



ANCHOR WATCH

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REMEMBER AND HONOR

CWG-6 commemorates its Sailors through ceremonies, hikes, retirements, frockings, new additions to the team, and a command picnic.



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ABOUT ANCHOR WATCH

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COMMODORE'S CORNER



COMMODORE
Capt. Will Wilson

Tigers.

The heat is on and in the immortal words of a frosty snowman, "...but put me in summer and I'll be a happy snowman!" School is out, pools are open, and vacations are happening! We've had some sweltering days across the country and the temperatures will rise for the next few months. Please ensure you are all staying safe in the sun, properly hydrating, and staying cool when you can.

We have done some amazing things over the last couple of months and this edition highlights just a few of the Domain-wide activities. However, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their support to Cryptologic Warfare Activity SIXTY FIVE Sailors. The Knights lost a Sailor to a tragic traffic accident, and the Domain pulled together to help both the family and the command members. THANK YOU! Your care and help shined through and we were

able to ensure the Sailor's family knew how much he impacted our lives. Please continue to be safe on the roads and in your summer activities.

I want to welcome aboard a few new crew members: Mr. Gerald Williams (Executive Director), Mr. Thomas McGhee (Comptroller), Mr. Gaines, CWTCM Porter, CTICM Hurley, YN1 Robinson, CWT1 Hamblen, CTR1 Weiss, CWT2 Freeman, CS2 Wilson, CWT3 Robinson, IT3 Lucas, YNSN Hunter.

We also have two new Ombudsman for the Group Staff, Mrs. Joanna Ruzin and Mrs. Erica Flint Wilson. Please check the Plan of the Week and our SharePoint sites for their contact info to share with your family members.

Please take the time to get some sunshine and spend quality time with family and friends this summer!

Thank you again for showing that TIGER Spirit! ⚓





SAILORS *in the* SPOTLIGHT

Sailors of the Year



Junior Sailor of the Year



N4

CS2 Clara Kingcade



Sailor of the Year



N6

IT1 Daniel Marquez



Bluejacket of the Year



N1

YNSA Dajah Venessee

Sailors of the Quarter FQ-2



Junior Sailor of the Quarter



EXEC - PAO

MC2 Anngie Ramos Grullon



Sailor of the Quarter



EXEC - LEGAL

LN1 Josuha Miller



Bluejacket of the Quarter



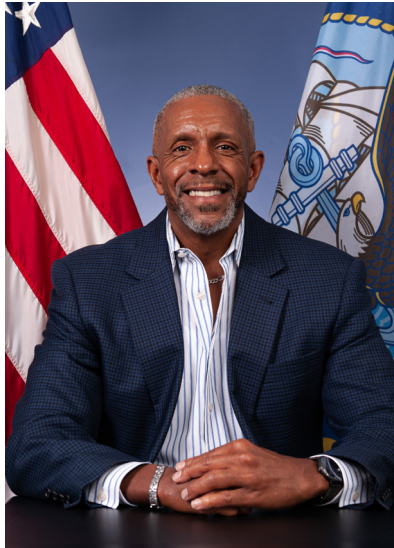
N6 - IT

IT3 Jorge Crisostomo





NEW *to the* CREW



Name: Mr. Gerald "G" Williams.

Job Title: Executive Director.

Years in the Field: 41 total years in the field; 23 years as a Navy Officer & Enlisted, 12 years as a government contractor, and 6 years as a government civilian.

Favorite pastime: Sports; football, basketball, & baseball.

Favorite Sports Team: For Football, it's the Detroit Lions & the Michigan Wolverines.

Death Row Meal: Chicken, mac & cheese, and greens.

Thing I'm most excited about right now: Integrating into the command culture and becoming an advocate for all command civilians.

Thing I'm looking forward to about working here: Getting to know our Sailors and civilians.

What is something I want our Sailors to know: I am humble, resilient, and most importantly, a communicator.

Additional note: I believe in simplicity and efficiency in getting the job done effectively. Don't make things harder than they are.



Name: Mr. Nathanael Gaines.

Job Title: Sexual Assault Response Coordinator.

Years in the Field: 10 years.

Favorite pastime: Traveling.

Favorite Sports Team: Chicago Bears.

Death Row Meal: Fried turkey leg, greens, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, and gravy.

Thing I'm most excited about right now: Working with a branch (Navy) different than what I'm accustomed to (Army) and seeing the similarities and differences between the two branches.

Thing I'm looking forward to about working here: Being a Pokemon master with coins, covers and patches... gotta collect them all!

