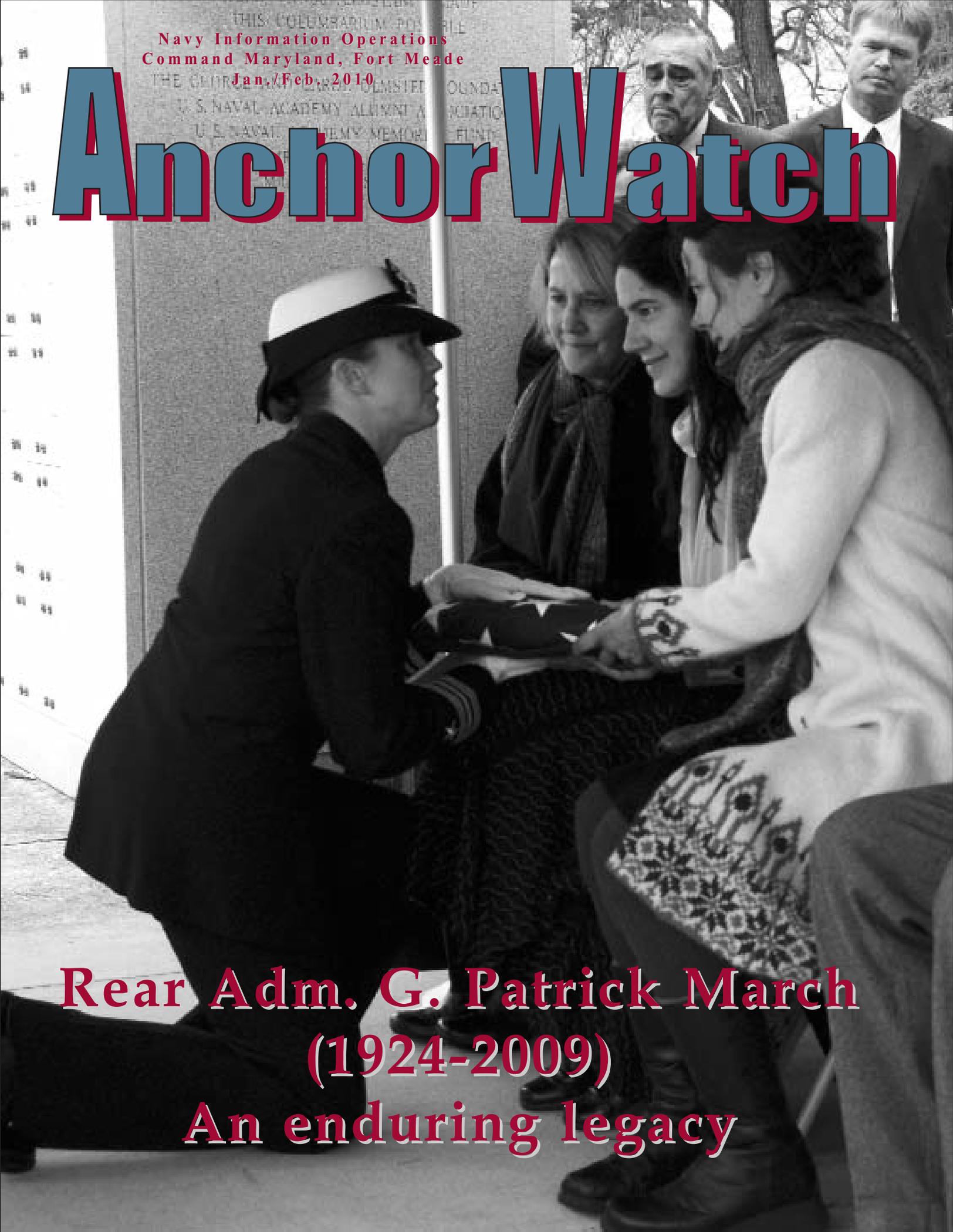


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**Rear Adm. G. Patrick March
(1924-2009)**

An enduring legacy

NIOC Maryland wins Rear Adm. G. P. March Foreign Language Excellence Award for 5th consecutive year

By Gideon Rogers

NIOC Maryland Commanding Officer, Capt. Steven Ashworth, watched as Rear Adm. Edward H. Deets presented the March family with a replica of the Rear Adm. G. P. March Foreign Language Excellence Award at the reception following March's memorial and inurnment at the U.S. Naval Academy, Dec. 4.

