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A TRADITION OF SERVICE: IPF MIAMI BEACH DELIVERS WHEN IT MATTERS MOST

By CDR Martin "Marty" Mckenna, USCG Base Miami Beach



In the world of Coast Guard operations, success often comes down to the quiet professionals like the skilled civilian craftsmen and technicians whose work ensures our cutters sail, our crews remain safe, and our missions never pause. At Base Miami Beach's Industrial Production Facility (IPF), that dedication isn't just part of the job; it's a point of pride, a culture, and a calling. During the start of this new year, that pride was on full display.

When the CGC Raymond Evans, homeported in Key West, suffered a catastrophic main diesel engine failure, the situation was dire. With both engines rendered beyond repair and the cutter sidelined, mission readiness was severely impacted. To make matters worse, the failure came just days before the end of the fiscal year, a moment when funding windows tighten, contracting slows to a halt, and the specter of a possible government shutdown looms large. Under normal circumstances, a dual-engine change-out of this magnitude would require an S1 concurrence, lengthy approval chain, and an estimated \$1.1M contract, delaying the cutter for months. But these were not ordinary (continued on page 5)



CO CORNER

As we approach this time of year, many of us start thinking about family, good food, and some slower paced work schedules. But just as assets keep operating, our mission support continues. Unlike any other time, the U.S. Coast Guard has never been greater. Our crews and surface assets are involved in surge operations across numerous fronts protecting the homeland. Wherever our assets go, you all as mission support professionals are right there providing superior support. Force Design 2028 (FD28) has achieved Initial Operating Condition (IOC) and is moving at flank speed ahead to Full Operating Condition (FOC). The four core tenants of FD28 (People, Re-Organization, Acquisition Reform, and Technology) are starting to take shape. There are significant muscle movements already occurring to bring on an additional 15,000 personnel, HQ has already re-organized, and a digital transformation is within our midst. The \$550M in Reconciliation funding that SFLC received to spend in the next two years will significantly close the gap on our deferred maintenance. Our FY26 spend plan is poised to execute over \$850M, several hundred million more than we have historically received in the past. Even though we all recognize a onetime inject is great, I continue to emphasize to leadership that we need a plus up in our annual appropriation if the surface fleet is to be properly sustained. Additionally, I continue to stress that funding today doesn't equate to improved operational availability instantaneously tomorrow. It will take 2 or more years before we start seeing the plus up in inventory arrive on SFLC shelves and have an impact. I will also take a maintenance cycle (i.e. several years) to improve the material condition and operational availability of cutters. FD28 is also driving a change in focus in our mission and investment priorities, and these will be focused on three outcome tables that you will hear about frequently: Border Control, Commerce, and Contingency Response. While we don't know yet how FD28 is going to affect the organization of SFLC under a Program Executive Office (PEO) structure and we may look different in FOC, we do know that our goal and purpose of mission support does not change. I am very proud of the amazing work you all do each and every day, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Please be good shipmates, look after each other, continue to strengthen our service culture, and provide service to the fleet. Merry Christmas, happy New Year, and enjoy the holiday season!

V/r,
CO

Captain Andrew Pecora
Commander, Surface Forces Logistics Center



CAPT Andrew Pecora



CMC CORNER

Season's Greetings SFLC Family,

The holiday season brings a wide range of emotions—some joyful, others more challenging. For many, this time of year inspires warmth, nostalgia, and connection through traditions, gatherings, and small rituals like decorating, cooking, and giving. These moments can spark genuine happiness and gratitude.

Yet the holidays can also bring stress and pressure. The rush of planning, spending, and trying to meet expectations may feel overwhelming. Nostalgia can be bittersweet, reminding us of changes, losses, or traditions that no longer look the same. For some, the season can even highlight loneliness or the feeling of not fitting the “holiday ideal.”

Despite these mixed emotions, this time of year offers opportunities for reflection, renewal, and deeper compassion. Embracing both the uplifting and difficult moments allows us to celebrate in a more authentic and meaningful way.

As we move through the season, let's remember to check on one another—friends, family, coworkers, and even those who seem perfectly fine. A small gesture of kindness can make a big difference, and your compassion may be exactly what someone needs to feel supported during this time.

Warm wishes to you all and ROLL TIDE!

V/r,

SKCM Derrio Foster
Command Master Chief, Surface Forces Logistics Center



SKCM Derrio Foster





CG-SEA's CORNER

Hello Naval Engineers, as we roll into winter 2025/2026 and the holiday season it is a good chance to look back on the year and what we are thankful for as well as looking ahead into what 2026 will bring. This year I am most thankful for our community and the ability to work with such talented engineers as we try to keep our fleet of 1500+ Cutters and Boats running and meet the operational demands of the Coast Guard. Recently, we were able to host the 2025 Naval Engineering Centralized Annual Training (NECAT) where we heard from folks within our community, learned about some of the initiatives that are going on within DCS and PEO Surface and got to interact with the greater community as a whole. It was great to see so many of you and get to meet some of the newer members of our team and I look forward to getting out to the local units and meeting with those that couldn't make it in the future.

