DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY U.S. COAST GUARD

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Entry Type: Performance and Discipline (P&D-7)

Reference: None

Responsible Level: Unit

Entry:

(General - Negative)

20Jul2021: In reference to CG PSC (epm) memo 1616 of 09 July 2021, you are hereby notified that you have been permanently relieved for cause as Command Master Chief (CMC) of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. This action was in accordance with Article 1.F of the Military Assignments and Authorized Absences Manual, COMDTINST M1000.8 (series)

(b) (6)
W. G. Kelly, RADM, USCG
CG ACADEMY

20Jul2021: I acknowledge the above entry.

(b)(6)

B. VerHulst, OSCM, USCG

1. NAME OF PERMANENT UNIT	2. NAME OF UNIT PREPARING T	HIS FORM
U.S. Coast Guard Academy	U.S. Coast Guard A	cademy
3. NAME OF MEMBER (Last, First, MI)	4. EMPLOYEE ID NUMBER	5. GRADE/RATE
VerHulst, Brett L.	(b) (6), (b)	OSCM

File original in SPO PDR, Email copy to CG PSC-BOPS-C-MR

Member Counseling Receipt

Emplid: Eff Date:

Verhulst, Brett Laverne Review Type: **RFC**

To:

04/26/2021

Next Review

Date:

From:

Approving Official: (b) (6)

Kelly, William G.

RADM

I am counseling this member on behalf of the Approving Official listed above. I have verified that this evaluation was properly routed through the rating chain and that this report correctly reflects the member's marks and administrative remarks, as appropriate.

Counselor Emplid:

Counselor Name Signature

Date

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7/20/21	

I acknowledge having been counseled on and have viewed my employee review for this period. I understand that this review will be available through Direct Access Self Service once it is processed by PSC ADV. I have been briefed on and fully understand the significance that the assigned marks have on my good conduct eligibility. I understand that I have 15 calendar days (45 calendar days for reservists) in which to submit an appeal. I have been briefed on and fully understand the action taken on my advancement potential.

Member:	(b) (6) Verhulst, Brett Laverne		OSCM
Signature	(0) (0)	Date	26 July 2021

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT USCG CG ACADEMY (USA)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Kelly, William G RADM USCG CG ACADEMY (USA)

Subject: RE: Action (USCGA) Q&A#14554 "Command Master Chief Investigation" | CST (maj)

Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 7:57:17 AM

Sir:

and I anticipated that CST would also request the CGIS investigation, which CG-LGL is prepared to provide.

I'll make sure to coordinate with LGL on the response to this inquiry; I expect that this will be a coordinated effort.

v/r, SJA

From: Wester, Richard J CAPT USCG CG ACADEMY (USA) <Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>

Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 7:30 AM

To: Kelly, William G RADM USCG CG ACADEMY (USA) < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: Action (USCGA) Q&A#14554 "Command Master Chief Investigation" | CST (maj)

Admiral: below fysa. Of note, "staff is incredulous as to how this could not be sexual harassment and will want to compare the conduct against the Coast Guard's definition."

SJA: thoughts on how we comply with this being a CGIS investigation?

Thx v/r, rjw

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2021 8:28 PM

To: HQS-DG-LST-CG-1-USCGA-SP@uscg.mil>

Cc: HQS-DG-lst-CG-823-CA < HQS-DG-lst-CG-823-CA@uscg.mil >

Subject: Action (USCGA) Q&A#14554 "Command Master Chief Investigation" | CST (maj)

Good Afternoon, (please use HTML)

Informal Inquiries (or Q&As) are questions primarily posed by Congressional Members or their staffs (but may also come from other sources). The established "Q&A-Process" enables the Coast Guard to respond in a timely manner to a wide range of pressing questions, ensuring information provided to the requestor is consistent w/Coast Guard policies/previous responses. The process enables Congress to obtain information (often on very specific issues) w/out having to convene Congressional Hearings or initiate Formal Inquires. It also ensures widespread Coast Guard-visibility on Congressional concerns, and enables the Service to maintain a historical database of previous Q&A-responses provided to Congress and other outside inquirers.

REQUESTOR: CST (maj)

TIMELINE: Response is due by 1200, 29 July 2021

BACKGROUND: Upon making notifications regarding the permanent relief of primary duties of the CGA Command Master Chief, CST(maj) requested the investigation and associated documents related to the relief. They are particularly interested in knowing more about the underlying conduct. Based on the information they have previously received regarding this case

from unknown sources, staff is incredulous as to how this could not be sexual harassment and will want to compare the conduct against the Coast Guard's definition. The staff also wants to understand for how long this conduct took place and whether it was an ongoing problem.

ASSIGNMENT:

(USCGA) Q&A#14554: [Link]

- 1) Provide the investigation and associated documents related to this relief.
- 2) Provide a follow-up brief to discuss the documents.

If there are any questions regarding this inquiry, please contact the External Coordination Division (CG-823) at [HQS-DG-LST-CG-823-CA@uscg.mil].

Thank you!

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Chief, External Coordination Division COMDT CG-823

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

From: Thomas, Paul F RADM

To: Kelly, William G RADM; Nunan, Joanna M RADM

Subject: RE: Bystander Intervention Training for S-Division personnel

Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 7:26:46 AM

Attachments: <u>image001.jpg</u>

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Thanks Bill,

This is a tough one. Subtle signs that are clear in retrospect, but are really only apparent when you add up many little things.

From: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G. Kelly@uscg.mil>

Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 5:18 AM

To: Thomas, Paul F RADM <Paul.F.Thomas@uscg.mil>; Nunan, Joanna M RADM

<Joanna.M.Nunan@uscg.mil>

Subject: FW: Bystander Intervention Training for S-Division personnel

Paul, Jo

Good morning

FYI – as an by-product of the CMC issue we will be holding Bystander Intervention training today for our Front Office and S division staff. We all own a piece of this and I'm confident we'll have a productive session this morning.

Thanks

Bill

v/r

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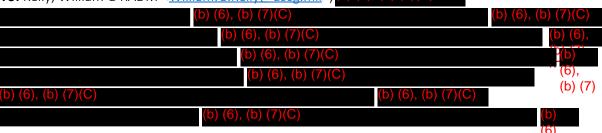
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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT < <u>Richard J.Wester@uscg.mil</u>>

Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 11:58 PM

To: Kelly, William G RADM < <u>William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil</u>>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)



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Subject: RE: Bystander Intervention Training for S-Division personnel

Admiral/Team: Reminder that our BIT training will be 1030-1200 today in Upper Lounge of Leamy. Pls pass the work to your respective folks.