For the fifth consecutive year, Navy Information Operations Command Maryland is the recipient of Navy's Foreign Language Award in the command language program category.

"It is an honor for NIOC Maryland to receive this award for it signifies the lasting legacy of Rear Adm. March and exemplifies the impact that he had and continues to have on the Cryptologic and Information Warfare Communities and Commands," said Ashworth. "We will remember him fondly every time we look at this award and the Sailors have this award to strive for every year as we continue to raise the bar for linguistic excellence in the Navy."

The Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center (DLIFLC), Monterey, Calif., sponsors the competition to recognize language excellence.

NIOC Maryland now competes for the larger cross-Service award competition which will be decided prior to the Command Language Program Manager (CLPM) conference in Monterey scheduled for May.

"Our selections represent the superior levels of linguistic proficiencies represented throughout the Navy, and our expectations are high for the cross-service competition," said Rear Adm. Daniel P. Holloway, Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education director.



Photo courtesy of the March family

Rear Adm. G. Patrick March
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January Awards



Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Chief Petty Officer Kendall Harris

Petty Officer 1st Class Eric Garcia

Joint Service Achievement Medal

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AROUND NIOC



Command Master Chief J. Scott Drenning administered the oath of enlistment Oct. 27, 2009, to his son, Nicholas Drenning, at MEPS, Ft. Meade, Md.



Sailors file through the buffet style dinner at the NIOC Maryland Holiday Party held at Dave & Busters on Dec. 15.



NIOC Sailors fight for the last chair in a game of "Musical Chairs" at the holiday party.



Petty Officer 2nd Class David Townsley plows the side walks after a weekend where Ft. Meade received over 20 inches of snow.



The NIOC Maryland Funeral Honors Team renders honors for Rear Adm. G. Patrick March at the U. S. Naval Academy Columbarium, Dec. 4.



Senior Chief Radioman (Ret.) Clarence Davis speaks to NIOC Sailors, Dec. 10, about his experience during the attacks on Pearl Harbor and his career in the Navy.



N5 Dept. LCPO, Chief Petty Officer Earl Evans, gives away a gift card at the NIOC holiday party held at Dave and Busters.



Sailors “show what they’re working with” on the dance floor at the holiday party.

Movin' on up!

138 Sailors frocked in a ceremony Dec. 15



Above: Petty Officer 3rd Classes Scott Fortin and Arthur Money are frocked in Iraq.

Left, top to bottom: Petty Officer 1st Class Peter Hay, Petty Officer 2nd Class Melanie MacConnell, and Petty Officer 3rd Class Kimberly Smithers receive frocking letters from Capt. Steven Ashworth.



In Memoriam

Rear Admiral G. Patrick March leaves enduring legacy to the Sailors of NIOC Maryland



The USNA Band leads the procession for Rear Adm. G. Patrick March from St. Andrew's Chapel to the Naval Academy Columbarium Dec. 4.

Story by MC2(SW) Regina Wright
Photos by MC3 Jesse Shuey

The midday sun pierced through soft-white patchy clouds on a brisk chilly day as family, friends and shipmates met Dec. 4 at St. Andrew's Chapel on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Academy for the memorial service of a member of its graduating class of 1947.

Rear Admiral G. Patrick March, a long-time resident of the Olympia area of Washington state, died there Oct. 18 at the age of 85.

He was more than a well-respected figure to active-duty Sailors from Navy Information Operations Command Maryland and Naval Network Warfare Command who attended his memorial and followed the procession to the academy's columbarium.

He left a large legacy across the U.S.

Navy and its cryptologic community in particular.

Rear Admiral Edward H. Deets, vice commander of Naval Network Warfare Command in Norfolk, Va., led the group of active-duty cryptologists, cryptologic technicians and other Sailors who came to pay their respects.

"His professional legacy is one of incredible service to our country, our Navy, and our community, and his personal legacy is one of great inspiration," said Deets. "Our Foreign Language Excellence Award is given each year in his honor."

The Navy Information Operations Command Maryland leadership – Commanding Officer, Capt. Steven Ashworth; Executive Officer, Cmdr. John Myers; and Command Master Chief, Master Chief Scott Drenning; headed the contingent of 30 NIOC Maryland Sailors who attended and participated in the memorial service.