2026 is going to be an exciting year as we are spending nearly double our annual budget on maintenance and get after a lot of the shortfall that we have been building over the past few years. We are also excited to finally get some major capital improvements as CG-SEA and CG-Yard work towards buying a new floating dry dock that will be capable of lifting WMSMs and potentially other new classes of Cutters that are going to be built. This much needed refresh is part of the bigger Coast Guard Shipyard Infrastructure Plan that will allow us to expand our industrial capacity. If you missed CAPT Tharp and Mr. Haycock's or CAPT Graul and CAPT Webb's presentations at NECAT please go back and check them out on our teams page for the other exciting new acquisitions that we are working.

On the Sustainment side we are working through our first set of sprints for the re-organization of the PEO Surface directorate and will be starting to pilot some changes this summer along with codifying the vision for DCS. Look for updates from the Force Design and DCS teams in the near future on the DCS SharePoint site.

Finally, we're looking for some new civilian hires to fill some key roles within our organization along with Naval Engineers in the fleet. If you know someone who is interested in working for SFLC or the Naval Engineering community please encourage them to learn about what we do. The best recruiting tool is to show people all of the great things that we do and help them realize why our community is better than other places that they could be working. Plus if you bring your friends then you get to work with them. Thanks for helping us sustain the fleet.

V/r,

Captain J. H. Potterton

Chief Naval Engineer, Office of Surface Sustainment (CG-SEA-E)



CAPT J. H. Potterton



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circumstances, and IPF Miami Beach is not an ordinary team. Despite never having performed a dual main engine replacement of this scale, the shop jumped at the opportunity. Electricians, welders, machinists, pipefitters, riggers, and mechanics, all civilian artisans, volunteered to take on the challenge head-on. No hesitation. No excuses. Just determination, skill, and pride in their civil service oath and their results speak for themselves: Despite the 43-day government shutdown the collaborated team led by Industrial Manager LT Allie Doris and General Forman Mr. Byan Goltz, rallied together to complete ahead of schedule and restore CGC RAYMOND EVANS to Fully Mission Capable, with a cost savings of over \$750K. Had this team not stepped in, the cutter would still be sitting pier-side, waiting for funding, contract award, and shipyard slot. Instead, IPF Miami Beach alongside volunteers from IPF NOLA and Miami NED delivered what only true professionals can, with speed, quality, and unwavering commitment to the mission.

This moment also highlighted something deeper and far more meaningful: the character of the civilian workforce at Base Miami Beach. Many of these same employees were previously designated Essential and placed in Excepted Status during the longest government shutdown in U.S. history. For weeks, they came to work every day without pay because their craft mattered, their service mattered, and the Coast Guard depended on them. They never wavered. They never slowed down. They lived the oath of civil service when it was hardest.

Their performance on Raymond Evans is not just a technical achievement; it is a testament to the strength, resilience, and patriotism of the civilian workforce that keeps the Coast Guard operating. These men and women don't wear the uniform, but they share the same sense of duty and the same drive to serve the Nation.

IPF Miami Beach didn't just replace engines. They reminded everyone what commitment looks like, and they showed, once again, that when the Coast Guard needs them most, they answer the call.



Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!!!

Winter 2025

BASE PORTSMOUTH OPENS STATE-OF-THE-ART ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING SHOP

By : LTJG Darius Lee

On October 22, 2025, Base Portsmouth’s Naval Engineering Department celebrated a milestone achievement with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Additive Manufacturing (AM) Shop. The event, presided over by Rear Admiral List, Commander LOGCOM, and attended by SFLC Industrial Operations Division and Base Portsmouth leadership, marked the culmination of over a year of dedicated effort to establish this cutting-edge facility. The AM Shop is poised to revolutionize mission readiness and operational efficiency for the Coast Guard.

The establishment team was honored with Meritorious Team Commendation Awards for their exceptional service and technical expertise. From August 2024 to October 2025, the team overcame complex challenges to transform an unused dynamometer room into a fully operational advanced manufacturing space. Their efforts included procuring \$300,000 worth of state-of-the-art 3D printing equipment, renovating the space, and integrating critical IT infrastructure. The shop now houses advanced printers such as the Markforged Metal X System, Markforged Composite Printers, and UltiMaker S5s, enabling the production of high-quality parts with significant cost savings.



The AM Shop’s first fabricated part was completed on August 4, 2025, and current efforts include material testing and production of components such as telecom shore tie connection caps, small boat mast parts, and cutter discharge scuppers. These innovations are projected to save the Coast Guard over \$200,000 annually.

The success of this initiative reflects the dedication and professionalism of the establishment team, including members trained through the Accelerated Training in Defense Manufacturing program. The Additive Manufacturing Shop stands as a testament to the Coast Guard’s commitment to innovation and mission support excellence.

