INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST FORCE NOTES

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IS's in the Spotlight!

- **First Intelligence Specialist (IS) credentialed as a Counterintelligence Agent.**
  Congratulations to IS2 Randall for setting another CG milestone!

JCITA Director, Mr. Jay Pendleton and IS2 Randall

IS2 Kelly J. Randall reported to the Coast Guard Counterintelligence Service (CGCIS) in January 2008 after finishing a three year tour aboard USCGC Munro. Within weeks of her arrival, IS2 Randall began the Department of Defense Counterintelligence Agents Certification (DCAC) course at the Joint Counterintelligence Training Academy (JCITA) in Elkridge, MD. IS2 Randall trained side by side with her counterparts from the National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, the Defense Threat Reduction Agency and the Defense Security Service. The DCAC course is an intensive, nine week program designed to train the entry level Counterintelligence Agent in a wide variety of skill sets, including public speaking, interviewing techniques, analysis, investigative procedures, surveillance and counter-surveillance.

Over the next two to three years the opportunities for IS's to become part of the CGCIS will continue to grow. In transfer season 2009 CGCIS will add six enlisted billets. The projected plan is to have a total of 15 enlisted members at units such as the HQ, Area Commands, MIFC LANT and PAC, ICC, and Districts through FY10. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact ISS2 Rodney Filippelli at (202) 372-2715.

By ISS Rodney Filippelli
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- **TAD Period Aboard USS GEORGE WASHINGTON:**
  The following March edition of USS GEORGE WASHINGTON's newsletter "The Guardian" highlights a recent TAD period for two of our CG IS's: ISC Pitts and IS2 Olczak.

  TAD periods such as the one highlighted below offer outstanding opportunities for our services to learn each others capabilities and limitations.   I recommend supervisors look for and encourage joint training and operational deployments whenever/wherever possible.

Intel Sailors Train with Coast Guard Counterparts

USS GEORGE WASHINGTON, At Sea -- Two U.S. Coast Guardsmen are currently embarked on board USS George Washington (CVN 73) (GW) as part of a joint-service training evolution with Sailors from the ship's Intelligence Department.

Coast Guard ISC Jim Pitts and Coast Guard IS2 Josh Olczak got underway with the crew Feb. 19, as the ship set out to perform its Tailored Ship's Training Availability and Final Evaluation Problem (TSTA/FEP.) Intelligence Specialists from the Coast Guard have been training with their Navy counterparts for about the past eighteen months, said Pitts.

The Coast Guard formally established the Intelligence Specialist (IS) rating on Jan. 1. The new Coast Guard rating combines multiple intelligence ratings into one. "[IS's] have also been attending Navy 'A' and 'C' schools to receive adequate training in conducting intelligence operations," Pitts said. "We're on board to assist GW's Intel Department and also to learn how to operate some of the equipment we will be using on the Coast Guard's new homeland security vessels."

Coast Guard IS2 Josh Olczak, another Coast Guardsman on board, described his excitement to learn more about his new rate. "I am very happy to be here getting on-the-job training and I'm also excited to learn on board an aircraft carrier," said Olczak. "I am trying to learn as much as I can from GW's Intel Department," he continued. "It is a really neat experience to work and train with Sailors who have experience with intelligence operations."

CTR1(SW) Jason Buchanan, from GW's Intel Department, has been involved with the training and has also helped the Coast Guardsmen learn their way around the ship. "We are glad to have them on board helping us out," said Buchanan. "It's also great to be a part of training and working with two of the Coast Guard's first Intelligence Specialists.

By MC3 Tanner Lange
USS GEORGE WASHINGTON

I look forward to future articles similar to the ones listed above so that I can continue highlighting accomplishments of our fellow IS's in future Force Notes.

A-school Info

- **IS A-school Waiting List**
  Members desiring to attend IS A-school must complete the following security clearance process:
  1. Schedule an SCI interview with the CG Headquarters Special Security Officer (SSO) at (202) 372-2748. Normally interviews will be conducted on Friday's from 0800-1400EST. Applicants with operational commitments during these periods can call to make other arrangements.

  2. Upon completion of a favorable SCI interview, work with local Command Security Officer (CSO) to ensure a Single Scope Background Investigation (SSBI) is submitted to the CG Security Center (SECCEN). Make sure you go back ten years.

  3. Once all above requirements are met, send a request to Enlisted Personnel Management

(EPM) through your Chain of command to have your name placed on the IS A-school Waiting List. Ensure the following sentences are included with the request: "This command certifies that member is a U.S. citizen and a SCI Pre-nomination interview was conducted on (date) with a SSBI security package submitted to SECCEN on (date)." If security clearance information can not be verified prior to issuance of orders, member will be added to the list but will be placed on SEC hold until PERSCOM can certify that the package was mailed to SECCEN.

