Congratulations

Capt. David H. Lepard, force weapons officer for Commander Naval Air Forces, passed the Senior Limited Duty Officer Silver Eagle and Horse Shoe award to **Capt. Gerry Slevin** from Commander Defense Information Systems Agency, Special Operations Command, during Lepard's retirement ceremony aboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) Sept. 14.

The Silver Eagle and Horse Shoe award is held by the most senior Limited Duty Officer (LDO) in the Navy, and is passed down to the next most senior individual at the conclusion of the current Silver Eagle's active service.

The Silver Eagle award began in 2002 and was first presented to Capt. Merril Carlton Albury. Lepard received the trophy in May 2010.

Lepard stated he has confidence in his Silver Eagle successor, who has already worked to give LDOs a positive image with other branches of service during his own career. "He will carry on with fine tradition and display it proudly," said Lepard.

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IA Scholarship Program Nominations

N2/N6 is excited to announce a dedicated full-time quota for the Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP). The IASP is designed to develop and retain a highly trained cadre of professionals to support the DoD’s Information Technology requirements for warfighting and the security of Information infrastructure. The quota is available to any qualified IDC Officer who wishes to pursue a full time graduate education opportunity in a relevant academic discipline.

Relevant academic disciplines and programs of study supported under the IASP include, but are not limited to: Biometrics, Business Management or Administration, Computer Crime Investigations, Computer Engineering, Computer Programming, Computer Science, Computer Systems Analysis, Cyber Operations, Cybersecurity, Database Administration, Data Management, Digital and Multimedia Forensics, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Information Security (Assurance), Information Systems, Mathematics, Network Management/Operations, Software Engineering, and similar disciplines as approved by the DoD Chief Information Officer (DoD CIO).

Participants have three options for degree completion. The first is to begin at the National Defense University Information Resources Management College (NDU iCollege) full-time or part-time and subsequently attend one of the NDU iCollege partner universities (some offer graduate degrees online). There is no limit on the number of part-time participants, but N2/N6 has one full-time quota approved. The second option is to complete the entire program full-time in residence at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS). The third option is to complete the entire program full-time in residence at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). More information on the partner universities is located [here](http://www.ndu.edu/icollege/network/ntwk_list1.html).

Participants must maintain good standing in their degree programs and upon completion, continue in service as military members, or repay the costs of the program. Full-time participants will obligate themselves to serve on active duty for a period three times the length of education through the first year and one month for each month thereafter.

All active duty navy applicants must submit their complete nomination package (to include chain of command and detailer endorsement) to the Navy POC listed below NLT 01 January 2013.

If anyone has any questions regarding their application please refer to the Information Assurance Scholarship Program Website (which includes a link to the downloadable message located [here](http://www.doncio.navy.mil/ContentView.aspx?id=535) or contact DON CIO POC Ms. Jennifer Harper (Jennifer.a.harper@navy.mil/TEL: 703-695-1983 or the N2/N6 POC Mr. Mike Saunders (michael.saunders@navy.mil/TEL: 703-604-6292).