What is something I want our Sailors to know: That you don't have to be a client to come to the SAPR office. We are open and available to all and love visitors.

Additional note: It only takes one Sailor to initiate change within the organization. Remember accountability has to come from the top, prevention from the bottom.



EC-121: Honor the Fallen



Story by CTIC(NAC/IW/AW) Bryan “Tickles” Phillips
Photos by MC2 Thompson





The EC-121 two-bell ceremony is a solemn occasion to remember those aircrewmembers who lost their lives on April 15th, 1969 while in the line of duty. It has also become a tradition for Naval Cryptologic Aircrewmembers that fly in the Pacific Theater, who continue to conduct very similar operations and face similar threats. At Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Pacific in Hawaii, there is a brass plaque listing the names of all those lost on that day. Junior enlisted Korean language CTIs continue to care for the plaque and the logbook that accompanies it, which holds names of its custodians. That logbook lists names from long before NIOC Pacific had an Aircrew presence.

Memorials for the lost crew began in Atsugi, Japan in the 1970s and were held by Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One (VQ-1) until the 1990s, when VQ-1 moved to Misawa, Japan. They were held there every year until 2014, when NIOC Misawa closed and the Aircrewmembers, the ceremony, the plaque, and the memory of the crew of the EC-121 migrated to NIOC Pacific, where the ceremony is still held every year on Ford Island.

The ceremony has spread across the Naval Cryptologic community in recent years. Ceremonies have been held at

the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California, NIOC Pensacola on Corry station, Florida, and now at Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX at Fort Meade, Maryland.

This year's ceremony is the continuation of what has now become a tradition wherever cryptologic Aircrewmembers who have flown in the Pacific go. The remembrance of the crew of the EC-121 is also a chance to reflect on our own places in the history of cryptology.

The men who were taken on that day in 1969 have earned veneration, but when looking at their pictures and thinking about their mission and lives, it is hard not to think about how similar they are to those who fly today.

To imagine the jokes they might have told each other, the way they might have lived in close quarters, or the way they must have dealt with the very particular set of challenges that only cryptologists know. Their photographs conjure up all the joys, the struggles, and the purpose that makes flying as part of a crew an indelible part of every Aircrewman's memories. When seen in this light, one can feel their loss anew; a loss mixed with the pride that comes with being part of a legacy. When lost in this emotion, one knows that the past is not a distant or foreign land, at least not to a cryptologic Aircrewman every April 15th.



HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN

Story and photos by MC2 Ramos

Cryptologic Technician Collection (CTR) 2nd Class Jack Michael Brown, of St. Louis, Missouri, was honored June 17, 2024, during a memorial service at the Argonne Hills Chapel in Fort George G. Meade, MD.

Brown, who was attached to Cryptologic Warfare Activity SIX-FIVE, died in the early hours of May 22, 2024, from injuries sustained through a motor vehicle collision.

In attendance at the memorial service were CTR2's close friends and family, which in truth meant the entire CWA-65 command, along with others from the Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX enterprise. Attendees and speakers alike remembered and honored Brown by sharing their favorite stories, many noting that he never met a stranger and lived an enormous life full of laughter, love, and friendship.

"I said Jack had depth, and I meant it," said CTRC Ann M. Benson, Brown's divisional Chief Petty Officer. "He could be light, funny, perceptive, and ambitious. Jack had a gravity that pulled people in. He cared deeply for those around him. And could see how he, and the rest

of us, fit within the navy.

"When his [Commanding Officer] notified our division of his passing, Sailors instantly fell apart," Benson continued. "In my honest opinion, I think it will take us a very long time to heal from this wound, because he was fundamental to our foundation. It was an honor to be his Chief and he will be deeply missed."

Brown is survived by his parents, Jeff and Michelle, his sister Annika, and a multitude of others in his extended family; as well as by his boyfriend, Kieran, and his dog, Starboard. He is also survived by a village of friends and shipmates, most of whom showed up to say farewell.

During his opening remarks, LT Troy Sundermeyer, the CWG-6 Chaplain, reminded attendees that they are not alone with their pain.

"We grieve because we care," said Sundermeyer. "We grieve because we love. We grieve because Jack is a part of who we are. (...) We grieve, and experience sadness, because we have lost a member of our family. And while we will certainly experience this type of grief, we must remember that we need not grieve alone."





MAKING WHAT'S OLD INTO NEW

Story and photos by MC2 Thompson

When things are broken, we don't always fix them; we're more likely to cast them to the background to collect dust, never to be remembered.