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OPTIMIZING GAS TURBINE MAINTENANCE: PARTNERING WITH US NAVY AND NAVSEA

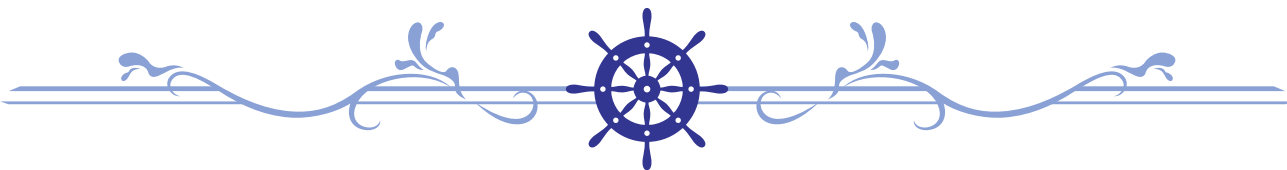
By LTJG Matthew L. Cottrell

The Long Range Enforcer Product Line (LREPL) recently spearheaded a collaborative effort to enhance the maintenance and training of LM2500 Gas Turbines aboard National Security Cutters (NSCs). While conducting a Maintenance Effectiveness Review, members from the U.S. Navy (USN) and Naval Sea Warfare Center (NAVSEA) joined Coast Guard personnel to evaluate all maintenance procedures conducted on the LM2500 Gas Turbines in Baltimore, MD.

During the review, Coast Guard MPCs were compared directly to the Navy’s LM2500 Gas Turbines MRCs. The evaluation revealed that certain maintenance items were either over or under-maintained in comparison to USN ships. As a result, the LREPL adjusted certain maintenance periodicities to better align with USN standards, ensuring a more efficient and tailored approach to turbine upkeep while considering fundamentally different operational use-case scenarios. Standardizing the maintenance between USCG and USN assets ensures seamless transition capability when leveraging the USN Spare Engine Program, a pragmatic sustainability solution for times of war.

In addition to the review, LREPL traveled to NAVSEA Philadelphia to inspect a mock-up of the LM2500 Gas Turbine and engage in discussions about optimizing future training programs for Main Propulsion Department Maintainers. These discussions included the potential development of a more in-depth LM2500 C-School, offering advanced organic training opportunities for Coast Guard personnel.

The collaboration between the Coast Guard, USN, and NAVSEA will yield better-directed maintenance hours from cutter personnel, highlighting the value of inter-agency partnerships in advancing mission support excellence.



PENNIES FOR PROTECTION BEATS THE COST OF CORRECTION

By CDR Andrew Armstrong and Guy Tharpe, from IOD

Every engineer understands the value of preventative maintenance. It directly impacts operational availability and costs significantly less than corrective repairs. Protective covers are a prime example of preventative measures that safeguard equipment when not in use. Unfortunately, despite their importance, coverings are often overlooked, leading to unnecessary damage and increased maintenance costs.

Protective covers prevent issues like water intrusion, damaged threads, UV exposure, salt build up, or the accidental boondocker kick. These everyday degraders lead to grounds, washed out ECDIS screens, Welin Lambin accumulators failing, and more. Despite their intrinsic value and simplicity, missing covers are a common problem and acquiring replacements is harder than it should be. Many covers are sold as part of larger assemblies, making a simple fix prohibitively expensive. For example, a sound powered phone or electrical receptacle assembly can run a cutter hundreds of dollars just to replace a missing cap. Similarly, the Welin Lambie accumulator cover is only available as part of a \$2,100 assembly.

Thankfully, Product Lines (PLs) have become keenly aware and have started collaborating with the Industrial Operations Division (IOD) to leverage emerging technologies, such as advanced manufacturing, to overcome these expenses. Advanced manufacturing offers the fleet access to low cost, effective solutions that are quick and easy to deploy. IOD first started with 3D printing and is now poised to expand services to include -Axis



One covered Welin Lambie Accumulator w/ 3D printed replacement and one open to the elements, awaiting a cover.

Waterjet and CNC Machining. Two examples highlight the effectiveness of this approach:

- **Telecom Connection Shoretie Box Cap:** Frustratingly, this aluminum screw-on cap is priced at \$500. The protective cap, which is the typical discrepancy culprit, was designed and produced by SFLC-IOD utilizing, it was produced via additive manufacturing for just \$3.26. The caps protect the component, which cost over \$5,000.
- **Welin Lambie Accumulator Cover:** Previously bundled with the \$2,100 burst disk assembly replacement, the accumulator cover is additively manufacturing for \$0.48. This protects the much more expensive accumulator bladder from water damage, avoiding the \$6,122 replacement cost.

These quick wins require very little engineering review and demonstrate how innovative solutions like 3D printing reduce sustainment costs, improves equipment longevity, and enhances fleet readiness. By embracing advanced manufacturing technologies, PLs and IOD are able to quickly develop models and field solutions that save precious maintenance dollars. What's next? - covers for small boat radios and crew communication boxes, navigation screen sun shields, ammo box fiberglass shades, and more. Reach out to IOD with questions or requests!



Example of a cracked telecom cover cap on the pier at Base Portsmouth



3D Printed replacement cap



EXEMPLIFYING SERVICE PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOLDEN TROUT WILDERNESS - TROUT UNLIMITED

By EMCS Daniell Hurtado

While on a solo backpacking trip deep in California’s Eastern Sierra Mountains in 2024, SFLC’s Senior Chief Daniell Hurtado quickly recognized the therapeutic effects of the Golden Trout Wilderness (GTW). Recalling that personal experience, Senior Chief organized a once in a lifetime trip for disabled veterans while serving as Assistant Program Lead for Project Healing Waters Martinez, a non-profit organization whose aim is to provide community and healing through fly fishing.