See you then,

Thx

rjw

From: Kelly, William G RADM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7) Wester, Richard J CAPT Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)

Subject: RE: CG-3307 - CMC RFC

Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021 4:10:00 PM

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Thanks(b)

We will characteristics alignment and I'll ask the SJA to join me when I present the PG7 to the member.

Thanks

v/r

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 10:39 AM

To: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>; Wester, Richard J CAPT

<Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Subject: CG-3307 - CMC RFC

Admiral and CAPT,

Good morning. I spoke with legal counsel for PSC yesterday evening WRT documenting the RFC in the 3307 as required by CG PSC Memo 161 dtd 09 Jul 2021. The 3307 simply needs to inform the member of the RFC and does not need to include any additional details. As such, I have prepared the attached 3307 for your review and consideration based on a template provided by PSC. (Please note that the dates need to be adjusted and OSCM's EMPLID needs to be inputted.)

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns, sir.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Assistant Staff Judge Advocate

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

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From: <u>Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG</u>

To: Kelly, William G RADM
Subject: RE: CGA - CMC

Date: Thursday, May 27, 2021 10:24:37 PM

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Good Evening Admiral,

Thank you for the update, I suspected he would be hurt. Hopefully he can reflect on both the good he achieved and perhaps areas of improvement and move on to his next life journey in a pragmatic way.

V/r Jason

From: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil >

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 8:47 PM

To: Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG < <u>Jason.M. Vanderhaden@uscg.mil</u>>

Subject: RE: CGA - CMC

We chatted with him today.

He's taking it very hard, but he appears to be ok.

Surrounded by family.

Thanks again

v/r

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From: Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG < Jason.M. Vanderhaden@uscg.mil>

Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 8:49 AM

To: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>; Thomas, Paul F RADM

<Paul.F.Thomas@uscg.mil>

Cc: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard.J. Wester@uscg.mil>

Subject: RE: CGA - CMC

Good Morning Admiral,

I appreciate the heads up and no questions from me.

V/r

Jmv

From: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 3:38 AM

To: Thomas, Paul F RADM < Paul.F. Thomas@uscg.mil >, Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG

<<u>Jason.M.Vanderhaden@uscg.mil</u>>

Cc: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>

Subject: CGA - CMC Paul, MCPOCG Good morning

I spoke with PSC yesterday and I plan to meet with CMC VerHulst today to inform him of my intention to refer a recommendation to PSC for PRFC.

Available to discuss if needed.

V/r Bill

V/R

RADM Bill Kelly Superintendent

U.S. Coast Guard Academy

From: Wester, Richard J CAPT

To: Kelly, William G RADM

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7); (b) (6), (b) (7)(6)

Subject: FW: CGA CMC Holding Statement

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:15:18 PM

Admiral: Per below, looks like that is the RTQ statement they want us to make if asked – looks similar to the statement you made to the SLT/Chiefs Mess. can correct me if I'm wrong, but sounded like military.com reporter stated that he'd call back has a couple days – so below would be our response.

Assuming that happens, we may get some folks accusing us as not being fully transparent – with the campus finding out these additional details via the media vice via us. But if we push this out to the campus, it would get leaked – certainly not RTQ as intended....

v/r, Rick

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:06 PM

To: Hickey, Jon P RDML < Jon.P.Hickey@uscg.mil>; Thomas, Paul F RADM

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Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: CGA CMC Holding Statement

Good day Admirals,

The following is the CCG approved holding statement for RTQ only.

The Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) is conducting an investigation into alleged inappropriate conduct by Master Chief Brett VerHulst, assigned as the Command Master Chief (CMC) at the Coast Guard Academy.

The Coast Guard cannot provide details at this time in order to preserve the integrity of the investigation and to protect the Coast Guard's ability to take appropriate final action.

Pending the outcome of the investigation, CMC VerHulst has been temporarily

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For the committee:

The Coast Guard will notify the Committee upon completion of the Convening Authority's final action on the case.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

ATL Program Reviewer

Office of Budget & Programs (CG-821)

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From: Kelly, William G RADM

To: Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG; Thomas, Paul F RADM; Gilreath, Shannon N RDML

Cc: Wester, Richard J CAPT; (b)

Subject: CGA CMC Resignation / TRFC Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 5:14:00 AM

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Importance: High

Good morning

At 0830 this morning CMC VerHulst will submit his resignation to me due to an ongoing investigation at CGA. I will also present him a TRFC memo at the same time.

PSC-epm advised us to submit the TRFC even though the mbr plans to resign, I concur fully with that

We will backfill internally as we await the outcome of the investigation and the arrival of (b) (b) (6), this June.

I will send a brief note to our community and will ask (b) (6), to send the same note to our BOT. Standing by for any questions or concerns.

v/r

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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT

To: Kelly, William G RADM USCG CG ACADEMY (USA); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C

Subject: RE: CMC
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Admiral: SJA will pass the case on to CGIS for their consideration, and we don't want to tip off CMC that something is afoot until either they don't take the case or until they interview him.

SJA: concur?

V r Rjw

From: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>

Date: Monday, Apr 12, 2021, 8:25 PM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT < <u>Richard J. Wester@useg.mil</u>>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: CMC

Folks

Appreciate the opportunity to chat tomorrow on next steps.

CMC is scheduled to speak at Dining In – any concerns with him carrying out those duties?

Thanks

v/r

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)

To: Kelly, William G RADN

Cc: Wester, Richard J CAPT; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Carter, Jonathan A CAPT; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (c) (f) (6), (c) (f)

Subject: CMC PRFC Authorization OSCM B. VerHulst, CGA

Date: Friday, July 9, 2021 3:48:16 PM
Attachments: CMC Authorization (003).pdf

RADM Kelly,

Attached is the signed CMC PRFC authorization for OSCM B. VerHulst. Respectfully request the appropriate departments ensure compliance with paragraph 2 of the attached. EPM-3 should be contacted to assist with the RFC Employee Review. If there are any questions feel free to contact us here at EPM. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CG PSC-EPM-2

W: (b) (6), (b) (7)

From: Kelly, William G RADM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: CMC

Date: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:47:03 PM

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Folks

Just thinking about this all weekend. We probably need to think through the following ... at a minimum:

- How we communicate to CMC
- How we communicate to the Chief's Mess
- Comms with SLT
- Comms with community/cadets
- Engage with EPM on potential to temporary relief of primary duties.

