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IP Community Overview

Information Professionals (IPs) are the Navy's Cyberspace Defensive Operations and Communications/C4I Officers with subject matter expertise in networks, computer systems, space, cyber defense, information & knowledge management, and Command and Control.

Initial POCR Detailing Info

The IP Basic course is in Virginia Beach and is 20 weeks long. After IP Basic, new IPs go to the IWC Basic course (2-3 weeks) for an overview of all of the IWC designators and how they work together. Following schooling, the Detailers will work to find the best place for POCR IPs to get qualified, based on the officer's needs and the community's needs. Some POCRs will be sent to an operational shore command to complete initial qualifications. POCR IPs will qualify IP Basic, JFTOC Watch Officer if applicable (the watch in charge of the operations floor at the communications station), and the Information Warfare Officer (the pin). Other POCRs will be sent to a ship to get qualified. The ships are usually carriers or large amphibious ships (LHD/LHA, LPD). POCR IPs will qualify IP Basic, stand a watch in Combat or on the Bridge, and qualify as Information Warfare Officer.

IP Commands and Locations

IP Officers serve everywhere there are communications and networks, including ships at sea and units ashore, special operations and expeditionary forces, Cyber Mission Forces, the White House Communications Agency, and on major Naval and Joint staffs. IP billets span the globe as well. From Norfolk, San Diego, and Pearl Harbor to Bahrain, Italy, and Japan; there are IPs serving at all major Naval installations. There are also IPs in Joint and Coalition commands: Combatant Command staffs, the Joint Staff, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), NATO, and more.

Graduate Education

Graduate education is very highly encouraged in the IP community. If you become an IP, it is likely you will be either detailed to NPS, a service college, or a location that you can get your Master's in your free time.

Promotion opportunity

Our promotion opportunity is excellent. Opportunity for O4 is 90-95%, O5 is 75-85%, and O6 is 55-65%.