Partnering with Trout Unlimited and the U.S. Forest Service Senior Chief lead a team representing every branch (with exception of Space Force) to take part in the Golden Trout Project. This initiative restores degraded habitat for California’s state fish, the Golden Trout, which is famed for its vivid gold, orange hues and adaptation to the high elevation +7,500’.

The Golden Trout has evolved in isolation from the last ice age to become one of the world’s most beautiful fish. Unfortunately, the species faces threats— the Little Kern River Gold Trout strain is federally listed as threatened, and the Golden Trout Creek strain is under review.



After hiking deep into the GTW, Senior Chief and his team set up base camp, where the team would spend a total of 7 days and 6 nights. The team built and repaired beaver dam analogs (artificial beaver dams) to raise the water table restoring the flood plain and creating nursery grounds for juvenile fish. The team also removed miles of abandoned barbed wire fencing. For the team of veterans, the mission fulfilled the desire for conservation, personal healing, and the opportunity to serve again.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR OMBUDSMAN

Dear Coast Guard Families,

Hello and Happy Holidays! If you're new here, my name is Najee Gassel, and I am honored to introduce myself as your Ombudsman for the Baltimore area. If we have not yet met, my primary role is to serve as a communication link between Coast Guard families and command, offering support, resources, and guidance to help you navigate both the challenges and opportunities of military life. Whether you're new to the area, experiencing a deployment, or simply looking for information, I'm here to assist you with compassion, confidentiality, and commitment.

I have a few resources to share updates on. Have you heard about Talkspace from TriCare? Members of the military and dependents can get convenient online therapy, psychiatry, teen therapy, and family therapy with licensed Talkspace providers, covered by TRICARE. Use your 11 digit DBN (benefit number) when signing up to quickly connect with therapists that take TRICARE and access high-quality mental health support from wherever you are, without the hassle of long wait times or out-of-network costs. Visit the website for more information: www.talkspace.com/military

TriCare Open Season is now in full swing and runs through Tuesday, December 9th. This is your chance to enroll in or make changes to your TriCare plan for 2026. It is also your chance to make changes to your Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program: <https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4324993/get-ready-for-tricare-open-season-2025-what-you-need-to-know>

You can also find out about 2026 rates for premiums, co-pays, enrollment fees, etc.: <https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4328806/learn-your-2026-tricare-health-plan-costs>

I hope this season finds you and loved ones full of gratitude and good food. I will be spending time with family over the holidays but you can contact me via email at ombudcms@gmail.com or by phone at 804-387-6403. My general availability is 8am-8pm for questions or resources and 24/7 for emergencies.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your families. I'm excited to support and grow with this amazing community and look forward to meeting you soon!

Your Ombudsman,

Najee Gassel



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NSWC IHD FY25 END-OF-YEAR REPORT: ADVANCING MARITIME SECURITY CUTTER, LARGE (WMSL) CBR DEFENSE

By Ryan Kelly, NSWC IHD, W14

Funding Overview

The Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division (NSWC IHD) has successfully executed \$710,965 of the allocated \$711,452 FY25 funding for Chemical, Biological, Radiological Defense (CBR-d) lifecycle engineering support for Maritime Security Cutter, Large (WMSL) vessels. Remaining funds, approximately \$600, are pending approval and payment for cross-FY travel executed in October. These funds are expected to be returned once the government reopens. FY25 funds placed on NSWC IHD’s labor contract will serve as a bridge to continue work into FY26, with depletion anticipated by January 1, 2026.



Execution Highlights

NSWC IHD completed several critical CBR Readiness Assessment Visits (RAVs) and drills across the WMSL fleet, ensuring operational readiness for the U.S. Coast Guard. Key milestones include:

- **CBR RAV/Drill Completion:** Successfully executed drills aboard USCGC Kimball, Stone, Munro, Midgett, James, Bertholf, and Waesche.
- **CBRRAV Only:** Completed assessments aboard USCGC Stratton and Hamilton, with drills postponed to FY 6 per ship command requests.

- **IPDS LR Filter Maintenance:** Maintenance completed for six vessels, including Kimball, Munro, Stratton, Midgett, Hamilton, and Bertholf. Upcoming FY26 maintenance is scheduled for USCGC James, Waesche, and Stone.

Procurement Updates

NSWC IHD procured essential equipment to support CBR-d sustainment:

- **IPDS-LR Detector Unit Filter Change Kits:** 12 kits procured, with 10 allocated for FY25 ships and 3 reserved for FY26 contingencies.
- **CPS M98 Filters:** 60 filter sets ordered in July 2025, currently on backorder. Price increases from \$1,829 to ~\$2,850 per unit may impact FY26 procurement quantities and require additional funding.

Looking Ahead to FY26

NSWC IHD remains committed to supporting the U.S. Coast Guard’s CBR defense capabilities. FY26 plans include completing postponed drills, executing scheduled maintenance, and addressing procurement challenges to ensure fleet readiness.