The dominating presence of NIOC Maryland Sailors in attendance may have been due to the fact that the unit has won the award that bears his name – The Rear Adm. G. P. March Foreign Language Excellence Award – every year since 2005.

March was born in Corvallis, Ore., Jan. 16, 1924. His family moved to Portland in 1933, and he graduated from Lincoln High School there in 1941.

He attended Oregon State College (now Oregon State University) in Corvallis for two years before entering the U.S. Naval Academy.

In June of 1946, March was commissioned an Ensign in the line; in December of that same year, he married Betty Eileen "Saumie" Saum. He left Annapolis as a member of the class of 1947.

After two years of destroyer duty, he studied the Russian language at the Navy's Intelligence School in Washington, D.C..

There in 1949, March was immersed in the field of cryptology, and for the next 29 years pursued a career that included staff and command assignments around the globe.

His foreign shore duty included Morocco, Germany, France, Cyprus, England and Japan. He also served one year in Hawaii.

While assigned in the Washington, D.C. area, he attended evening classes at Georgetown University. He received his master's degree in 1952, and earned his doctorate in 1965 in Russian history.

In 1973, he was promoted to the rank of Rear Admiral and assigned as an Assistant Director of the National Security Agency.

The following year he took command of the Naval Security Group, with the additional duty as the Director, Electronic Warfare and Cryptology Division, on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations.

After retirement from the Navy, he commenced post-doctoral work at the University of Hawaii in the field of East Asian Studies

-- which involved the study of the Mandarin and Classical Chinese languages.

From 1983 to 1993 he lectured in history for the University of Hawaii.

In addition to articles published in the journals *Sibirica* and *Pacific Historical Review*, he authored two books -- "Cossacks of the Brotherhood: The Zaporog Kosh of the Dnieper River" (1990), and "Eastern Destiny: Russia in Asia and the North Pacific" (1996).

Retired Navy Capt. Mike Lambert said that March's broad interests and lifelong desire to keep learning kept his mind lucid and his body healthy. "He loved and respected people, his friends were very dear to him and he had absolute dedication and love for his family."

He was survived by his three daughters -- Molly March, Peggy Tunder and Terry Schmidt; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Boyle carries the ashes of March from the escort car into St. Andrew's Chapel.



March's three daughters, Molly March, Peggy Tunder and Terry Schmidt, listen while Rear Adm. Edward H. Deets, vice commander, Naval Network Warfare Command, speaks of their father's legacy.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Gerald Jamison carries the flag that will be given to the daughters of Rear Adm. March into the memorial service.

Safety corner:

Ft. Meade mirrors Maryland state law on texting while driving

Story by
MC2(SW) Regina Wright

Maryland law prohibiting text messaging while driving went into effect Oct. 1, 2009.

Police now have the authority to pull drivers over for that reason alone, with the need to enforce providing sufficient justification. The ban on texting does not include the act of reading messages.

Officers will not pull drivers over who are simply reading phone numbers.

Maryland joins Virginia and the District of Columbia in the fight against texting while driving.

The following statistics come from a study conducted by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI):

Of all cell phone related tasks - including talking, dialing, or reaching for the phone -

texting while driving is the most dangerous.

Teen drivers are four times more likely than adults to get into car crashes or near crash events directly related to talking on a cell phone or texting.

A car driver dialing a cell phone is 2.8 times more likely to get into a crash than a non-distracted driver.

A driver reaching for a cell phone or any other electronic device is 1.4 times more likely to experience a car crash.

A car driver talking on their phone is 1.3 times more likely to get into an accident.

A truck driver texting while driving is 23.2 times more likely to get into an accident than a trucker paying full attention to the road.

A truck driver dialing a cell is 5.9 times more likely to crash.

A trucker reaching for a phone or other device is 6.7 times more likely to experi-

ence a truck accident.

For every 6 seconds of drive time, a driver sending or receiving a text message spends 4.6 of those seconds with their eyes off the road. This makes texting the most distracting of all cell phone related tasks.

Past tragedies have contributed to Maryland's text-messaging ban.

In one case, 30 people were injured in a catastrophic bus accident due to the bus driver texting on his cell phone. The most traumatic of injuries was where one child passenger lost her right forearm.

In another accident, a 26 year old woman was killed last year in a truck accident when she was struck by a tractor-trailer, again the truck driver had been texting.

Maryland state law applies to drivers on Ft. George G. Meade also. Violators on base could end up with a \$500 fine, or worse.