Do we need to communicate at this point? Victim is not going to provide a statement?

Is there something there, do we need to take action before we get the investigation from CGIS? How do we ensure victim is safe?

Just a couple of thoughts – I'm sure you guys have thought through a bunch more...

Let's find a moment to discuss on Monday.

v/r

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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT
To: Kelly, William G RADM

Subject: DPR call

Date: Monday, April 26, 2021 5:21:21 PM

Admiral: Greetings. I'm in the office and just took a call from DPR – he asked if you were in, and I stated you were away from the office but I could put him in touch with you. He said nothing urgent, just that he was calling to let you know he has the packages for the 2 provost candidates and will look them over tonight. He was wondering if there was any rush – I mentioned that we aren't sure where else they are applying for positions, but they could potentially be sitting on other offers, so we want to minimize any delay...

I also gave him a brief update on CMC, and that we will most likely both receive his resignation and also present him with the TRFC tomorrow AM.

(b) (6)

v/r, Rick CAPT Rick Wester Assistant Superintendent U. S. Coast Guard Academy (860) 444-8286 From: Wester, Richard J CAPT
To: Kelly, William G RADM

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7) ; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: draft statement

Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:55:19 PM

Importance: High

Admiral: Congressional staffs are getting incorrect word that we are covering up a sexual assault. At the urging of CG-092 (CAPT Moorlag), we drafted the following for your consideration — CG-092 will then forward to CAPT Raymond. CCG may be slated to testify on something else tomorrow.... "This is an ongoing investigation, but at this time, the investigated behavior does not appear to be criminal, including sexual assault. He has been temporarily reassigned to the Coast Guard Research and Development Center. Once the investigation is complete and appropriate actions are taken, we'd be happy to brief interested staffs."

V/r, CAPT Rick Wester Assistant Superintendent U. S. Coast Guard Academy (860) 444-8286 From: Defense News Early Bird Brief
To: Kelly, William G RADM

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] EBB: Biden says US withdrawal from Afghanistan shows 'American leadership'

Date: Thursday, April 29, 2021 6:37:00 AM



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Good morning and welcome to the Early Bird Brief. Please email news tips and suggestions to earlybird@militarytimes.com.

Today's Top 5

1. Biden says US withdrawal from Afghanistan shows 'American leadership'

(Military Times) Removing U.S. troops from Afghanistan won't endanger national security but will demonstrate "American leadership" by halting the cycle of endless armed conflict, President Joe Biden argued in his address to Congress on Wednesday night.

2. Spike in Russian aircraft intercepts straining Air Force crews in Alaska, three-star says

(Air Force Times) Intercepting record numbers of Russian aircraft off of North America's west coast has stretched Air Force units thin, a top service official in Alaska said Wednesday.

3. Sweeping health and benefits changes could come soon for vets suffering toxic exposure ills

(Military Times) Lawmakers on Wednesday launched their latest effort to piece together comprehensive legislation on veterans' toxic exposure illnesses with the goal of providing a clear path forward by the start of the summer.

4. Former Coast Guard Academy command master chief faces allegations of 'inappropriate conduct'

(Navy Times) The U.S. Coast Guard has launched an investigation into "alleged inappropriate conduct" by the former command master chief of the Coast Guard Academy, officials confirmed Wednesday.

5. Navy at 'unacceptable risk' from missiles, Pentagon tester warns

(Bloomberg) The U.S. Navy "currently does not have a well-defined strategy or funding" for testing to determine whether radar and self-defense systems on board many of its vessels can stop anti-ship cruise missiles, according to the Pentagon's acting director of combat testing.

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Overseas Operations

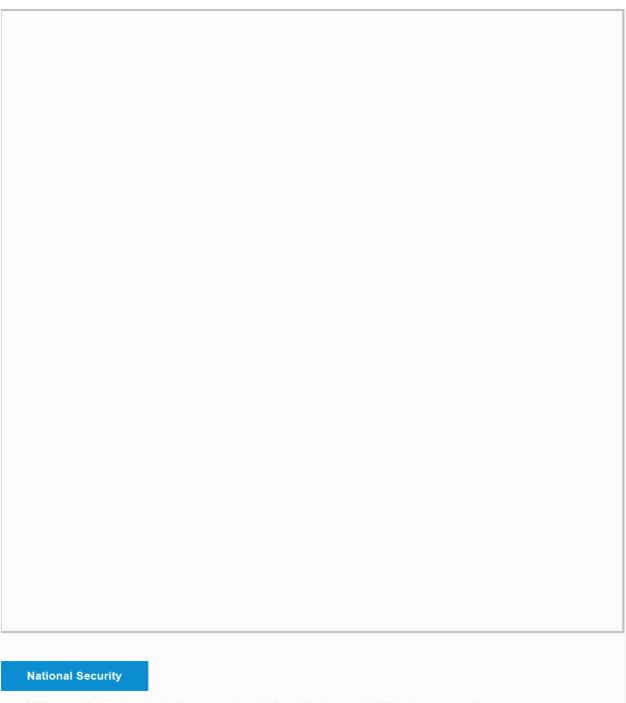
Submarine USS Jefferson City deploys as Indo-Pacific tensions rise

(UPI) The fast-attack submarine USS Jefferson City departed Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to the Indo-Pacific area, the U.S. Navy announced.

US contractor sentenced for stealing truck from American base in Afghanistan

(The Associated Press) An American military contractor has been sentenced to prison for her role in a theft ring on a military installation in Afghanistan, according to federal prosecutors.

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Milley: Afghanistan's future after U.S. withdrawal difficult to predict

(Air Force Magazine) The military's top uniformed officer said April 28 it's difficult to predict what will play out in Afghanistan as Afghan forces prepare to take sole responsibility for the country's security following the U.S. withdrawal.

Biden flexes US muscles to Putin: 'He understands we will respond'

(Washington Examiner) President Joe Biden told a joint session of Congress on Wednesday that he will be tough on Russian President Vladimir Putin and prevent Moscow from threatening national security by responding to aggressive acts with proportionate moves — and cooperating when possible.

