COMMANDANT OF MIDSHIPMEN INSTRUCTION 1301.1A

From: Commandant of Midshipmen, U.S. Naval Academy

Subj: INFORMATION WARFARE COMMUNITY SCREENER

Ref: (a) USNAINST 1301.5K

1. **Purpose.** Per reference (a), to promulgate policy, procedures, and reports as it pertains to the execution of the Information Warfare Community (IWC) Screener Program. Evaluations conducted during the IWC Screener are essential in assessing midshipmen potential to serve as members of the IWC Community. Successful completion of the IWC Screener Program is required to be eligible for IWC service assignment.

2. **Scope and Applicability.** This instruction applies to midshipmen at the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) comprising the Brigade of Midshipmen.

3. **Cancellation.** COMDTMIDNINST 1301.1.

4. **Action.** IWC Senior Community representative and supporting individual community leads will comply with this instruction throughout the planning and execution of the IWC screener.

5. **Responsibilities**

   a. **USNA IWC Senior Community representative**

      (1) Responsible to the Commandant of Midshipmen and the Deputy Commandant for Professional Development.

      (2) Designated as the overall Officer in Charge of the screener.

      (3) Maintain a comprehensive and objective application process and provide a final ranking of all candidates who complete the screener.

   b. **USNA Individual IWC Community Leads**

      (1) Responsible to the USNA IWC Senior Community representative and the Deputy Commandant for Professional Development.
(2) Maintain an objective application process and provide ranking input of all candidates for their respective communities who complete the screener.

6. Purpose/Guidelines. Midshipmen interested in IWC Service assignment will have the opportunity to choose Cryptologic Warfare (CW), Cyber Warfare Engineer (CWE), Information Professional (IP), Intelligence (INTEL), Oceanography (OCEANO), and their associated SWO option assignments, if applicable. The IWC selects both Physically Qualified (PQ) and Non-Physically Qualified (NPQ) midshipmen, posing a unique set of opportunities as well as challenges.

a. The following guidelines apply to PQ opportunities for IWC and associated SWO option assignments.

(1) PQ midshipmen must indicate their specific IWC and/or SWO Option desires for service-assignment in the “Information Warfare Community Screener” survey distributed at Brigade Reform. PQ midshipmen who desire IWC and return late from summer cruise must work directly with individual community leads for inclusion in the IWC screener.

(2) The IWC screener will evaluate PQ candidates across all selections entered on the screener survey to determine the best and most fully qualified.

(a) Completion of an IWC related cruise and/or internship in the applicable discipline of interest is highly valued.

(b) Completion of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics related studies is preferred; however, completion of other studies will be considered.

(3) PQ midshipmen not selected by the screener will be informed prior to 1/C Service Assignment preference entry into the MIDS Module, and may not choose IWC as one of their preferences.

(4) PQ midshipmen who successfully screen will be allowed to select “IWC” as their first preference during 1/C Service Assignment preference entry and complete the follow-on interview, as applicable, for community assignment. Selection to CWE requires the successful completion of an external community board that typically takes place no later than the summer prior to 1/C year.

b. The following guidelines apply to NPQ opportunities for CW, CWE, IP, INTEL and OCEANO.

(1) Once medically determined as NPQ, all midshipmen will complete an IWC screener.

(2) During 1/C Service Assignment, NPQ midshipmen will be allowed to order their preferences using all Restricted Line options for which they are qualified. They will then be assigned using the normal community assignment process.
7. Records Management

a. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of format or media, must be maintained and dispositioned for the standard subject identification codes (SSIC) 1000 through 13000 series per the records disposition schedules located on the Department of the Navy/Assistant for Administration (DON/AA), Directives and Records Management Division (DRMD) portal page at https://portal.secnav.navy.mil/orgs/DUSNM/DONAA/DRM/Records-and-Information-Management/Approved%20Record%20Schedules/Forms/AllItems.aspx.

b. For questions concerning the management of records related to this instruction or the records disposition schedules, please contact your local records manager.

8. Review and Effective Date. Per OPNAVINST 5215.17A, Deputy Commandant for Professional Development will review this instruction annually around the anniversary of its issuance date to ensure applicability, currency, and consistency with Federal, Department of Defense, Secretary of the Navy, and Navy policy and statutory authority using OPNAV 5215/40 Review of Instruction. This instruction will be in effect for 10 years, unless revised or cancelled in the interim, and will be reissued by the 10-year anniversary date if it is still required, unless it meets one of the exceptions in OPNAVINST 5215.17A, paragraph 9. Otherwise, if the instruction is no longer required, it will be processed for cancellation as soon as the need for cancellation is known following the guidance in OPNAV Manual 5215.1 of May 2016.

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