OPERATION RIVER WALL: IPF NOLA & IPD MOB

By Mr. Justin Austin, Mr. Chad Shaw, Ms. Jolene Scarlett, LCDR Joshua Zirbes

When a request arose for support along the southern border in way of fabrication and installation of an air boat safety rail along with the need to coat the hulls of five newly acquired surface assets, the Industrial Operations Division solicited for support and IPF NOLA and IPD MOB answered the call of Operation River Wall in Rio Grand, TX.

Wasting no time, IPF NOLA surged two welders within 24 hours of solicitation to aid in the design, fabrication and installation of an air boat center rail pipe section that would support Operation River Wall and provide an additional safety device, while aiding in the use of added protection or concealment should the situation call for it. These efforts, supported greatly in the continued efforts of border security and championed interagency appreciation while meeting the needs of varying Federal offices. Additionally, the newly received platforms required an updated and agency approved coatings scheme. IPD MOB members deployed in under 18 hours and were instrumental in the research, recommendation, preparation and application in the agreed upon coating system. Working to ensure the newly applied coatings would meet the demand of the deployed airboats operating terrain and assigned missions, IPD MOB strategically worked through each hull to ensure there would be no coating failures, and the assets would remain fully mission capable for all tasks.



Air Boat Safety Rail Install



Coating Air Boat Hull



Finished Product



By: Stacey Glover, SFLC Training Officer

Course 502279 Records Management Training for Everyone has been closed. DHS is currently working on updates for this course.

Civil Rights Awareness: IAW [ALCOAST 438-25](#), Civil Rights Awareness training will remain paused in order to support a full evaluation of the existing training curriculum and method of execution to align with Coast Guard priorities as laid out in Force Design 2028.

As we transition from TMT and CGBI to the Competency & Operational Baseline Readiness Application (COBRA), I wanted to confirm the interim process for recording training completions.

Until COBRA is deployed on 01 July 2026, all training will be recorded via CG OWL. For training completed outside of CG OWL, such as DHS training, please ensure that certificates are sent to me so I can update the Unit Training Officer’s PowerApps created by FORCECOM.

Mandated A & B training courses are still required to be completed. You will find Mandated A and B Trainings tabs on the home screen of CG-OWL by scrolling down to the bottom of the page. You can see which Mandated Trainings are completed by looking under the Transcript tab. If you have enrolled in a course and are not sure if you have finished that course, please look under Courses Tab, then My Courses.

REMINDER: Cyber Awareness Challenge 2025 is due on the 31 Dec 25. Please note that the training requires a two-step process to be fully recognized. If you are unsure whether both steps were completed, please follow the instructions below to verify:

- . Log in to OWL.
- 2. Select the “Courses” dropdown.
- 3. Click on the “My Courses” option.
- 4. Locate and select “502829 Cyber Awareness Challenge 2025.”
- 5. Confirm that the “AIS Acknowledgement Form” is marked as “Done.”

502829 Cyber Awareness Challenge 2025

Course Information Grades More

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Announcements

Cyber Awareness Challenge 2025 must be completed in CG-OWL per COMDTINST 5500.131. Completion certificates from outside sources will no longer be accepted

To receive completion for this course you must complete both the Cyber Awareness Challenge and the AIS Acknowledgement. Failure to do both will result in the course not displaying on your transcript or in CGBI.

A completion certificate may be issued without the course being complete. In order to receive completion and display on your transcript and in CGBI, all the activities/missions must be completed.

Cyber Awareness Challenge Done

AIS Acknowledgement Form Done



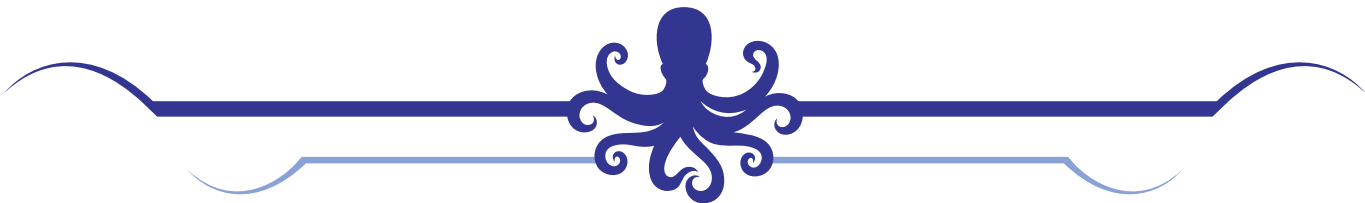
This step is most often missed when completing Cyber Awareness.

STREAMLINING FLEET READINESS:
ADVANCING CGMCS AND ADCS
THROUGH INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION

By: LTJG Matthew L. Cottrell

The Long Range Enforcer Product Line (LREPL) recently achieved a major milestone in fleet readiness and inter-agency co-operation during an in-person site visit to the Naval Sea Warfare Center Philadelphia. This visit revitalized and consolidated three existing Statements of Work into a multi-million-dollar inter-agency agreement with the U.S. Navy, aimed at collaboratively upgrading and sustaining critical Coast Guard systems. These systems include the Coast Guard Machinery Control System (CGMCS), Advanced Damage Control System (ADCS), Polar Icebreaker Propulsion Plant Distribution System, and Electric Plant control monitoring systems. Consolidating these four Statements of Work under a single contract streamlines the dissemination of funds, ensuring efficient management and execution of upgrades across the fleet. These improvements will bolster the Coast Guard’s ability to maintain mission-critical systems while optimizing resource allocation.