FFSC opens its doors to celebrate the military family



Dominique Stangee gives two high fives to McGruff the Crime Dog at the Fleet and Family Service Center.

Story and Photo by
Karol Yox

In conjunction with Military Family Month, the Community Readiness Center held its inaugural Joint Services Military Family Appreciation Day. The Navy Fleet and Family Support Center, along with Army Community Service and the Airman and Family Readiness Center, opened their doors to over 175 service and family members for an evening of fun, food and information.

Activities included a fire department static display, McGruff the crime dog, and a moon bounce. McGruff spoke to kids on how to stop crime before it happens and helped to teach kids how to be safe and make their neighborhood a safe place to live.

Capt. Steven Ashworth, NIOC Maryland's commanding officer, was also in attendance. He met and spoke with Sailors and their families about the benefits of being at Ft. George G. Meade.

Fleet and Family Support Center staff were present to answer questions. Informational displays were also set up throughout the building, so families could learn more about the services provided to them from the FFSC.

Location³

NIOC Maryland: Epicenter of Computer Network Operations

Story by Petty Officer 1st Class David Hu

Navy Information Operations Command Maryland (NIOC MD) provides Information Warfare Officers (IWO) with a stable environment conducive to developing and enhancing their careers -- and it is rapidly gaining the reputation as the center for excellence for Computer Network Operations (CNO).

Three major factors contribute to NIOC MD's elite standing:

Mission responsibilities and capacity to train junior IWOs

Potential for career development due to command realignment, proximity to national intelligence agencies and top-rated graduate schools

Physical location in an area of economic growth, ultimately contributing to individual/family stability and quality of life

Mission responsibilities and capacity to train junior IWOs

The Secretary of the Navy originally established the command as Naval Security Group Activity Fort Meade on July 17, 1957. The command became the largest NSGA, with a complement of over 1,400 officer, enlisted and civilian personnel. Naval Security Group resubordinated under Naval Network Warfare Command on Sept. 30, 2005, as part of a Chief of Naval Operations-directed naval transformation strategy. NSGA Fort Meade was redesignated as NIOC Maryland and assigned parent-command responsibilities for Navy Information Operations Detachment Alice Springs, Australia.

These responsibilities include Signals Intelligence (SIGINT); Information Operations (IO); and cyberspace operations for naval air, surface, sub-surface, expeditionary and joint Department of Defense (DOD) forces.

Additionally, the command performs Fleet Information Operations Center (FIOC) functions and supports National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) mission requirements. With a high level of expectancy that is demanded of an IWO, NIOC MD will be the Center of Excellence for ensuring top

level IWOs are properly trained to fulfill all fleet and national requirements expected of them.

Epicenter for career development

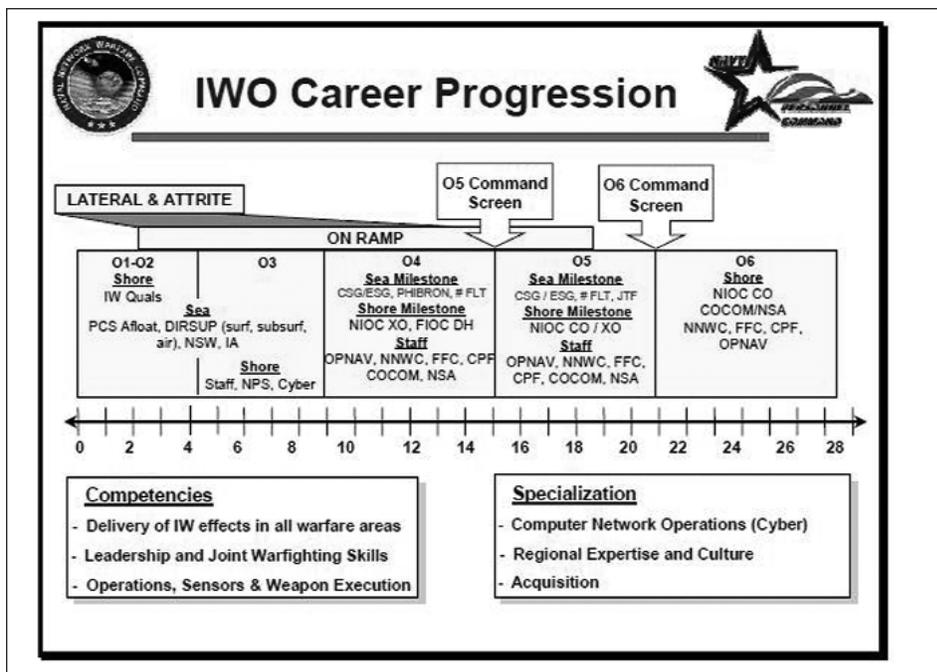
What elevates NIOC MD to the forefront as the epicenter of Computer Network Operations is its location. Located in the eye of a "Navy Heritage Triangle" (Washington DC, Baltimore, and Annapolis metropolitan areas), NIOC MD is a close neighbor to NSA/CSS, USCYBERCOM, as well as Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. Navy Tenth Fleet.

