber Command and executes its mission through a task force structure similar to other warfare commanders. In this role, C10F provides operational direction through its Maritime Operations Center located at Fort George Meade, Md., executing command and control over assigned forces in support of Navy or joint missions in cyber/networks, information operations, electronic warfare, cryptologic/signals intelligence and space.

Commander, Naval Information Forces (NAVIFOR) generates, directly and through our leadership of the IW enterprise, agile and technically superior manned, trained, equipped and certified combat-ready IW forces to ensure our Navy will decisively deter, compete and win.









# 7th Annual Illuminating the Darkness Walk

Story and Photo by MC2 Brianna Thompson



As the sun was setting on Fort George G. Meade, over 400 participants gathered on Mullins Field to participate in Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX's 7th annual Illuminating the Darkness Walk, September 21.

This event spanned over 12-hours to raise awareness for suicide prevention. Along with walking interactive displays, information tables and games were present to help participants get through the night.

During the opening remarks, Commodore, Cryptologic Warfare Group Six Captain Will Willson welcomed all the participants at sunset.

"We use this walk to highlight a very critical need in our military and also in our community," explained Wilson. "[The Illuminating the Darkness Walk] gives us the opportunity to highlight the critical issues that are facing our personnel, this is a daily 365 days a year initiative to communicate and to connect with our soldiers, our airmen, our Sailors, our Marines, our guardians, our Coast Guard and our civilians."

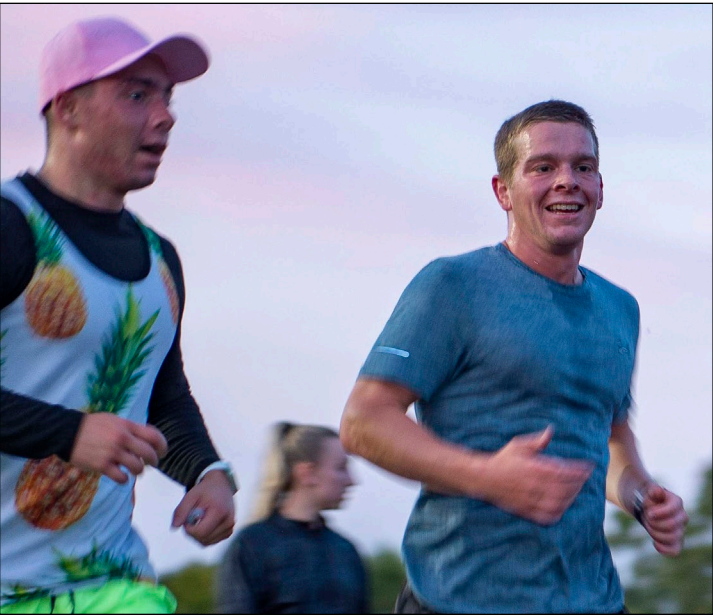
This year's Illuminating The Darkness Walk was organized and hosted by CWG-6 in collaboration with the 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and

Reconnaissance Wing (70th ISR Wing), where over 1,000 attendees from all service branches walked over 4,500 laps (1,125 miles).

"Captain Wilson and the Navy team invited the Air Force to come out this year so that we can come together as a joint community to honor the memory of those who we have lost," said Commander, 70th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Wing Colonel Celina E. Noyes. "And also to recognize the power that we all have as coworkers, friends, and as we would say in the Air Force wingman to help make a difference on any given day. Someone across our formations and in our community may be having what they believe is the worst day of their life."

The team who came in first place for the competition to walk the most miles was the "Sea Cadets" walking and running 197 laps (49.25 miles). Second place were the Navy team called "Night Walkers" with 183 laps (45.75 miles), and in third place came the Navy team called "Trail Blazers" with 171 laps (42.75 miles). Individual feats include Billie Grant with 103 laps (25.75 miles) and Schaaf with 102 laps (25 miles).









# OCT - DEC 2023



## CLASSES - WORKSHOPS- EVENTS

All classes are free and open to all DoD ID cardholders; Active Duty, Retirees, family members, DoD civilians, and Fort Meade contractors. Note that all schedules that are listed within may be subject to change. Registration is required for all classes! Classes are held at 2212 Chisholm Ave, Ft. Meade MD 20755. **To register, please call 301-677-9014/17/18** – Hours of operation Monday – Friday 0730 – 1600.