Additionally, LREPL is in the process of rolling out new, advanced ADCS Tablets with an upgraded Operating System and software suite. The new ADCS Tablets and improved CGMCS software will significantly improve the systems’ reliability and operational capabilities. To support this initiative, LREPL plans to facilitate in-person training sessions for both CGMCS and ADCS systems, leveraging NAVSEA experts, directly onboard individual cutters. These training sessions will provide crew members gain hands-on experience with the upgraded systems directly following implementation.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MISSION SUPPORT: COLLABORATIVE SUCCESS LEADS FORWARD RUDDER REPAIR

By LCDR Thomas PalmeiraIndustrial Manager – IPF Portsmouth

In a remarkable demonstration of teamwork and dedication, the collaborative efforts of MECPL, Industrial Production Facility (IPF), and CG YARD resulted in the successful renewal of CGC Forward’s PORT rudder upper bearing and fabrication of a rudder pivot pin, exemplifying resilience during challenging times. Despite the historic 40+ day government shutdown and not receiving scheduled paychecks, the IPF civilian workforce persisted, completing this first of kind in water repair in expert fashion while simultaneously adding to IPF Portsmouth’s list of capabilities available to the surface fleet.

Stakeholder efforts not only ensured project timelines but also resulted in significant cost savings for the Coast Guard. All repairs completed 1 day ahead of schedule, saving \$400K in dry dock costs and achieving an additional 37% savings on labor trade’s expenses.

The seamless collaboration among SFLC, IOD, IPF, CG YARD, and FORWARD highlights the power of teamwork and dedication in overcoming adversity. This achievement emphasizes the importance of a skilled workforce and their ability to deliver exceptional service under internal and external pressures.

The successful repair of CGC Forward not only reflects the technical capabilities of the teams involved but also serves as a testament to their unwavering commitment to supporting Coast Guard’s operational readiness in spite of government funding and payroll challenges. This collaborative effort stands as an inspiring example of how a united approach can lead to outstanding results, even in the face of challenging circumstances.



Upper bearing renewed/installed



Upper bearing cap installed

HELP WANTED

Interested in leading or becoming a team member for a collateral duty? SFLC is always soliciting for people to help support and help in all the work we do. The following positions below are all open to you to join! If interested, please reach out to the POC listed for each below.

Education Service MBR

- Assists members in making decisions regarding their voluntary education
- Assist in completing Tuition Assistance and GI Bill benefits
- Arrange officer accession/selection boards.

POC: CWO Paul MacLeod

Public Affairs Team MBR

- Works with the PA officer to assist with PA related events/activities
- Assist in photography and video of award ceremonies/ retirements/promotions etc...
- Helps maintain SFLC Facebook site and produce quarterly

POC: LT Ryan Casey

Facilities Coordinator MBR

- Serve as a single point of contact for Facilities Engineering
- Initiate work orders for their areas of responsibility
- Maintain files for pending and completed work requests
- Monitor the quality of work in their spaces to include custodial
- Safety & health violations/issues
- Any situation or condition that could lead to an injury

POC: Shawn Sturgis

Partnership in Education

- Establish and build partnerships with schools and other community organizations
- Recruit and train volunteers
- Assign and coordinate volunteer activities
- Compile and report volunteer activities
- Promote the PIE program at the unit level

POC: Crystal Astrella

Morale Committee MBR

- Provide leadership and guidance to the Morale Committee
- Oversight of daily operations and events, organize meetings and review minutes

POC: ENS Marcos Saldarriaga

Training Representative

- Assist Training officer as training representatives assist with arranging, providing and preparing individual training requirements for SFLC personnel

POC: Stacey Glover

Parking Coordinator Liaison

- Responsible for maintaining a tracker for all SFLC Civilian and Military members who are stationed on base
- Works closely with base security

POC: Laura Countiss

Regional Unit Fitness Coordinators

- Responsible for leading voluntary unit-wide fitness activities
- Provides oversight of the physical fitness assessments

POC: CDR Shannon Price

Records Coordinator Team MBR

- Works with Records Coordinator Officer to communicate and liaise with CG-611
- Serve as the RIM POC for the assigned USCG directorate/command/unit
- Actively participate in implementing and monitoring internal controls in support of the RIM program
- Ensure safeguards are implemented and regularly monitored to prevent unauthorized access, removal, loss, or destruction of records and recover records unlawfully removed
- Manage USCG records electronically throughout their lifecycle in accordance with DHS and USCG policies and procedures

POC: Colleen Gellert

Resilience Coordinator/Operational Stress Coordinator

- Serves as a knowledgeable local access point for information and referral on protective factor and resiliency building positive behaviors and available resources.
- Collaborate with command, Work Life personnel, IPP staff, and other stakeholders on educational, programming, and activity opportunities that build and strengthen protective factors and resiliency amongst RC's unit members
- Assist in development of command plans and policies incorporating OSC principles and directives

POC: CWO Geoffrey Hendrix

Safety Officer (Assistant)