The command's 52-year history has included several timely realignments that have transformed the unit to maximize its potential, delivering quality intelligence and operational support to both the war fighter and decision maker. The most recent realignment will occur with Naval Network Warfare Command Instruction 5450.34 the standup of Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. Navy Tenth Fleet, which takes over operational control of NIOC MD.

As an asset of the new FLTCYBER-COM/10TH FLT, the command continues to provide and deploy trained IWOs and enlisted Cryptologic Technicians to support a wide range of missions. This strategic location and command realignment offers IWOs unparalleled job mobility to serve in four major commands within the area for technical growth and leadership development without the consequence of residential relocation or long commutes.

As illustrated in the following flow diagram, there are a limited number of coveted milestone billets that an IWO should attain in order to be competitive for advancement.

A successful career path can start at NIOC MD, where the brand new IWO will undergo a robust, structured training plan to complete the IWO Personal Qualification Standard. Building on skills acquired at the Information Warfare Basic Course, new IWOs assigned to NIOC MD will progress through courses built in conjunction with the National Cryptologic School at NSA Washington



that will develop manager level understanding of core IWO skill-sets to include Computer Network Operations, Information Operations and traditional Signals Intelligence. By providing all new IWOs with focused training on these key skill areas, first tour IWOs will acquire the knowledge to serve as effective CNO, IO, or SIGINT Officers throughout the NIOC MD and NSA/CSS organizations.

Upon completing this initial tour, the officer can then serve in Fleet Cyber Command/U.S. Navy Tenth Fleet to be trained as a Lieutenant Junior Grade or Chief Warrant Officer with a heavy emphasis in Computer Network Operations.

For the third tour, the IWO can be assigned to NSA/CSS, benefitting from Joint Command training in preparation to perform expanded responsibilities at the National/Strategic level. Senior and middle grade IWOs can then perform leadership roles within NIOC MD or FLTCYBERCOM as Department Heads, or become Branch/Division chiefs at NSA.

By the end of the eight to ten year in area assignment, the IWO will have accomplished at least three major IWO milestones, placing the officer on the competitive track for promotion to Lieutenant Commander/Commander.

NIOC MD's location also offers its members the opportunity to pursue high-

er education for continued professional development. According to the information Warfare Senior Detailer:

"Advanced education degrees continue to be highly valued in the IW community. With just over 1,000 officers and nearly 1,200 billets, the community must learn to do more with less."

There is a wide selection of universities (Johns Hopkins University, Georgetown, and the University System of Maryland to name a few) where IWOs can pursue graduate degrees in technical or foreign relations disciplines.

NIOC MD can provide the catalyst by helping to develop and approve an Officer Training continuum model for the accession, professional military education, and continuing education for IW officers.

Region of economic growth and domestic stability

Perhaps the greatest advantage to NIOC MD's location is that its personnel and their family members can remain at the same residence while serving multiple tours. The Maryland community offers an attractive family setting having a prosperous economy and highly regarded public school system. Maryland's economy ranks second in the nation in having the highest concentration of professional and technical workers among other states, and

having the highest proportion of doctoral scientists and engineers in the nation.