Biden ditches Trump's 'fire and fury' for 'stern deterrence' of Iran and North Korea

(Washington Examiner) President Joe Biden promised to confront Iran and North Korea with "stern deterrence" in support of diplomatic efforts to manage the rogue states' nuclear programs, using a major address to make a clear break with former President Donald Trump's more hawkish rhetoric.

Top Biden officials plan Mideast trip over Iran, F-35 concerns

(Bloomberg) The Biden administration is sending a team of senior officials to the Middle East this week as the president seeks to ease allies' concerns over Iranian nuclear talks and address issues involving the United Arab Emirates' planned purchase of the F-35 joint strike fighter.

U.S. and Israel have a policy of 'no surprises,' says Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan

(NBC News) When asked about alleged Israeli sabotage of Iran's nuclear program, NSA Jake Sullivan referred to "certain kinds of activities that are unhelpful."

Pentagon

The unexpected Pentagon chief

(Politico) A media-shy Lloyd Austin works behind the scenes to carry out the president's plans.

A civilian cybersecurity reserve corps is needed for the Pentagon and DHS, lawmakers from both parties say

(Air Force Times) A bipartisan group of lawmakers is pushing to create a civilian reserve corps of cybersecurity experts to help defend national security interests, amid concerns about growing digital threats to public and private networks and infrastructure.

Congress & Politics

Sea power backers propose \$25 billion to fix US shipyards

(Defense News) As the U.S. Navy grapples with outdated maintenance facilities and a fleet stretched by maintenance backlogs, a bipartisan, bicameral group of lawmakers are proposing a \$25 billion cash infusion for public and private shipyards timed for Congress' debate on a massive infrastructure package.

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Hawley bill would spotlight Chinese electronics in defense systems

(Defense News) Defense contractors would be required to tell the Pentagon if China, Russia, Iran and North Korea made any of the printed circuit boards in systems they were supplying, under legislation Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., introduced on Wednesday.

President invokes Beau Biden's war service to sell Afghanistan withdrawal to reluctant GOP

(Washington Examiner) Just days before the 10th anniversary of U.S. special operations forces killing al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, President Joe Biden told a joint session of Congress it is time to leave Afghanistan.

Biden nominee for Pentagon weapons buyer under investigation

(Defense One) Inspector General complaint alleges DIU Director Michael Brown's agency used federal hiring tools to hire friends, but office says it's competing for talent.

Pelosi: Milley 'doesn't know the full picture' of Jan. 6 Capitol attack

(Defense One) House speaker says Trump administration delayed military assistance to lawmakers.

Army

Army reservist found dead in Kuwait 'had passion for life and his mission overseas'

(Army Times) The Defense Department on Wednesday released the name of an Army Reserve soldier

who died Monday in Kuwait while supporting Operation Inherent Resolve.

Army platoon leader creates app to help grunts earn the expert infantryman badge

(Military.com) An Army infantry officer out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, has designed a smartphone training app that nearly doubled his battalion's success rate at earning the coveted Expert Infantryman Badge, or EIB, last year.

Court orders Army to review thousands of 'bad paper' discharges

(Stars & Stripes) A federal court approved a lawsuit settlement this week requiring the U.S. Army to review and potentially upgrade thousands of other-than-honorable discharges dating back 10 years.

Navy

Navy SEALs to shift from counterterrorism to global threats

(The Associated Press) Ten years after they found and killed Osama bin Laden, U.S. Navy SEALs are undergoing a major transition to improve leadership and expand their commando capabilities to better battle threats from global powers like China and Russia.

EMALS, AAG hit 8,000 aircraft recoveries, launches on Ford

(Seapower) The Advanced Arresting Gear (AAG) and Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System (EMALS) achieved 8,000 aircraft recoveries and launches aboard USS Gerald R. Ford (CVN 78) on April 19, during the final independent steaming event of her 18-month Post Delivery Test & Trials (PDT&T) period, the Naval Air Systems Command said in an April 26 release.

Carlos Del Toro leads Biden's Navy secretary list

(Breaking Defense) Carlos Del Toro, a Naval Academy graduate and CEO of a tech consultancy, is the Biden administration's likely nominee for Navy Secretary.

Navy to transfer 13 satellites to Space Force

(Military.com) The Navy plans to transfer operations of its 13 satellites to U.S. Space Force but will retain the portions of its research labs that focus on space, Chief of Naval Operations Michael Gilday said Tuesday.

CNO: Hypersonic weapons at sea to premiere on Zumwalt destroyers in 2025

(USNI News) The Navy is set to debut its first at-sea hypersonic missiles aboard one of the service's three Zumwalt-class destroyers in four years, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday said on Tuesday.

Marine Corps

Tragic drowning of San Diego Marine leads to lawsuit for benefits

(Marine Corps Times) The tragic 2019 drowning death of Marine Master Sgt. Jeff Briar off the San Diego coast has sparked a legal battle.

First female west coast Marines graduate at Camp Pendleton – in pictures

(The Guardian) After Congress ordered the US Marine Corps to fully integrate women into its west coast training battalions, the first 53 female recruits have become Marines

Marines' F-35Bs arrive in Britain for HMS Queen Elizabeth deployment

(UPI) The "Wake Island Avengers" squadron of U.S. Marines F-35B fighter planes arrived in Britain on Wednesday to deploy with a British carrier strike force.

The Marine Corps is known as a force of young warriors. That's about to change

(Military.com) The Marine Corps' junior enlisted ranks make up nearly half of the force, with most leaving the service after just one four-year term. Now, leaders say, they need to change the service's personnel models to build up more senior ranks as Marines face new threats.

Air Force

(Air Force Times) An English hospital's helipad has temporarily closed after being badly damaged by a departing U.S. Air Force CV-22 Osprey.

Astronaut Michael Collins, Apollo 11 pilot, dies at 90

(The Associated Press) Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins, who piloted the ship from which Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin left to make their historic first steps on the moon in 1969, died Wednesday of cancer, his family said. He was 90.

Arizona governor calls for US action on water contamination near military bases

(The Associated Press) Gov. Doug Ducey is calling on the federal government to identify and treat groundwater contamination near four current and former military air bases in metro Phoenix and Tucson.