- Assist the Safety Officer in implementing the unit's safety program as per Safety & Environmental Health Manual, COMDTINST M5100.47 (series). Complete a 1 week ASO Training Course

POC: Jim Lane



Officer Promotions

CAPT		
Lied, Brian S.	ADPL 1-Sep-25	SFLC LRE PDM-ALAMEDA
CDR		
Armstrong, Andrew P.	ADPL 1-Oct-25	OL-SFLC IOD NIE BR-NORFOLK
Barnes, Nathan D.	ADPL 1-Oct-25	AWL-(SFLC IBCT)-BALTIMORE MD
LCDR		
Collins, Robert E.	ADPL 1-Sep-25	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA
Johnson, Justin L	ADPL 1-Sep-25	OL-SFLC LRE APM3-ALAMEDA
LT		
Calvert, Arianna B.	ADPL 8-Nov-25	SFLC MEC ASSET MANAGEMENT SEC
Chau, Vinh N.	ADPL 16-Nov-25	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA
Rubio, Adrian J.	ADPL 16-Nov-25	OL-SFLC LRE APM2-ALAMEDA
LTJG		
Waters, Justin L.	ADPL 5-Oct-25	OL-SFLC LRE AMS-ALAMEDA
DeRouen, Wilfred J.	ADPL 5-Oct-25	SFLC PB PROJECTS BR
Edwards-Myslicki, Levi	ADPL 5-Oct-25	OL-SFLC-NEW ORLEANS LA
Hyacinth, Melissa N.	ADPL 5-Oct-25	OL-SFLC LRE APM2-ALAMEDA
Red, Charles V.	ADPL 22-Nov-25	OL-SFLC IBCT APM2-ALAMEDA

SFLC Enlisted Advancements

OCT01		
SK1 CARLOS DIAZGARCIA	SFLC C&P2 SAP	BALTIMORE MD
SKCS APRIL CANNON	SFLC FUNDS MGMT & EXEC SEC	BALTIMORE MD
MKC FREDDY ZAMORA	OL-SFLC-NEW ORLEANS LA	NEW ORLEANS LA
SK1 JUSTICE GOFF	OL-SFLC LRE AMS-ALAMEDA	ALAMEDA CA
MKC ANDREW LUCAS	OL-SFLC-SEATTLE WA	SEATTLE WA
DCC GREGORY KUKULKA	OL-SFLC-HONOLULU HI	HONOLULU HI

Retirements

BURT, KEVIN	SKC	OL-SFLC-SEATTLE WA	09/30/2025
WHITLEY, MARCUS	MK1	OL-SFLC IOD NIE PM2-NORFOLK VA	01/31/2026
SPECHT, ERIC	ENG4	OL-SFLC-HONOLULU HI	03/31/2026
CARABALLO, JAMES	EMCM	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC2-ALAM	04/30/2026
POPE, DAVID	EMC	SFLC SB ASSET MGT SEC 2	04/30/2026
DUNFEE, DUSTIN	WEPS3	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA	04/30/2026
THOMPSON, ROBERT	MK1	SFLC LRE SYS AND EQUIP SEC 2	04/30/2026
ASHNESS, PAUL	MKC	OL-SFLC-KEY WEST FL	04/30/2026
WILLIAMSON, JERMOND	SKC	SFLC SIMPLIFIED ACQ PROC SEC 3	04/30/2026
HUTCHINSON, JOSHUA	ENG3	OL-SFLC-NEW ORLEANS LA	05/31/2026
HILL, RICHARD	MKC	OL-SFLC SBPL AMS1-ALAMEDA	05/31/2026
RIASCOS, CARLOS	MKC	OL-SFLC-CHARLESTON	05/31/2026
HARRIS, JOSEPH	ENG2	AWL-SFLC IBCT ENG	05/31/2026
STEVENSON, RYAN	MKC	AWL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC2-CHSTN	05/31/2026
SANDER, HARLENE	SKC	SFLC INTERNAL CONT AUDIT SEC	05/31/2026
PECORA, ANDREW	CAPT	SFLC	06/30/2026
CABRERA, NOEL	LT	OL-SFLC PB APM3	06/30/2026



Retirements (continued)