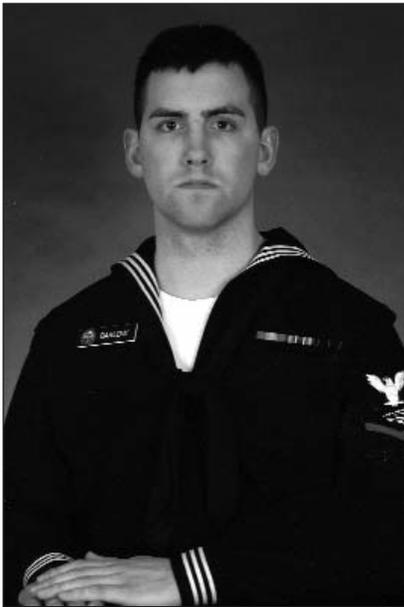
Maryland's public school system ranks first nationally in 2009 according to Quality Counts Education Week's annual assessment. Both of these factors will contribute to greater family prosperity and stability while personnel serve in the region. In contrast to other theaters, IWOs in the NIOC MD area can serve multiple tours without the need to constantly relocate. Frequent change in duty stations and family relocation is not only costly to the Navy, but can be disruptive to family lifestyles.

An IWO can forgo the need to continuously change residences and enjoy a better quality of life, leading to improved individual morale and performance. This in turn can have a positive impact on improving overall command morale and unit performance as well.

Considering all of the advantages stemming from its ideal location, NIOC MD continues to enhance its ability to attract and develop a wide pool of personnel, talent, and expertise, and is well on its way to becoming the Center of Excellence for Computer Network Operations.



Top Sailors of 2009's last quarter



Junior Sailor of the Quarter
PO3 Nathan P. Barlow

As the subject matter expert on servers, Barlow assisted in the effort to identify physical servers that could be virtualized; thereby, reducing power consumption and space, and improved the system's reliability.

Barlow consistently displays dedication to the NIOC mission by assisting fellow Sailors accomplish tasks early. His genuine concern for the development of fellow Sailors is demonstrated by his mentoring of the tuition assistance program and college enrollment process.

As the Department Assistant Safety Petty Officer, he conducts safety briefings and ensures 100 percent compliance with all safety requirements.

Barlow volunteered 350 hours at Woodlawn High School by helping with the development of their varsity football team. While volunteering at Woodlawn, he mentored five students to prepare them for enlisting in the Navy upon graduation from high school.

"Petty Officer Barlow's exceptional performance, technical acumen, and leadership ability set him apart from his peers. He displays superior initiative and continues to gain knowledge and skills that enable him to excel," said Lt. Cmdr. C. G. Bryant, 30 Department Head.



Sailor of the Quarter
PO2 David B. Jones

As section one assistant section leader, Jones is responsible for scheduling and maintaining the qualifications of eight Sailors. Jones devoted eight hours of leadership training to 13 prospective third class petty officers on their future responsibilities.

Jones completed an essential job qualification six months ahead of the mandatory time frame. As the department mentor coordinator, he flawlessly maintains the records of more than 100 commissioned and enlisted personnel.

In addition, Jones significantly contributes to the command as the NIOC MD American Automobile Association (AAA) representative. He provided AAA-approved instruction on safe driving methods to all incoming Sailors below the age of 26.

Jones volunteered 25 hours of his personal time in organizing and leading a group of nine personnel to volunteer at the Maryland Food Bank, which aided in the preparation of over 4,800 dinners for hungry families in support of Michelle Obama's "Elect to End Hunger" campaign. He also volunteers his off duty hours to organizations such as DEFY, World War II veterans, and Fort Meade's Special Olympics.

"Petty Officer Jones is an exceptional Sailor who constantly seeks challenges and extra responsibility," said Lt. Cmdr. Sven Krauss, 70 Department Head. "He is a remarkable example to younger Sailors as he outshines his peers with resolute commitment to help those in the community."



Senior Sailor of the Quarter
PO1 Ronny S. Vigilant

As the Information Management Office Leading Petty Officer for NIOC MD, Vigilant supervises 16 personnel to ensure the prompt and efficient cross-domain transfer of emails while ensuring accuracy and the absence of viruses. Vigilant also supervises the correction and dissemination of information messages to 23 commands worldwide.

His role as Department Career Counselor and participation in the Command Retention Team, has directly contributed to the career development of 38 Sailors. Also, as a command assessment team representative, his facilitation of focus groups and information analysis were instrumental in enabling the Commanding Officer to interpret command climate findings and personnel demographics.

Volunteering time to be on the Command Diversity Team, he was involved in the celebration for Hispanic heritage month that allowed Sailors to sample traditional dishes from varying Latin countries. Vigilant volunteered 16 off-duty hours to the Howard County Community Clean-up, and another 10 hours to the Columbia Clothes Drive.