For FY 09, three IS A-school classes are scheduled (first class convening 15 Sep 08) which equates to only 54 students (18 students per class). As of today, there are 15 people on the IS A-school Waiting List and approximately 35 SCI pre-nomination interviews have been conducted. Once 60 SCI interviews have been completed and those applicants names have been placed on the IS A-school Waiting List, the expected wait time for school will exceed one year. The intent of the SCI interview process is to ensure only individuals who have a realistic shot of obtaining an SCI clearance are processed. No further SCI interviews will occur until needed or the list is under one year. During the period when IS A-school wait time exceeds one year, HQ SSO's will continue to accept names for placement on an SCI interview waiting list. Once the estimated wait time for A-school is under 1 year the SSO's will go down the interview waiting list in the order that names were received and schedule SCI pre nominations interviews as necessary.

- **Navy Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center (NMITC) Update**
  35 CG IS A-school students are currently enrolled at NMITC. The last group of CG students to attend Navy IS A-school arrived on 31 Mar and are expected to graduate on Jun 27th. Once all 35 students have graduated from NMITC, our CG instructor staff will depart NMITC and transition to TRACEN Yorktown to complete preparations for of our first CG IS A-school class in Sep.

Collaborative Tool via SIPRNET (Update)

In my OCT 07 IS Force Notes, I proposed the idea of holding virtual "Townhall Meetings" via SIPRNET. My original proposal was to utilize NORTHCOM's Defense Collaborative Tool Suite (DCTS), however IT2 Borden (ICC) recently introduced me to another collaborative tool which is better suited for our purpose. The program is called Adobe Acrobat Connect Collaboration Tool and allows me (as the Host) to draft an e-mail invite via SIPRNET. The e-mail invite will contain the date & time of the meeting along with an embedded meeting link. During the time of the scheduled meeting, invitees need only click on the link in their e-mail and they should automatically be brought into the meeting (no password or login ID requirements for participants). The collaborative tools available during the meeting include: Document sharing, CHAT, white board, voice capability (if microphone equipped) and web cam (if equipped). On Mar 6th, a successful test was conducted between IT2 Borden, several IS's and myself.

Way ahead: Intentions are to hold virtual Town Hall style meetings in the first week of every other month, with my first session scheduled for 01 May 08 (13-1600EST). I'll send out invites to each IS (active and reserve) who send me their individual SIPRNET e-mail address. If you haven't yet sent me your address and wish to be included, send a SIPRNET e-mail request to rochefortd@uscg.smil.mil.

During the first session, IT2 Borden has graciously volunteered to give training on Adobe Acrobat Connect. Once he completes the initial training, I'll commence with the questions and answers.

Hope to speak with many of you online next month!

CG Central Enterprise Discussion Board

For those of you who weren't aware (like I was until recently) CG Central contains an online discussion board called "Enterprise Discussion".   A specific section has been carved out for unclassified discussions concerning our rating.

To locate our board: Log onto CG Central's home page and select the button in the upper right corner that looks like cartoon talking boxes. From there, select Enlisted Members then select Intelligence Specialist.

New Coast Guard Policies Relating to CG Intelligence

- **ALCOAST 040/08:** Announced the establishment of nine intelligence competencies within the CG Competency Management System.
- **ALCOAST 041/08**: Announced the promulgation of six new CG intelligence policy documents.
- **ALCGENL 043/08**: Announced the beginning of the annual cycle for the enlisted advanced education process. Two programs that pertain to active duty IS's are: Bachelor of Science in Intelligence (BSI) and Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI). For those interested in applying, complete the requirements outlined in the ALCGENL and take note of the deadline - 06 Jun 08.

Force Strength
Active duty

	ISCM	ISCS	ISC	IS1	IS2	IS3	TOTAL
Authorized	3	9	39	70	78	66	265
Onboard	3	9	41	76	78	32	239
% Strength	100%	100%	105.1%	108.6%	100%	48.5%	90.2%

Reserve

	ISCM	ISCS	ISC	IS1	IS2	IS3	TOTAL
Authorized	1	2	13	33	43	24	116
Onboard	0	2	20	5	9	8	44
% Strength	50%	100.0%	153.8%	15.2%	20.9%	33.3%	37.9%

* The numbers above should not be used to explain or forecast advancements.

Continued Series on Individual CG Intelligence Units

As promised, my goal is to highlight a different intelligence unit in each of my Force Notes. This month's featured unit is the El Paso Intelligence Center (EPIC).