Lt Gen Slife to Senate: AFSOC at an 'inflection point' requiring transformation in personnel, acquisition

(Air Force Magazine) Air Force Special Operations Command has gone through two major changes throughout its history brought on by real-world incidents, and the command's boss told lawmakers on April 28 that it is now undergoing its third.

Brand-new F-15EX to participate in Northern Edge Exercise, JADC2 experiments

(Air Force Magazine) Both of the Air Force's new F-15EX Eagle II fighters will fly in the Northern Edge exercise in Alaska next week to participate in broader joint all-domain command and control experiments, 11th Air Force Commander Lt. Gen. David A. Krumm said April 28. The jets will also employ their new electronic warfare suites in the wargame.

F-15E Strike Eagle smart-bomb transports are hauling munitions around the Middle

(The Drive) For the first time, the Air Force's F-15Es have worked as weapons transports, delivering guided bombs to forward operating locations.

The Air Force is testing ways to use the MQ-9 drone in island-hopping missions

(Military.com) The U.S. Air Force's principal hunter-killer drone, used for counterterrorism operations for more than a decade, is expanding its sea legs.

This Air Force PJ heroically treated 7 teammates wounded by a massive explosion in Afghanistan

(Task & Purpose) Staff Sgt. Michael Rogers was watching a soldier through his night vision goggles when all of a sudden the world blew up.

Coast Guard

US Coast Guard decommissions storied cutter in Alaska

(The Associated Press) The U.S. Coast Guard has decommissioned a ship whose home port was in Alaska after almost 50 years in service.

Veterans

Air Force veteran pleads guilty in scams to fleece other veterans

(Military Times) An Air Force veteran in Portsmouth, Va., has pleaded guilty in federal court to charges of wire fraud and aggravated identity theft in connection with various schemes to scam veterans, according to Department of Justice officials.

VA secretary wants more vets sickened by burn pits to file claims, but many are still being turned away

(Military.com) Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Denis McDonough wants more veterans who believe they were sickened by exposure to burn pits overseas to seek help from the department, despite many being turned away.

The Spouse Angle Podcast — Up this week: An Army Spouse's Journey from Homelessness and Incarceration to Running a Nonprofit

(Military Times) Army spouse Marla Bautista shares her personal story of abuse, incarceration and homelessness as a young adult and how those experiences inspired her family's nonprofit helping the homeless community wherever the military takes them.

Defense Industry

Point Blank throws hat in ring to design US Army's Bradley replacement

(Defense News) Point Blank Enterprises is the most recent nontraditional business to come out of the woodwork as a competitor for the U.S. Army's concept vehicle design phase to replace the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle.

South Korea chooses locally built marine helicopter over foreign offers

(Defense News) South Korea's defense procurement agency has announced a plan to introduce locally built marine attack helicopters designed for amphibious assault and close-air support.

Boeing CEO points to defense and space biz as financial stabilizer

(Defense News) Boeing reported a wider-than-expected first-quarter loss on Wednesday, although revenue met Wall Street forecasts as the company generated cash by delivering more new airliners than it did a year ago.

Former NGA director joins satellite imagery company

(C4ISRNET) The former leader of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency has joined Planet Federal, a commercial satellite imagery provider that works closely with the intelligence community.

Cyber, Unmanned and Space

Launch of experimental military navigation satellite pushed back to 2023

(C4ISRNET) A rideshare delay has pushed back the launch of the U.S. military's new experimental navigation satellite to 2023, but the Air Force Research Laboratory says it can use the extra time to reduce risks and conduct more ground testing.

Latest court ruling leaves future of the Pentagon's JEDI cloud unclear

(C4ISRNET) A federal judge on Wednesday declined the Pentagon's request to toss out Amazon Web Services' political interference allegations against former President Donald Trump in its controversial enterprise cloud contract, leaving the future of the program uncertain.

International

See France test-fire an M51 strategic missile into the Atlantic

(Defense News) The French DGA military procurement agency successfully test-fired the M51.2 strategic ballistic missile on Wednesday morning from its Biscarosse test site on France's Atlantic coast.

Australia to upgrade military bases, expand war games with US

(Al Jazeera) Australia will spend \$580m to build new training facilities and upgrade military bases in its north to accommodate larger aircraft.

Blinken warns Turkey, US allies against purchasing Russian weapons

(The Hill) Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday warned Turkey and other U.S. allies against buying weapons systems from Russia, saying such purchases could be subject to sanctions and strain ties with Washington.

Commentary & Analysis

What focus areas are key to America's future space capabilities?

(Defense News) It has been an active start to 2021 for the Department of Defense's space activities as the Pentagon seeks to build agility, capability and resilience in this increasingly important domain.

Increased concentration on space is welcome.

In search of leadership at the National Personnel Records Center

(Military Times) Last March, like many other government office buildings, the National Personnel Records Center closed in response to the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Book excerpt: 'Master Negotiator: The Role of James A. Baker, III at the End of the Cold War'

(Military Times) A comprehensive examination of U.S. diplomacy at the end of the Cold War through the lens of Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

The right way to fight a maritime war against China

(19FortyFive) More firepower furnishes no ironclad guarantee of victory. In fact, there are no such guarantees. But it does bias the odds toward the better-armed gunslinger.

Cyber security begins abroad

(War On The Rocks) The Russian Foreign Intelligence Service's compromise of U.S. company SolarWinds and a variety of other information technology infrastructures has been described as "the greatest cyber intrusion, perhaps, in the history of the world."

Give the U.S. Navy the Army's money

(Foreign Policy) To meet challenges from China, the rule of thirds must be broken.

Biden's \$90 billion bailout to Tehran

(Foreign Policy) Rejoining the Iran deal could undo years of progress in the Middle East.

Washington is avoiding the tough questions on Taiwan and China

(Foreign Affairs) The case for reconsidering U.S. commitments in East Asia.

The U.S. can't betray its best friends in Afghanistan

(Bloomberg) Afghans who supported the U.S. military now find themselves at risk. America shouldn't leave them behind.

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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT
To: Kelly, William G RADM

Subject: FW: Request for Permanent Relief For Cause **Date:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 9:43:52 PM

Admiral: FYSA

v/r, Rick

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 1:40 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard.J. Wester@uscg.mil>; Carter, Jonathan A CAPT

Subject: RE: Request for Permanent Relief For Cause

CDR,

Received and will go in to processing. Please allow 15 business days for a response.