"Vigilant is an extraordinary Sailor and dedicated leader who perpetually demonstrates superior organizational and mentoring skills. He epitomizes the strong leadership and is an excellent example of what a Sailor should be," said James Rollis, N2 Department Head.

Naval Heritage:

USS Pueblo captured Jan. 23, 1968 and still in the possession of a foreign power

Story by MC3 Jesse Shuey

The USS Pueblo was built in 1944 in Kewaunee, Wis., and was first used by the Army as a cargo ship. After being retired from the Army in 1954, custody was transferred to the U.S. Navy in 1966.

She was brought back into service under Operation Clickbeetle, a joint Naval Intelligence and National Security Agency effort. The operation involved converting cargo ships into spy vessels outfitted with the equipment to intercept signals communication.

On Jan. 11, 1968, the Pueblo left its home port of Yokosuka, Japan and headed towards North Korea. After two weeks of operating quietly off the coast of Wonsan, it found itself suddenly surrounded by North Korean forces. The Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Lloyd Bucher, attempted to get away but the North Koreans attacked, resulting in the Pueblo's first Sailor being killed.

Unable to escape due to its limited top speed and limited armament, the Pueblo surrendered with its remaining 82 crew members.

The North Korean's seizure of the ship sparked an international crisis. The surviv-

ing 82 crewmembers were captured and imprisoned for almost a full year, enduring torture and forced to write confessions. The Pueblo's crew remained defiant, leaving signs to indicate the confessions were forced. They used the names of television stars as their accomplices and raised their middle fingers in the air for photos, explaining to the North Korean photographer that it was a Hawaiian good luck sign. The guards didn't recognize the true meaning of the signs until after the photos had been published.

Once the guards discovered they had been tricked, the crew of the Pueblo suffered a week of gruesome and painful torture.

The Pueblo became the first U.S. Navy ship forced to surrender during peacetime since 1807. The Pueblo was moved from the East Coast of North Korea to its capital in Pyongyang on the West Coast. Here, the Pueblo serves as a propaganda trophy for North Korea, putting it on display for crowds touring in Pyongyang.

The Navy still lists the Pueblo as a commissioned warship, even though it remains on the Taedon River in Pyongyang. There have been discussions with North Korea about returning the Pueblo home, but to date, no action has been taken.



A North Korean tour guide on the USS Pueblo.



Taken by a North Korean photographer, this photo of captured USS Pueblo crewmen exhibits subtle signs of defiance.



A reconnaissance image from Jan. 26, 1968, taken of the Pueblo, 11 miles north of Wonsan Harbor.

Navy Detachment Alice Springs:

From LPO to LDO



Ensign Regina Frazier is administered the oath of office by Lt. Scott Cone.

Story and Photos by PO2 Matt Kilby

Ensign Regina Frazier, formerly known as Petty Officer First Class Frazier, aspired to be an LDO and made the cut.

Frazier has had a long and exciting career moving up through the enlisted ranks that have taken her around the world and back again.

She has been assigned to Personnel Support Activity Detachment Balboa, Navy Information Operations Command Colorado, Joint Intelligence Center Pacific, USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70), and most recently Navy Information Operations Detachment (NAVIODET) Alice Springs where she was the command LPO.

While at the detachment, Frazier strove for improvement and excellence by continually taking charge of joint military events, coordinating the PRT, and taking on advanced-level training qualifications.

In her off time, she loved to improve her community and herself by participating in Red Cross fundraising events, feeding children at a local school's "good start" break-

fast program, completing her associates degree in administrative management, and working on a bachelor's degree.

She was selected as Senior Sailor of the Quarter (SOQ) for the 2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2008, as well as Senior Sailor of the Year for 2008.

Her outstanding leadership and exemplary guidance were highlighted by the success of her Sailors being selected as SOQ as well.

Frazier is the first Sailor attached to NAVIODET Alice Springs to become an LDO.

Frazier will be missed as she goes on to greater endeavors as a newly commissioned officer. NAVIODET Alice Springs has lost an exceptional Petty Officer, but her future commands will gain an amazing officer.

Fair winds and follow seas, Ensign Frazier.

Right: Lt. Scott Cone presents Ensign Frazier with with a Joint Service Commendation Medal.