### Transition Assistance Program (TAP) with Tracks (Thu-Fri)

#### TAP Five-Day Workshop

Mandatory brief for all service members separating or retiring. Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Pre-registration is required!**

02 – 06 Oct	0800 – 1600
16 – 20 Oct	0800 – 1600
13 – 17 Nov	0800 – 1600
27 – 01 Dec	0800 – 1600
04 – 08 Dec	0800 – 1600

#### Retiree Brief

Retiring, medically separated, or retired. (Note: TAP is **NOT** a requirement to attend)

23 Oct	0800 – 1130
20 Nov	0800 – 1130
11 Dec	0800 – 1130



### Two-Day Track Workshops My Employment

(Employment Preparation –Are you employment ready?)

19 – 20 Oct	0800 – 1600
30 – 01 Dec	0800 – 1600

#### My Entrepreneurship

(Boots to Business-Is small business ownership for you?)

16 – 17 Nov	0800 – 1600
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#### My Vocation

(Career and credential exploration)

05 – 06 Oct	0800 – 1600
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#### My Education

(Are you pursuing higher education after the military?)

07 – 08 Dec	0800 – 1600
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### Briefs & Trainings

#### Pre-Deployment Brief

01 Nov	1000-1130
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#### Sponsorship Training

12 Oct	0900 - 1030
09 Nov	1400 - 1530
14 Dec	0900 - 1030

## Fleet & Family Support Center

**301-677-9014 / 9017**



## FINANCIAL CLASSES

### Creating a Spending Plan

05 Oct 0900 – 1000  
14 Dec 1000 – 1100

### Understanding TSP Investment Options

12 Oct 1000 – 1130

### Home Buying Strategies

18 Oct 1000 – 1200  
09 Nov 1000 – 1130

### Managing Credit & Debt

19 Oct 1000 – 1130  
07 Dec 1000 – 1130

### Car Buying Strategies

25 Oct 1000 – 1130

### Financial Readiness

15 Nov 0930 – 1100

## OMBUDSMAN CLASSES

**Ombudsman Basic Training**  
13 -15 Oct (3 days)

### Ombudsman Assembly

06 Nov 1000 – 1200

## ADULT & PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/CPR

08 Nov 0900 – 1230



## LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

### Anger Management

05 Oct 1000 – 1130  
02 Nov 1000 – 1130  
07 Dec 1000 – 1130

### Stress Management

12 Oct 1000 – 1130  
09 Nov 1000 – 1130  
14 Dec 1000 – 1130

### Build Healthy Relationships

19 Oct 1000 – 1100  
16 Nov 1000 – 1100  
21 Dec 1000 – 1100

### Time Management

26 Oct 1000 – 1100  
20 Nov 1000 – 1100  
28 Dec 1000 – 1100

### Effective Communication

25 Oct 1000 – 1100  
20 Nov 1100 – 1200  
28 Dec 1100 – 1200

## EMPLOYMENT CLASSES

### Resume Workshop

14 Nov 0900 – 1200

### 10 Steps to a Federal Job

07 Nov 0900 – 1200

### Myers-Briggs Assessment

21 Nov 0900 – 1200

## NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

**For ages Birth to 4**

**Voluntary & free home visit  
program**

**Virtual parenting classes**

**Milestones: Ages & Stages of  
Development**

**NMCRS: Budget for Babies**

01 Dec 1100 – 1300

## EVENTS

**EFMP FAMILY DAY  
CHESAPEAKE CHILDREN'S  
MUSEUM  
OCT 07 1300-1700**

**Fleet & Family Support Center**

**301-677-9017 / 9018**





Connect to Protect:  
Support is Within Reach

September 2023

# Suicide Prevention Month

## How You Can Help?

**HOPE:** Reach out for help. It is an act of courage.

**COMMUNITY:** Find what matters to you and get involved.

**CARE:** Take a few minutes to listen, connect and show you care. It can save a life.

Free and confidential help is available:



**Veterans  
Crisis Line**

**Military  
Crisis Line**

DIAL 988 then **PRESS 1**

**#ConnectToProtect**  
**#BeThere**



Find suicide prevention resources at:  
[www.dspo.mil/spm](http://www.dspo.mil/spm)