Very Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Central Assignment Coordinator (CAC I) BM, ME & GM

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Thursday, June 10, 2021 1:26 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil >; Carter, Jonathan A CAPT

Subject: Request for Permanent Relief For Cause

(b) (6),

Thank you.

v/r,

(b) (6), (b) (7)

Staff Judge Advocate United States Coast Guard Academy 15 Mohegan Ave New London, CT 06320

Desk Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)

Cell Phone: (b) (6), (b) (7)

From:Wester, Richard J CAPTTo:Kelly, William G RADMSubject:FW: Statement re: PRFC

 Date:
 Tuesday, June 1, 2021 3:03:40 PM

 Attachments:
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Admiral: MCPO VerHulst's response is attached. Just over one page – reiterates his prior response and requests reconsideration.

v/r, Rick

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 2:40 PM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard. J. Wester@uscg.mil>

Subject: FW: Statement re: PRFC

FYI

From: VerHulst, Brett L CMC < <u>Brett.L.VerHulst@uscg.mil</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 2:25 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Statement re: PRFC

CDR, good afternoon. Per my meeting with the SUPT/ASUPT last week I am sending my statement and supporting documentation to you, with the request that it be forwarded to appropriate entities at CG-PSC-EPM.

I apologize in advance for any errors – I was have trouble logging into DA and the CG Portal to derive more accurate guidance. I wanted to get this to you ahead of Thursday's deadline to hopefully expedite things and allow my family and I to fully start the next chapter of our lives as soon as is practicable.

Thank you, and thanks again to you, (b) (6), (b) (7) — you have been so helpful during this process.

I will be heading back to Boston in the morning unless anyone tells me otherwise; either way I'll have my cell phone (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) if there are any questions or concerns.

From: Google Alerts
To: Kelly, William G RADM

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Google Alert - Coast guard academy

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 12:02:46 PM

Coast guard academy Daily update · June 15, 2021	
Investigation into former Coast Guard Academy command master chief ongoing	
theday.com The Coast Guard Investigative Service has denied a Freedom of Information Act request from The Day seeking documents pertaining to the	
USCGC Eagle arrives in Iceland, hosts US-Iceland meeting	
DVIDS Eagle is currently conducting summer U.S. Coast Guard Academy cadet training in at-sea leadership and professional development. Their first port call	
Coast Guard Documents Historic Shipwreck for National Register of	
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From:
To:

RADM; (D) (6), (b) (f)

Subject:
PW: Important Message from the Superintendent

Date:
Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:05:42 PM

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Distinguished Members of the CGA Board of Trustees, Forwarding the below on behalf of the Superintendent.

v/r



CGA Community:

Good afternoon. For your awareness, Master Chief Brett VerHulst has resigned his duties as the CGA CMC this morning, effective immediately (b) (6), (b) (7) will be the Interim CMC until the arrival of (b) (6), (b) (7) this summer. He is copied on this email, and he can be reached 24/7 at the following number: (b) (6), (b) (7).

Appreciate your continued support of each other and our mission.

v/r

RADM Bill Kelly

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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: Important Message from the Superintendent

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Master Chief: rgr – many thanks – I will pass that along.

v/r, Rjw

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:39 PM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT <Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil> **Subject:** RE: Important Message from the Superintendent

Captain,

If (b) (6), (b) needs any assistance, I'm happy to help him during his interim.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Command Master Chief

Leadership Development Center

School Chief

Senior Enlisted Leadership Course

a: (b) (6), (b) (7)

Cell: **(b) (6), (b) (7)**

From: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 4:37 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: Waters, Aaron E CAPT < <u>Aaron.E.Waters@uscg.mil</u>> **Subject:** RE: Important Message from the Superintendent

Master Chief: rgr – thanks

v/r, rjw

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 3:56 PM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT < <u>Richard J. Wester@uscg.mil</u>>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: Waters, Aaron E CAPT < <u>Aaron.E.Waters@uscg.mil</u>> **Subject:** RE: Important Message from the Superintendent

Good Afternoon Captain Wester,

The SUPT's message to the Chief's mess was exactly he same. He did not mention he TRFC aspect, only the resignation piece which was suitable for that audience.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Command Master Chief
Leadership Development Center
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(b) (6), (b) (7)

From: Wester, Richard J CAPT < <u>Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 2:34 PM

To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: Waters, Aaron E CAPT < Aaron.E. Waters@uscg.mil >; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: Important Message from the Superintendent

ECMC submitted his resignation at the same time the SUPT imposed the TRFC. EPM did not be ject to this course of action (i.e., CMC's submission of his resignation) so long as it was accompanied by the TRFC documentation in order to enable EPM to maintain awareness regarding the temporary relief of a gold badge. I believe what the Supt stated at SLT was that CMC had submitted his resignation and was involved in an ongoing investigation and that an email would be going out to the campus with more general info around noon. Neither the email nor the SLT notification mentioned the TRFC, but that package will be routed to EPM after CGA receipt of CMC's TRFC acknowledgement memo. CGA has also adopted an RTQ approach for this matter and will simply indicate that the Coast Guard does not comment on ongoing personnel matters, if asked.

: Supt intended to say the same thing to the chiefs mess as he did to the SLT – is the above what he passed at the mess?

Thx v/r,

rjw

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:44 PM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil >; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: Waters, Aaron E CAPT < <u>Aaron.E.Waters@uscg.mil</u>>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: FW: Important Message from the Superintendent

Good afternoon Gentlemen:

Unfortunately, the LDC CO was not able attend this morning's SLT due to OCS panels. To ensure messaging is standardized and to dispel false narratives...

Our personnel heard that CMC's resignation coincided with a RFC. I understand that this information may have come from outside/higher up? There is no need for LDC to be any more engaged than necessary (mostly a consolidated mess issue) and we will endeavor to move forward from this unfortunate chapter post haste. To counter/shutdown false information and rumors, please let CO, me, or (b) (6). (b) know so that we can correct the record/rumors as appropriate.

Good luck and best wishes.