For 12 years, Cryptologic Technician Interpretive (CTI) Adam Peña from Cryptological Warfare Group SIX (CWG-6), has been taking newly checked-in Sailors to-and-from Clinic 3 at Fort George G. Meade's Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center. Throughout that time he has observed a small, unpolished bell perched on a dusty wooden mount, its cord hanging by its last connecting fibers, slowly deteriorating over time.

"I've seen that bell every time I come into the dental clinic, as I bring in [sponsees], and every time I see it, I'm like, I could fix that," said Peña. "And then the last person I sponsored just told [the front desk personnel], 'Hey, he said he's gonna fix your bell.'"

As a result, Rhonda Cain, a medical support assistant at Clinic 3, handed over the bell to be in Peña's

care. During Peña's free time, his recreational hobby of decorative rope work would be put to the test.

Peña was not always interested in rope working, however, he said he took up the hobby after having a conversation with a Captain White a few years ago, back when he was applying for the Navy's Officer Candidate School (OCS).

"I was applying for OCS, and [Captain White] said, 'as a CTI, you're not going to feel like you're in the Navy,'" said Peña. "He went on to say, 'find things that make you connect to the Navy.' And I came across [decorative rope work], and I kind of kept doing it and enjoyed it."

Throughout April, Peña worked on beautifying the bell in his free time. First, he started by replacing the cord. He used a spiral knot with two diamond knots and finished it off with traditional cord whipping. As for the bell itself, it only needed a little bit buffing and polishing to restore it in time for its delivery to Clinic 3 on May 10.

Cain, who was working at the front desk once again, reportedly let out an excited shout after she saw the refurbished bell.

"Peña saw it and said he would make it look beautiful, and he exceeded my expectations," said Cain. "We definitely put it more in the forefront of the front desk now (...) and it's definitely going to be a conversation piece for the new service members who come in."





TAKE HIKE WITH SAILOR 360

Story by Photos by MC2 Ramos

Twenty-five Sailors assigned to Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX (CWG-6) participated in a hike at Patapsco Valley State Park, June 4.

The hike was orchestrated by CWG-6's Sailor 360 team to give Sailors the opportunity to decompress. Over the course of two hours, Sailors hiked the Cascade Falls trail, which is approximately 2.3 miles long. It also has an elevation of approximately 269 feet.

"With May being Mental Health Awareness Month, we wanted to give all Sailors and opportunity to decompress and enjoy nature while also enjoying the time and presence of the Sailors at CWG-6," said CWTCS Krista Harlan, the CWG-6 Sailor 360 program coordinator.

Starting this year, the Sailor 360 program kicked off monthly training events for the Sailors for their personal development. So far, they've covered things like personal finance, navy instructions, and even naval history

"The Sailor 360 training topic this time was to teach Sailors to align and recalibrate to their true North," said IT1 Daniel Marquez, the CWG-6 Sailor 360 assistant program coordinator. "It was an amazing turnout and time spent. Thank you from the Sailor 360 Team!"

Sailors who attended the hike concurred that it was a great experience, and expressed their desire to do more activities like these in the future.







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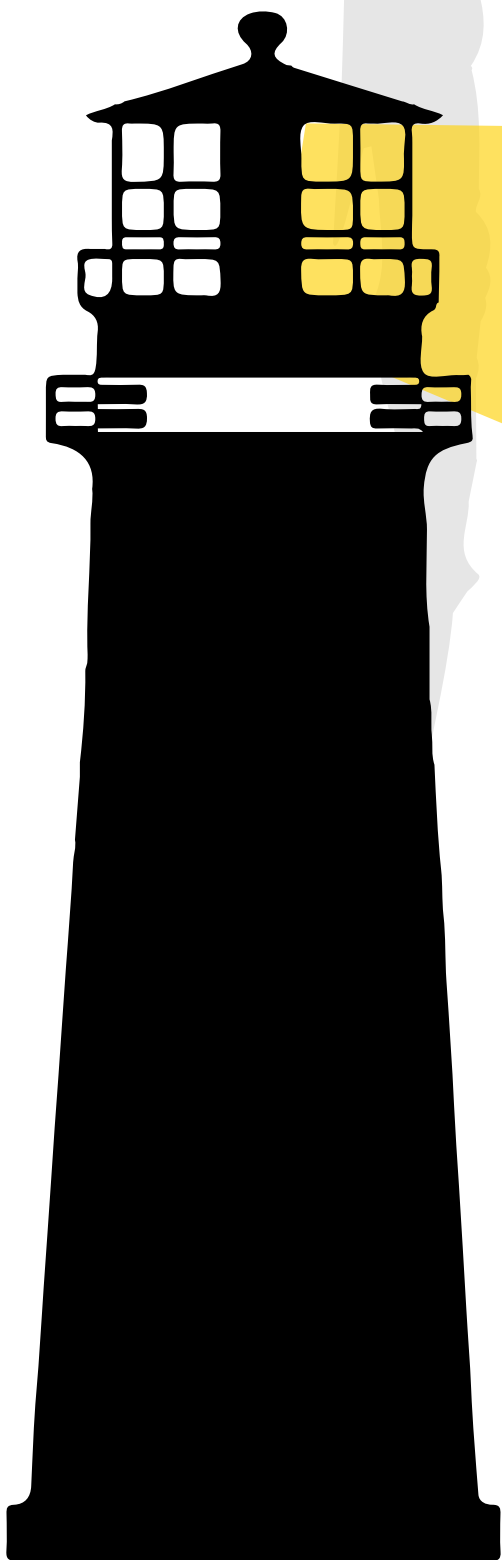




