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CNO's director for Information Dominance sees training firsthand

PENSACOLA, Fla. – The corporate director of Information Dominance for the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV N2/N6C) met with the experts who train the fleet Information Dominance Corps during a visit April 24.

During his visit to the Center for Information Dominance (CID) Rear Adm. Bruce F. Loveless was briefed on the Digital Tutor (DT) program and the Information Systems Technician, Information Warfare Officer and Information Professional Officer courses.

He was also updated on the Center for Language Regional Expertise and Culture (CLREC) program and the Navy's Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (Navy COOL) program during his tour.

"I continue to be amazed with the high caliber and advanced technical abilities of our young enlisted Sailors and officers," said Loveless. "I am also extremely impressed at the professionalism and dedication of the CID staff as they provide a breadth of Information Dominance Corps (IDC) training and education, and a depth of expertise at the leading-edge standard of excellence."

DT is an artificial-intelligence-based training method designed for the next generation of cyber warriors. The program was developed by studying how the best instructors teach and how they adapt to individual students. This information is then incorporated into the DT process, enabling the program to teach each student one-on-one in a computer-based environment.

The Information Systems Technician course teaches network administration, and database management, along with computer hardware and software implementation. Graduates are able to operate and maintain Navy global satellite telecommunications systems, as well as, serve as administrators on mainframe computers and network systems throughout the fleet.

The Information Warfare and Information Professional Officer courses teach collecting, processing, analyzing and reporting signal intelligence; conducting computer network operations; planning and delivering information warfare effects during operations and exercises; and how to secure, operate and maintain networks and systems to support Navy operations and business processes.

CLREC coordinates language, cultural, and regional familiarization training across the Navy and prepares Sailors for the multiple and diverse cultures they will encounter while conducting the full spectrum of military operations across the globe.

Navy COOL is a Web-based hub that consolidates information from numerous sources at the federal, state and local levels on certifications, licenses, apprenticeships and growth opportunities that correspond with each Navy rating as well as enlisted jobs and occupations.

The Commanding Officer of CID, Capt. Maureen Fox, noted that this was a great opportunity for Rear Adm. Loveless to gain insight into the collaborative efforts in place to develop and deliver training to future IDC warriors.

"Today's visit gives us an opportunity to showcase our training efforts that extend across the whole CID training enterprise and I'm pleased to have that opportunity," said Fox. "CID is ready and able to provide a competitive edge in all information dominance mission areas."

Loveless' visit concluded with a question and answer session with Information Dominance Corps officers from local area commands.

Based at Corry Station in Pensacola, Fla., CID 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 12 learning sites throughout the United States and Japan.

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