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## **Navy's first Information Dominance Basic Course (IDBC) graduates**

HAMPTON ROADS, Va. - The U.S. Navy's first Information Dominance Basic Course (IDBC) concluded Mar. 20 at the Center for Information Dominance Unit Hampton Roads (CIDUHR) at Dam Neck Annex, Virginia Beach, Va.

Guest speaker at the graduation ceremony was Rear Adm. Matthew Kohler, commander, Navy Information Dominance Forces.

IDBC is a three-week pilot course for all new Information Dominance Corps (IDC) officers. The course is designed to expose new IDC officers - most of whom are new to the Navy - to the organizational structure and functions unique to each of the IDC specialties: Information Professional (IP), Information Warfare (IW), Intelligence, Meteorology/Oceanography (METOC), and Space.

"The IDBC is an important step forward for the Information Dominance Corps," Kohler said. "It sets the foundation for all Information Dominance professionals, before they begin development within their individual information dominance tribes, by providing a comprehensive understanding of the collective strength of information dominance capabilities, and the warfighting advantage it brings to the Navy."

The first IDBC iteration was a pilot and gave the CID team an opportunity for course development and to evaluate the course with actual students. The pilot consisted of four instructors and 14 students, with representatives from each of the IDC communities.

"IDBC represents a paradigm shift for IDC training," explained Capt. H. E. Williams, commanding officer of the CID Unit Hampton Roads. "While IDC officers will continue to be groomed as specialists and leaders in each of the IDC tribes - METOC, Intelligence, IW, IP, and Space - the IDBC gives the new officers an understanding of capabilities across the ID spectrum."

The Center for Information Dominance (CID), based at Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla., is the Navy's learning center that leads, manages and delivers Navy and joint forces training in information operations, information warfare, information technology, cryptology and intelligence.

With nearly 1,300 military, civilian and contracted staff members, CID provides training for approximately 24,000 members of the U.S. Armed Services and allied forces each year. CID oversees the development and administration of 226 courses at four commands, two detachments, and 14 learning sites throughout the United States and Japan.

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