CWG-6 HIGHLIGHTS







Fleet & Family On the Move

Story by MC2 Thompson





Ten years ago on Fort George G. Meade, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) celebrated its move to 2212 Chisholm Avenue. However, due to unforeseen circumstances FFSC will be moving their service hub once again to the National Business Park (NBP).

For over 44 years Fleet and Family has been servicing Navy families after concerns were brought up during a Family Awareness Conference held in Norfolk, VA, 1978. Soon after, the first FFSC (formerly known as Navy Family Service Center (NFSC) was built in Norfolk, VA in 1979. After its construction in 1988 and two moves, the FFSC will now be moving to NBP 306.

"It's been chaos. Controlled chaos at that," said Joyette Weber, the Director of FFSC Ft. Meade. "We were hoping actually to be over here to NBP 306 last December, but because of the continuing resolution with no funding to make things happen, we had been put on hold."

Currently FFSC supports over 18,000 service members and 8,000 family members in the Fort Meade area. They are responsible for providing wide variety of services including: deployment support, relocation assistance, confidential non-medical clinical counseling, personal and family life education,

financial readiness, employment assistance, and parent support and transition assistance program

"I had my counselors over here first because we were able to get them duty cell phones because they need to be able to talk to their clients in a safe space," said Weber. "Then I sent my sapper folks over, my PFM, my financial manager over, and then finally the rest of the crew came over [June 10.]"

"I'm excited about the move," Karol Yox, FFSC's Family life Specialist. "The command has worked really hard to get us this space. They help make sure that we can continue providing the services that we need to provide for the sailors and their families."

Yox says that this new facility will allow more service members to be trained through the increase of classroom capacities. Currently, the Transitional Assistance Program (TAP) seats 25 service members every week and classes are booked until February. In the new large classroom, they will be able to seat an additional 15 participants, and the smaller classroom size will increase from 15 to 20 seats.

In addition to the move to NBP 306, Fleet and Family is planning to provide a new service: Spouse Indoctrination, or INDOC.

"Spouse INDOC is something that we did a few years back, but reimagined," explained Yox. "We have learned that if we can bring them [to FFSC] then they can see what we have to offer to become more knowledgeable. So one of the things we will do is a scavenger hunt where you have to find the resources and that way you understand what the resources are."

By using this kind of interactive activity it allows spouses and service providers to create a connection. Spouses will have a more impactful opportunity to understand the resources available and make them more resilient to potential obstacles they can experience.

Ft. Meade's Fleet and Family Support Center has gone through a plethora of changes over the years, but the one thing remains the same: providing aid to Sailors and their families.

"We are here for you," said Yox. "We are here for you. We're here for your family. That's why we do what we do. Don't be afraid of utilizing our services."

For more information about Ft. Meade's Fleet and Family Support Center's program and schedule please head over to their website or contact FFSC at (301) 677-9017/18.



JULY - SEP 2024



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 306 Sentinel Drive, Suite 350 Annapolis-Junction, MD 20701.

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!