USCG Maritime Intelligence Unit at the El Paso Intelligence Center

The EPIC Maritime Intel Unit (MIU) is one of the three Watch Division Branches working for the Intel Coordination Center (ICC) in Suitland, Md. The MIU, located in El Paso, TX, is unique among the three ICC watches due to our Tactical LE support Mission set. The MIU's integration with the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) national tactical intelligence center facilitates the ability to rapidly acquire and share information with 20 federal and state law enforcement agencies. Additionally, MIU watchstanders have direct access to EPIC Research and Analysis Units (Asset Identification, Southwest Border, Crime-Terror Nexus, Fraudulent Documents, and Tactical/Special Operations) to accomplish 5 primary support missions.

1. **Officer Safety:** The MIU is a 24/7 watch center dedicated to thorough background checks through multiple LE databases to provide quick turn-around information on suspect vessels and individuals in support of ongoing boarding operations. Officer safety and Blue Force de-confliction are the MIU's top priorities. In FY 07, EPIC MIU conducted over 2000 boarding checks primarily from Districts 7, 8, and 11.

2. **Vessel Lookout Program**: The MIU, on behalf of the DEA, issues, maintains, and disseminates vessel lookout messages on individual vessels located worldwide based on developed intelligence by USCG, DEA, ICE and other LEAs. The vessel lookout program is being used as the model for the DEA License Plate Reader (LPR) program's list to categorize and manage illicit vehicular activity.

3. **Actionable Intelligence:** The MIU is fully integrated with EPIC Tactical Operations and is responsible for the close coordination, communication and development of actionable intelligence to vessel commanders, Maritime Intelligence Fusion Centers (MIFCs), CG Districts, and JIATF-South in support of USCG/DEA operations. The MIU's unique co-location with EPIC enables direct access into multiple agencies' LE databases. Most of the EPIC Intel products are kept on the UNCLAS/LEA Sensitive level to ensure rapid dissemination to operational commanders, Intel staffs, and field agents for a number of Federal, State, and Local agencies.

4. **Research Requests:** The MIU responds to worldwide requests for information from various state and federal law enforcement customers ranging from CGIS Brownsville to JTTF-New York and as far-reaching as DEA Istanbul, DEA Madrid, DEA Paris, and DEA Bangkok. The MIU is able to comprehensively respond to research requests MIU personnel possess direct access to multiple EPIC/Federal databases, maritime databases, and commercial databases. The proximity to on-site federal and state LE agents and analysts also allows for quick and close coordination in support of ongoing LE investigations.

5. **Special Programs of Interest:** EPIC MIU has participated in several special programs of interested during FY 07. The MIU has the unique ability to surge watch operations for planned and unplanned LE activity throughout the western hemisphere. Typically these operations consist of local LE forces joining federal agencies in boarding all vessels within a specific AOR to which the MIU would provide support by running real-time checks for LE personnel while they are on scene.

IS Related Messages:

ALCOAST 041/08	**01/29/08**	**NEW COAST GUARD POLICIES RELATING TO COAST GUARD INTELLIGENCE**
ALCOAST 040/08	**01/25/08**	**INTELLIGENCE COMPETENCIES AND PERSONNEL QUALIFICATION STANDARDS (PQS)**
ALCOAST 013/08	**01/14/08**	**INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST (IS) AND INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS SPECIALIST (ISS) SITREP ONE**
ALCGPERSCOM 072/07	**11/05/07**	**PY08 ACTIVE DUTY CWO APPOINTMENT BOARD TIMELINES**
EPM MEMO **May 07 SWE List**	**10/02/07**	**MAY 2007 SWE IS ELIGABILITY LIST**
ALCGENL 135/07	**08/30/07**	**INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST LATERAL SELECTION PANEL RESULTS**
ALCGENL 119/07	**08/01/07**	**INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST (IS) LATERAL APPLICATIONS**
ALCOAST 341/07	**07/13/07**	**IS ADVANCEMENTS AND ISS APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008 AND BEYOND**
ALCOAST 227/07	**05/01/07**	**COLOR PERCEPTION WAIVER FOR INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST (IS) AND INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS SPECIALIST (ISS) LATERAL PROCESS**
ALCGENL 021/07	**02/16/07**	**SELECTION OF INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST (IS) MCPO'S**
ALCOAST 078/07	**02/14/07**	**LATERAL SELECTION PROCESS FOR INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST RATING AND INTELLIGENCE SYSTEMS SPECIALIST CWO SPECIALTY**
ALCOAST 585/06	**12/13/06**	**RECENT CG INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS**
ALCOAST 559/06	**11/27/06**	**PEOPLE - ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST (IS) ENLISTED RATING AND CORRESPONDING CWO SPECIALTY**

Links:
PSC Advancements & Evaluations Branch
A-school Waiting List
IS EPQ link
CG Central: My Workspace > Career Management > Enlisted > My Ratings > Intelligence Specialist (IS)
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