



An Interview With Master-at-Arms Chief Petty Officer Dan Eagle

Please describe your experience with the Navy. What motivated you to enlist?

My family has a strong history of military service. My Dad retired as a Senior Chief Photographers Mate, and he had an incredible career in the Navy. He served on the USS Seawolf (a special operations submarine) during the Cold War, flew in the back seat of many an A-6 Intruder, filmed Navy recruiting commercials still shown on television from time to time, photographed the first launch of STS-1 (Space Shuttle Columbia), and was even part of the Navy's Hot Air Balloon team, to name but a few of his accomplishments. My brother was a Navy Chief in the Navy's nuclear power program, and my grandpa served with the "Eager Beavers" in the Army Air Corps, fighting in India during World War II. While the Navy as a career was never pushed upon me, it was certainly a logical choice. I've always felt that the Navy is exactly where I was destined to be, and I am only too happy to carry on the fine family tradition.

How long have you served?

I will hit 15 years on November 23, 2008.

What is your current rank?

Chief Petty Officer (E-7)

Where are you stationed?

The Center for Information Dominance Learning Site San Diego (CID LS SD)

What are your responsibilities?

I am the Information Warfare Department Leading Chief Petty Officer at CID LS SD. During this tour, I have also served as the Course Manager for the Information Systems Security Manager (ISSM) and Network Security and Vulnerabilities Technician (NSVT) courses.

One of my additional responsibilities at

CID LS SD is as a Navy Region Southwest Navy Credentialing Opportunities On-Line (COOL) coordinator. As such, my team is responsible for promoting the program through an aggressive advertising and briefing campaign throughout the region. One aspect of this is promoting the CHS program to Sailors.

Please describe your experience with the Certified in Homeland Security Program. How did you first hear about CHS?

The Navy's COOL program office in Pensacola recommended the CHS program. Once I became the Regional coordinator for the Navy's COOL program, I researched the ABCHS, ACFEI, and the CHS program through the Navy COOL Web site and requested a voucher (the means by which the Navy funds civilian certifications for enlisted Sailors) for CHS levels I-III.

What motivated you to join?

I currently hold six civilian certifications, four of which deal directly with cyber security. As I matured as a Computer Network Defense professional, it seemed logical to expand the knowledge base by gaining a better understanding of the enemy and a clear understanding of the National Response Framework.

The certifications I hold are:

- CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professional)
- Security+
- NSA IAAM (National Security Agency INFOSEC Assessment Methodologies)
- Wetstone Technologies Certified Steganography Examiner
- CAS (Certified Anti-Terrorism Specialist)
- CHS-V

What effect has CHS had on your professional development?

The CHS certification and certifications in general give you instant credibility. As a Navy

Instructor, any time you can stand up in front of a class and tell them that you are civilian certified in the material that you are about to teach them, it makes it much easier to grab and hold their attention. As a Navy COOL coordinator (<https://www.cool.navy.mil>), the Sailors are much likelier to listen to what you have to say about the program when they know that you have successfully used it yourself.

What was the class like? Feel free to comment on the instruction, the content of the class, or any other aspect of the course.

The class was a clear upgrade over the first three levels of the CHS program. As one should expect, the material was of a more advanced nature. It is clear to see how Level V is a legitimate certification in the field. The fact that this class was taught by **Col. Jurchenko**, who has obviously made a name for himself both in the military and the civilian sector, was a major plus. Meeting Medal of Honor recipient **Nick Bacon** was a truly awesome experience as well.

How do you anticipate the Certification will contribute to the Navy? How will the information presented benefit the sailors? How will the credential affect their careers?

As previously stated above, certifications carry instant credibility. Those Sailors in attendance were either directly involved in the day-to-day security operations in the Navy (our Master-at-Arms forces) or those in support roles such as myself. Either way, we are more well-rounded professionals because of this training. As the Navy continues to evolve, I believe that certifications will play an ever-increasing role. Already, in the Information Technology field, there are mandatory certification requirements. It's reasonable to expect that this will expand and become the standard within other fields. Given the support that the Navy has received from the ABCHS, the security forces may well be the next group to follow that model.