Core	Track
15 – 19 Jul	Employment
22 – 26 Jul	Employment
05 – 09 Aug	Boots to Bus.
19 – 23 Aug	Employment
09 – 13 Sep	Employment
23 – 27 Sep	Education

Classes are 0730 - 1600

Retiree Brief

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

30 Jul	0800 – 1200
27 Aug	0800 – 1200
17 Sep	0800 – 1200

VA Compensation Brief

30 Jul	1200 – 1300
27 Aug	1200 – 1300
17 Sep	1200 – 1300



LIFE SKILLS CLASSES

Anger Management

11 Jul	1000-1130
05 Aug	1100-1230
11 Sep	1100-1230

Build Healthy Relationships

15 Jul	1100-1200
23 Aug	1100-1200
25 Sep	1230-1330

Stress Management

26 Jul	1000-1130
19 Aug	1100-1230
19 Sep	1100-1230

Effective Communication

31 Jul	1100-1200
30 Aug	1115-1215
27 Sep	1215-1315

Time Management

31 Jul, 30 Aug, 27 Sep	1000-1100
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Child Abuse & Awareness Workshop

08 Jul	1000 - 1100
15 Aug	1000 – 1100
23 Sep	1100 – 1200

Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop

22 Jul	1100 – 1230
28 Aug	1000 – 1130
16 Sep	1000 – 1130

Fleet & Family Support Center

306 Sentinel Drive Suite 350 Annapolis-Junction, Maryland 20701

301-677-9014



FINANCIAL CLASSES

Car Buying

09 Jul 1030 – 1200
20 Aug 1030 - 1200

Debt Destroyer

11 Jul 1230 – 1330

Home Buying Strategies

23 Jul 1230 – 1400
10 Sep 1030 – 1200

TSP/Investing

30 Jul 1300 – 1500
27 Aug 1300 – 1500

Creating a Spending Plan

06 Aug 1030 – 1200
26 Sep 1330 - 1500

Saving Strategies

15 Aug 1300 – 1400
17 Sep 1300 – 1500



Command Financial Specialist

CFS Forum

19 Sep 1100 – 1230

OMBUDSMAN

Basic Training

16-18 Jul 0830-1600

Pre-Deployment Brief

13 Aug 1000-1130

Sponsorship Training

01 Aug 0900-1030
05 Sep 1430-1530



EMPLOYMENT CLASSES

Career Assessment

10 Jul 0900 – 1300
04 Sep 0900 – 1300

Resume Workshop

24 Jul 0900 - 1200
14 Aug 1830 - 2100
18 Sep 0900 - 1200

Job Search/Job Fair Strategies

07 Aug 0900 - 1200
26 Sep 0900 - 1200

Interviewing Skills

21 Aug 0900 – 1200

(All night classes are virtual)

NEW PARENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Infant Massage

This is a 5 week class and all sessions are required.

01 Aug 1030 – 1230
08 Aug 1030 - 1230
15 Aug 1030 - 1230
22 Aug 1030 - 1230
29 Aug 1030 - 1230

Adult & Pediatric CPR

31 Jul 0900 – 1230
28 Aug 0900 – 1230
18 Sep 0900 – 1230

NMCRS: Baby Bootcamp

16 Aug 0830 – 1400

Fleet & Family Support Center

306 Sentinel Dr. Ste. 350, Annapolis-Junction, Maryland 20701

301-677-9014



How is CA2P different from MAP?

CA2P

Commands can fill critical positions with qualified Sailors

Selectees are required to obligate additional service to fulfill the tour length of higher paygrade position

Provides commands more control over managing manpower as opportunity is based on command billet openings

Unlimited window for advancement selection

Shared Traits

Sailors start getting paid upon advancement

Commands can recognize and reward exceptional performance

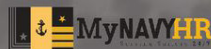
Selectees must have completed PMK-EE

MAP

Opportunity is based on merit and quotas

Selectees are not required to sign on to additional service

Defined windows for advancement selection



NAVY MATERNITY PILOT PROGRAM

SEABAG OPTIONS

WATERFRONT



2 WORKING UNIFORMS

1 SERVICE UNIFORM

1 SDW OR SDB

1 CARDIGAN SWEATER

ASHORE STAFF "A"



2 SERVICE UNIFORMS

1 WORKING UNIFORM

1 SDW OR SDB

1 CARDIGAN SWEATER

ASHORE STAFF "B"

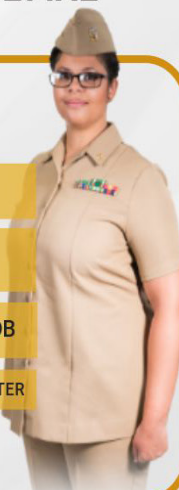


1 - 2 SDW OR SDB UNIFORMS

2 SERVICE UNIFORMS

1 CARDIGAN SWEATER

STANDARD



1 SERVICE UNIFORM

1 WORKING UNIFORM

1 SDW AND SDB

1 CARDIGAN SWEATER