

INITIAL TRAINING AND ASSIGNMENT

Officers entering the Information Warfare community, whether new accession or lateral transfer, attend the 5-week Information Warfare Basic Course (IWBC) at CENINFODOM Corry Station, Pensacola, FL. This course teaches new IW Officers the fundamentals of information warfare and includes the following topics:

- Introduction to Security U. S. Cryptologic System
- Electromagnetic Theory RADAR
- Satellite Fundamentals Military Communications
- Signals Collection Operations Tactical Cryptology
- Collection Management Traffic Analysis
- SIGINT Reporting Information Operations
- Computer Networks

This training provides the fundamental skills necessary to conduct cryptologic operations both afloat and ashore. Upon graduation, initial assignment will be to the National Security Agency or one of the NIOC field activities worldwide. Officers will have leadership and operational responsibilities in the areas of collection, analysis & reporting, administration, communications, or information systems security.

At this first assignment, IW Officers will gain basic leadership and management experience, while completing their Job Qualification Requirements (JQR) for IW officers. These skills are increasingly important as an officer progresses more responsible duties and must motivate and lead our highly skilled enlisted technicians. While assigned to field activities, officers may be given the opportunity to deploy, in a TAD status, aboard combatant ships or submarines. In that capacity the officer is charged with providing tactical cryptologic support to the commanding officer and/or embarked staff. IW Officers will normally complete IWBC and one shore tour prior to assignment to an afloat billet as ship's company.