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Information Professional (IP) OCS Information

IP Community Overview

IPs are the Communications Officers of the Fleet. Our core expertise is in radio communications, network operations, and cyber defense. The IP Community Info Sheet is a basic overview. The IP Career progression slide shows the expected jobs and milestones at each rank.

IP Commands and Locations

IPs are worldwide. We have JOs on all small ships for the Afloat Network Security Initiative and IPs of all ranks on the CVNs and Big Deck Amphibs. There are major Communications Stations in San Diego, Norfolk, Hawaii, Naples, Bahrain, and Yokosuka, as well as numerous detachments. IPs are also on all major staffs and many minor ones.

Initial Detailing Info

New IPs attend the Information Warfare Basic course (2-3 weeks) and IP Basic course (20 weeks) in Virginia Beach. Following schooling, new IP officers are detailed to a qualifying tour to complete IP Basic Qualification (IP BQ) and Information Warfare Officer (IWO) qualification. Qualifying tours will be at IP shore commands, including NCTAMS LANT, NCTAMS PAC, NCTS Far East, NCTS Bahrain, and NCTS Naples.

IP Program Authorization (108D)

All IP OCS applicants must read and understand the IP Program Authorization (PA) in its entirety. The PA is the guiding document for the OCS selection board and lays out the regulations and requirements for any personnel applying for IP OCS selection.

IP OCS Questions

All IP OCS questions can be directed to the IP OCM. Contact info can be found at the top of this document or on the IP OCM Webpage.

Any waiver questions MUST be submitted to ocsquestions@navy.mil.