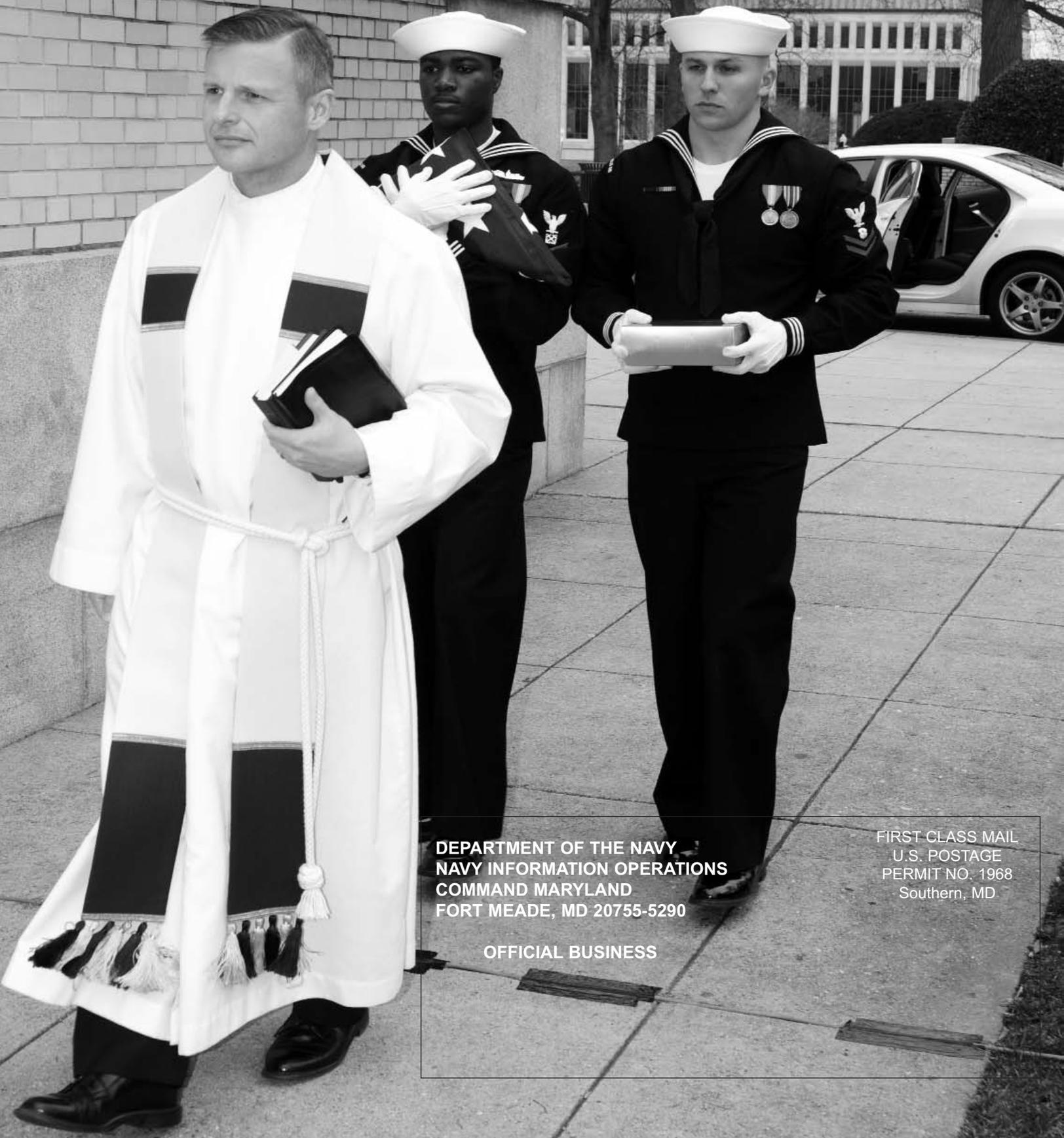


Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph Vieke and Seaman Scott Manka shovel snow Dec. 21 after Ft. Meade received about 20 inches of snow.

Photo by MC3 Jesse Shuey

U.S. Naval Academy Chaplain, Lt. Cmdr. Brian Weigelt, Petty Officer 3rd Class Gerald Jamison and Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason Boyle, escort the remains of Rear Adm. G. Patrick March into the Naval Academy's St. Andrew's Chapel, Dec. 4, 2009.

Photo by MC3 Jesse Shuey



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