Very respectfully, XO

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Executive Officer
U.S. Coast Guard Leadership Development Center
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Desk: (b) (6), (b) (7)
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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT < <u>Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil</u>>

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 12:16 PM

To: CGA-DG-CGAcademy < <u>CGA-DG-CGAcademy@uscg.mil</u>>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Important Message from the Superintendent

FORWARDED on behalf of the Superintendent

CGA Community:

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Appreciate your continued support of each other and our mission.

v/r RADM Bill Kelly Superintendent, U. S. Coast Guard Academy (w) 860-444-8285 (c) 703-340-7904

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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT

To: Kelly, William G RADM USCG CG ACADEMY (USA)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: Important Message regarding the CGA CMC

Admiral: Draft email is below....

v/r, Rick

CGA Community:

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Thank you.

v/r,

[Signature block]

 From:
 Wester, Richard J CAPT

 To:
 Kelly, William G RADM

 Cc:
 (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

 Subject:
 MCPO Verhulst

Date: Monday, July 19, 2021 5:30:24 PM
Attachments: MCPOVerhulst EER draft.pdf

Importance: High

Admiral: Draft marks are attached. I drafted them per EPM and the Enlistments, Evaluations and Advancements Manual guidance and I just ran the draft by EPM as well – they concurred. (b) (6)

Pending any changes or questions, I will print the final version for your signature and his. And will also send the EER to you via the system for electronic approval.

Verhulst is confirmed for tomorrow at 1430 – trops (he does not have ODUs readily available). He will park in my parking spot.

v/r,

Rick

From: Kelly, William G RADM

To: <u>Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG</u>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); Wester, Richard J CAPT

Subject: MCPO VerHulst

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 4:17:00 PM

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Master Chief

Hope all is well and safe travels to the west coast.

Rcvd word back from EPM earlier this week regarding the Permanent Relief for Cause for MCPO VerHulst.

Working with the SJA and EPM to finalize the marks and appropriate Page 7 and we will plan to invite him in, hopefully next week to finish this up and allow him to move forward with his plans.

Please let me or (b) (6), (b) (7) know if you have any questions or concerns.

(P.S. CMC is moved in on the Hill and we are thrilled to have her and her family with us!)

Take care

v/r

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From: Kelly, William G RADM

To: <u>Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG</u>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Wester, Richard J CAPT; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C

Subject: RE: MCPO VerHulst

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 3:29:00 PM

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Just wrapped up our meeting.

He is doing much better and is in the process of wrapping up all of his retirement work and he's in the job search mode.

We chatted for a while after the business was done and I plan to support him as much as I can going fwd

Thanks again

v/r

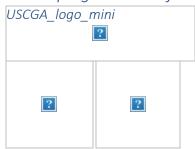
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From: Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG < Jason.M. Vanderhaden@uscg.mil>

Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:27 AM

To: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) ; Wester, Richard J CAPT <Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: RE: MCPO VerHulst

Good Morning Admiral,

Thank you for the heads up and I appreciate you keeping me in the loop. I have no issues with the way ahead although I know CCG feels a little differently. I'll work to bring him around to the reasons why we have to go this route.

v/r jmv

From: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G. Kelly@uscg.mil >

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 8:44 PM

To: Vanderhaden, Jason M MCPOCG < <u>Jason.M.Vanderhaden@uscg.mil</u>>

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Wester, Richard J CAPT

<Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: MCPO VerHulst

Master Chief Good evening

Wanted to let you know that MCPO VerHulst will be coming in Tuesday at 1430 to discuss the final disposition by EPM regarding his relief for cause.

I plan to address the situation with him, provide him his Pg7, and marks and officially close out this unfortunate situation.

He is scheduled to officially retire on 31 Aug.

We have taken steps internally to address the need for by-stander intervention at all levels of the command and we held by-stander intervention training with the entire Superintendent's Division in June.

I will be working with (b) (6), (b) (7) on the best way to engage with the Mess here on board CGA. Appreciate your support and counsel throughout.

Have a good evening.

v/r

RADM Bill Kelly

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 From:
 Wester, Richard J CAPT

 To:
 Kelly, William G RADM

 Subject:
 Navy Times inquiry

Date: Wednesday, April 28, 2021 11:38:59 AM

Importance: High

Admiral: FYSA, Navy Times/Military.com just reached out to (b) (6), (b) for an update, so per below, he is responding with the below holding statement. I gave Master Chief a heads up. SJA is aware.

(b) (6), (b) is reaching out to CG-092.

v/r,

Rick

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 7:06 PM

To: Hickey, Jon P RDML < Jon.P. Hickey@uscg.mil>; Thomas, Paul F RADM

<Paul.F.Thomas@uscg.mil>; Kelly, William G RADM <William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>; Fedor, Mark J RDML

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<Michael.W.Raymond@uscg.mil>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) >; Rothrock,

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Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard. J. Wester @uscg.mil >; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Lederer, Calvin M SES <Calvin.M.Lederer@uscg.mil>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Subject: CGA CMC Holding Statement

Good day Admirals,

The following is the CCG approved holding statement for RTQ only.

The Coast Guard Investigative Service (CGIS) is conducting an investigation into alleged inappropriate conduct by Master Chief Brett VerHulst, assigned as the Command Master Chief (CMC) at the Coast Guard Academy.

The Coast Guard cannot provide details at this time in order to preserve the integrity of the investigation and to protect the Coast Guard's ability to take appropriate final action.

Pending the outcome of the investigation, CMC VerHulst has been temporarily removed from his position.

For the committee:

The Coast Guard will notify the Committee upon completion of the Convening Authority's final action on the case.

Very Respectfully,

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To: Wester, Richard J CAPT USCG CG ACADEMY (USA); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C

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Subject: FW: Note to CGA Crew

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021 11:53:00 AM

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Rick

As I think about this, the email below is good, I added a couple of personalized edits – please take a look.

Let's not send it out on the weekend, sensitive to the feedback we have received from members of our community about invading their personal time on the weekends with CG email.

I ask that on Monday AM we send out on .mil and .edu on behalf of the Superintendent.

Thanks

v/r

RADM Bill Kelly

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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT USCG CG ACADEMY (USA) <Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>

Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2021 11:24 AM

To: Kelly, William G RADM USCG CG ACADEMY (USA) < William.G.Kelly@uscg.mil>

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

Sent: Saturday, July 24, 2021 8:56 AM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT USCG CG ACADEMY (USA) < Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil >

Subject: RE: Note to CGA Crew

Sir:

Admiral: updated draft with edits:

Good morning CGA Community

I hope you had a good weekend. The Mystic Flag Ceremony for the Class of 2025 went exceptionally well and I appreciate the support of all involved. 1/3 of the Class is now underway in EAGLE as of this morning.