FITZER, MICHAEL	SKC	SFLC C&P2 SAP	06/30/2026
MORRISON, SHAWN	CS1	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	06/30/2026
PIETRIS, JOSEPH	EMCS	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC1-YKTWN	06/30/2026
SIMMONS, QUINTRELL	EMCS	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC1-YKTWN	07/31/2026
LANKFORD, JOHNATHON	MKCS	OL-SFLC-DETROIT	07/31/2026
AKERS, CHRISTOPHER	ETC	SFLC ESD ELECTRONICS SEC	07/31/2026
GANS, MATTHEW	CAPT	OL-SFLC LRE-ALAMEDA	08/31/2026
STOECKLER, CARSTEN	ENG2	OL-SFLC-KODIAK AK	08/31/2026
HEINS, JAMIE	SKC	OL-SFLC IBCT SUPP-ALAMEDA	08/31/2026
GOODELL, JASON	DCC	YARD FIRE QUAL SFTY TRNG DEPT	08/31/2026
FERGUSON, RORY	GMCS	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA	08/31/2026
LARO, VICTOR	ELC4	SFLC SB SYS & EQUIPMENT SEC	9/30/2026
SAYERS, THOMAS	MKCM	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC1-YKTWN	09/30/2026
ENGSTROM, PAUL	DCCM	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC2-ALAM	09/30/2026
VAUPEL, SHAWN	MKCM	SFLC SB ASSET MANAGEMENT SEC 3	09/30/2026
BROOKS, JAMES	MKC	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC1-YKTWN	09/30/2026
KOSKI, KEVIN	CDR	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA	09/30/2026
HATALLA, LARRY	EMC	OL-SFLC PB APM1-NORFOLK VA	09/30/2026
JONES, CHRISTOPHER	MKCM	OL-SFLC SBPL AMS1-ALAMEDA	09/30/2026
LOCKWOOD, JOSHUA	MKCS	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC1-YKTWN	09/30/2026
HILL, JAMES	DCC	OL-SFLC-SEATTLE WA	09/30/2026
GIBBS, ADAM	SK1	OL-SFLC IBCT SUPP-ALAMEDA	01/31/2027
WHITE, JONATHAN	SKCM	SFLC BUDGET PLAN & DEV SEC	04/30/2027
LUTTERMOSER, DAVID	MK1	YARD FIRE QUAL SFTY TRNG DEPT	04/30/2027
STARNES, STEPHEN	EMCS	OL-SFLC IOD ASSIST SEC2-ALAM	04/30/2027
KIRCHNER, NATHAN	ENG2	OL-SFLC IBCT AMS-ALAMEDA	05/31/2027
GEORGE, DANIEL	DCC	OL-SFLC-CHARLESTON	05/31/2027
GOAD, ADAM	LT	OL-SFLC-PETERSBURG FL	05/31/2027
SLOVER, RUSSELL	ENG2	SFLC PB PROJECTS BR	05/31/2027
POWE, CLAUDE	SK1	SFLC SIMPLIFIED ACQ PROC SEC 3	05/31/2027
HERNANDEZ, ELVIS	ETC	SFLC SB SYS & EQUIPMENT SEC	06/30/2027
GUNCKEL, KURT	MKCS	OL-SFLC-ALAMEDA CA	07/31/2027
DEJAGER, ROBERT	ENG2	OL-SFLC PB SES-NORFOLK VA	07/31/2027
BENALLY, MARCUS	ENG3	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA	09/30/2027
JONES, JANIQUE	LCDR	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA	09/30/2027
FREELAND, SEAN	ET1	SFLC IBCT ENG ASSET MGMT SEC	09/30/2027

Reporting

ALTHER, ROBERT	MK1	SFLC MOBILE LOGISTICS BR	09/05/2025
SMITH, RICARDO	SK3	SFLC MOBILE LOGISTICS BR	09/19/2025
DELGUERCIO, HANNAH	LT	OL-SFLC-SEATTLE WA	09/21/2025
HAGAN, AMY	FN	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	09/23/2025
BOZZUTO, JOHN	ME1	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	09/26/2025
MONTAGUE, BRANDON	ME2	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	09/26/2025
BOSCH, WILLIAM	SKC	SFLC MOBILE LOGISTICS BR	10/01/2025
BARAHONAPINEL, MAURICIO	SK3	OL-SFLC-NORFOLK VA	10/01/2025
SNEAD, EMMA	LTJG	OL-SFLC PB APM1-NORFOLK VA	10/03/2025
AGUILARLINDSAY, CINTHIA	SA	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	10/03/2025
DEMARCHIS, BLAKE	ENS	SFLC MOBILE LOGISTICS BR	10/04/2025
PACHECO, CHRISTOPHER	ME2	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	11/02/2025
TENORIO, BRIAN	ME2	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	11/07/2025
SHEWBRIDGE, TYLER	ME2	YARD MIL SUPPORT OPS DEPT	11/07/2025
MAYTUM, CHRISTOPHER	LT	OL-SFLC-SEATTLE WA	11/10/2025



New Employees

Richard Carney	Engineering Technician	MEC
Christina Tillman	Contract Specialist	CPD
Cheryl Copeland	Contract Specialist	CPD
Felicia Hill	IT Cybersecurity Specialist	ESD
Melody Lambert	Equipment Specialist	LRE

Promotions

Monica Paul	Contract Specialist	CPD
Paula Bussey	Technical Info Specialist	ESD
Kenneth Pollock	Material Handler Supv	ALD
Kieran Welling	Equipment Specialist	PBPL
Adrian Kinsler	Crane Operator	ALD

Retirements

Martine Duvall	Inventory Management Specialist	MEC
Russell Serpas	Supply Management Specialist	ALD
Edward J. Blunt III	Logistics Management Specialist	SBPL
Kimberly Van Buren	Purchasing Agent	CPD
Richard Cronin	Mechanical Engineer	ESD
Bryan O'Sullivan	Equipment Specialist	SBPL
Timothy Wacker	Equipment Specialist	ESD
James Taylor	Equipment Specialist	SBPL
Ronald Baker	Planner/Estimator-NIE	IOD
Daniel Baumgardner	Transportation Spec	SBPL
Timothy Robinson	Equipment Specialist (marine)	LRE

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