

Fellow SWO(N) Warriors –

Greetings from Millington!

In this SWO(N) Gram: FY-25 Rear Admiral Selection Results, FY-25 Commander Command Results, SWO(N)s in the Spotlight, CVN & FIDE Tours, NNPP Graduate Degree Opportunities, Detailer Travel Schedule, and PNEO Results.

\*\*\*\*\*

#### FY-25 Rear Admiral Selection Results

Please join me in congratulating RDML(sel) Matthew J. Kawas, who will be joining the ranks of our SWO(N) Flag Officers. He is currently serving as the principal military assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Defense and previous tours include CDS 2 CDRE, USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) RO, and USS Freedom (LCS 1) and USS Fort Worth (LCS 3) CO. Our Flag Officers are highly involved in our community and seek every opportunity to engage with the Fleet. Be looking for them on the waterfront!

The full list of selects can be found here:

<https://www.defense.gov/News/Releases/Release/Article/3639720/flag-officer-announcements/>

\*\*\*\*\*

#### FY-25 Commander Command Results

The FY-25 Surface Commander Command Board concluded December 2023 and was highly competitive. SWO(N)s selected above the board rate overall (52.63% vs 36.20%) across all three looks. We look forward to seeing these officers lead on the waterfront and in theater!

Please join me in congratulating the following officers who were selected:

CO Afloat:

LCDR David Allen

LCDR Claire Eudy

LCDR Hamilton Gubanc

LCDR Michael Tenaglia

LCDR Joseph Bigcas

LCDR Frank Ellis

LCDR David Hulse

LCDR Robert Jaendl

LCDR Weixin McFarland

LCDR Thomas Vandecastle

CO-SM:

CDR Robert Foster

XO Afloat:  
LCDR Travis Lair

XO Afloat\*:  
LCDR Donita Lozada  
LCDR Roberto Martinez  
LCDR Barbara Morejon  
LCDR Laura Radspinner  
LCDR Michael Schillaci  
LCDR Ian Taylor

The full list of selects can be found here:  
[https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Portals/55/Career/Detailing/Officer/SurfaceWarfare/Documents/CommandSlates/FY25\\_SWO\\_CDR\\_CMD\\_Select\\_List.pdf?ver=UIAgsFTT5m3rPhjlk2FG-g%3d%3d](https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Portals/55/Career/Detailing/Officer/SurfaceWarfare/Documents/CommandSlates/FY25_SWO_CDR_CMD_Select_List.pdf?ver=UIAgsFTT5m3rPhjlk2FG-g%3d%3d)

\*\*\*\*\*

SWO(N)s in the Spotlight:

LCDR Zane MacNaughton was selected as the SURFLANT SWO of the Year at the Surface Navy Association 37th National Symposium!

A huge congratulations to LCDR Vananh McCormick and LT Samuel Straub for screening Early Command!

Congratulations to LT Crystan McLymore on her selection as a Modern-Day Technology Leader at the 2024 BEYA STEM Conference!

If you have anyone that you want to highlight in this section, please let us know!

\*\*\*\*\*

CVN & FIDE Tours for 1st Tour Division Officers:

Another round for 1st Tour Division Officers to receive a guided tour of a CVN and the FIDE (Fleet Interactive Display Equipment). The FIDE is a full scale simulator of a CVN propulsion plant enclosed operating space, where you'll be standing watch in your CVN tour. The tours will be offered during working hours. Your chains of command will be informed of the tours, but please work with them to ensure your ship can support when operational commitments allow. There will be more opportunities if you are unable to make this tour.

**\*\*Norfolk\*\***

Tours are being offered for Norfolk SWO(N)s on Friday, 22 March, 2024 from 0800-1300 on the Norfolk Base. First tour SWO(N)s should have already received an email directly from LCDR Aaron Jean for the tour opportunity on Monday, 11 March, 2024. If you did not receive the from LCDR Jean, please ensure your contact information is up to date in NSIPS and NFAAS. If you are interested, please contact him at [aaron.a.jean.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:aaron.a.jean.mil@us.navy.mil) NLT Wednesday, 20 March, 2024.

**\*\*San Diego\*\***

Tours are being offered for San Diego SWO(N)s on Tuesday, 9 April 2024 from 0815-1300 on the Coronado Base. Please contact the PNEO (Prospective Nuclear Engineering Officer) Coordinator below if interested. If you are not able to attend that date, let the PNEO Coordinator know and she will work to find a time that works with your schedule. I'll be sending an email to your CO & XO and LCDR Jean will send you more details later this week.

LT Sarah Orndorff

[sarah.m.orndorff.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:sarah.m.orndorff.mil@us.navy.mil)

\*\*\*\*\*

Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program (NNPP) Graduate Degree Opportunities:

The links below are graduate education programs that offer graduate credit for NNPP graduates. Each program is different but all recognize the incredible training received in the NNPP.

<https://engineering.catholic.edu/management/programs/mse-for-us-navy-nuclear-officers/index.html>

<https://www.odu.edu/engineering-management-systems-engineering/mem-portable-media/admissions>

<https://memp.pratt.duke.edu/campus/flexible-degree-options>

<https://online.nps.edu/w/572-distance-learning-program-in-mechanical-engineering-for-nuclear-trained-officers>

Everyone is highly encouraged to take advantage of the graduate education funding you have earned for your service. Please note that if you use government funding (Graduate Education Voucher (GEV) or Tuition Assistance (TA)), you obligate yourself for additional service. We frequently receive questions about GI Bill benefits. For information on eligibility for GI Bill, we recommend you submit an application to <https://www.va.gov/education/apply-for-benefits-form-22-1990/introduction> to determine the amount you are eligible for based on your time in service and commissioning source.

\*\*\*\*\*

Detailer Travel Schedule

We look forward to executing the below travel schedule (dates subject to change) and seeing you on the waterfront!

25-29 March: Norfolk

9-12 April: Sasebo

15-19 April: Yokosuka

6-10 May: Mayport

24-28 June: San Diego

12-16 August: Rota

9-13 September: San Diego

16-20 September: PACNORWEST and Hawaii

\*\*\*\*\*

PNEO Results:

Congratulations to the following officers for passing their Engineer's exam:

December Exams:

LT Precious Cuaycong \*

LT Kymber Fogt \*

LT Madeline Kanne

LT Letuan Mack

LT Amber Wilkie

LT Worley Grant

LT Juliana Yun

January Exams:

LT Daniel Brandner

LT Jin Cho

LT Corey Jokerst

LT Cydney Lawrence

LT Nicole Sarao \*

LT Christopher Shiner

February Exams:

LT Kenechi Chukwuogo

LT Jacqueline Dyer \*

LT Michael Frojd

LT Jonathan Plant

LT Blake Stanley

LT Samuel Straub \*

LT Spencer Thompson

LT Ulises Bennett

LT Anthony Chappell \*

LT George Davis

LT Zachary Dykeman  
LT Conor Hanlon  
LT Michael Hartling  
LT Benjamin Kocsis  
LT Madeleine Malczynski  
LT Meghan Pezzella

\*Indicates Excellent Performance

\*\*\*\*\*

My team and I are standing by to address any needs, concerns, ideas, or questions that you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us or your Geographic Lead. Fair winds and following seas to our shipmates out to sea! Sail safe!

V/r,  
Matt

CAPT Matt Curnen  
Surface Nuclear Officer Programs & Placement (PERS-424/41N)