Late Friday and then in Saturday's hard copy of the New London Day there was an article regarding

MCPO Ver Hulst.

Here are the details I can share with you:

Recently, the Personnel Services Center informed me of their determination to permanently relieve Master Chief VerHulst of his duties as CMC. I informed Master Chief of the determination and CGA re-engaged with The Day and provided a "response to query" regarding the permanent relief. Their article is linked for your visibility. I recognize that many of you may continue to have questions about this matter. However, CGA must protect the privacy interests of everyone involved, and I thank you for your professionalism and understanding.

https://www.theday.com/military-news/20210723/coast-guard-academy-master-chief-permanently-relieved-of-duties-investigation-finds-no-evidence-of-sexual-misconduct

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To: Kelly, William G RADM USCG CG ACADEMY (USA)

Subject: FW: Notifications: CGA Command Master Chief Relief of Duties | CST(maj)

Date: Friday, July 23, 2021 10:34:13 AM

Bill,

FYSA. More to follow for sure.

V/r, Jo

From: Lake, Matthew W CAPT USCG COMDT (USA) < <u>Matthew.W.Lake@uscg.mil</u>>

Date: Friday, Jul 23, 2021, 10:27 AM

To: Nunan, Joanna M RADM USCG BASE NCR (USA) < Joanna.M. Nunan@uscg.mil >, Thomas, Paul F

VADM USCG (USA) < <u>Paul.F.Thomas@uscg.mil</u>>

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Subject: FW: Notifications: CGA Command Master Chief Relief of Duties | CST(maj)

Admirals,

FYI,

ML

From: Warren, Robert W CAPT USCG (USA) < Robert.W.Warren@uscg.mil >

Sent: Friday, July 23, 2021 7:03 AM

To: Raymond, Michael W. (Joe) RDML USCG COMDT (USA)

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Subject: Notifications: CGA Command Master Chief Relief of Duties | CST(maj)

I wanted to circle back with you as I said I would following notifications. We were able to complete most of the notifications yesterday concerning the CGA CMC, and as we anticipated, we did get a strong/frustrated response from CST majority.

According to b, upon making notifications CST(maj) requested the investigation and associated documents related to the relief. She is particularly interested in knowing specifics about the underlying conduct. Based on the information they had previously received regarding this case from unknown sources, staff is incredulous as to how this behavior could not be classified as sexual harassment and will want to compare his conduct against the Coast Guard's definition. The staff also wants to understand for how long this conduct took place and whether it was an ongoing problem. She requested a follow-on in person brief once she has had a chance to review the materials.

Not inconsistent with what we anticipated, but from a risk perspective we open ourselves up here a bit... and the brief will be pretty critical as we try to lay out the CG's response posture here against what she perceives to be the actual behavior.

Happy Friday.

Very Respectfully,

Rob
CAPT Robert Warren
Chief, Congressional and Governmental Affairs
U.S. Coast Guard
(202) 245-0521

From: (b) (6), (b) (7)

To: Kelly, William G RADM

Cc: Wester, Richard J CAPT; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)

Subject: Para. 3.E.8.e.3 Notification of FAM

Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021 3:20:18 PM

Attachments: 20210721 - Final Action Memo (AHHI).pdf

Admiral,

Good afternoon, sir. Attached to this email please find a final action memo (FAM) for an investigation completed by CGIS. As you know, the investigation looked into CGA's former CMC's unduly personal, physical contact with multiple members assigned to the CGA.

Para. 3.E.8.e.3 of COMDTINST M5350.4(series) requires that a copy of the FAM and the underlying investigation be forwarded to you; however, since you have already reviewed the investigation I am not attaching same to this email.

Per your direction, CAPT Wester has analyzed the entirety of the CGIS ROI under AHHI policy and determined that certain conduct described in the ROI meets the definition of prohibited harassment, but not sexual harassment. The reasoning is set forth in the attached FAM. Since CMC has already been relieved, no further action is being taken by the command.

At this time, I respectfully request that you acknowledge receipt and indicate that you have considered the investigation and final action pursuant to para. 3.E.8.e.3 of COMDTINST M5350.4(series). Thank you, sir.

Very Respectfully,

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From: Wester, Richard J CAPT

To: Kelly, William G RADM

Subject: per text

Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 9:22:51 PM



Assistant Superintendent U. S. Coast Guard Academy (860) 444-8286

From: Wester, Richard J CAPT To: Moorlag, Matthew J CAPT USCG (USA); Cc: RE: Draft holding statement Subject: Importance: High (b) : I'd shift "his intent to permanently relieve CMC for cause" to "his intent to seek permanent Pelieve for cause for CMC VerHulst" – the Supt can't complete the relief by his own authority, he can only make a recommendation to PSC... rjw From: Moorlag, Matthew J CAPT < Matthew.J.Moorlag@uscg.mil> Sent: Thursday, May 27, 2021 5:41 AM To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard. J. Wester@uscg.mil> Subject: RE: Draft holding statement Rgr. Thanks From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 7:43 PM To: Moorlag, Matthew J CAPT < Matthew.J.Moorlag@uscg.mil > Cc: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)> (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard. J. Wester@uscg.mil > **Subject:** Draft holding statement Captain Moorlag-



From: Wester, Richard J CAPT

To: Verhulst, Brett L MCPO USCG CG ACADEMY (USA)

Subject: RE: Request Feedback/Approval

Attachments: <u>image002.gif</u>

Master Chief: rgr – on the not attending events – we will miss you at them. For retirement ceremony, roger concur. I'll let CDiv know that you won't be at drill or ring dance and will just cite personal matters if that sounds good.

How are you doing? If you want to chat anytime, let me know – schedule isn't too busy today.

v/r, rjw

From: VerHulst, Brett L CMC <Brett.L.VerHulst@uscg.mil>

Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 7:58 AM

To: Wester, Richard J CAPT < Richard.J.Wester@uscg.mil>

Subject: Request Feedback/Approval

CAPT, good morning. Request your concurrence with the below– I was going to send this in an e-mail today to anyone who has RSVP'd for my ceremony:

"To all, good morning.

Unfortunately, due to personal matters I will not be having a retirement ceremony on the 14th of May. If something can be rescheduled, I will keep you posted.

To those who have RSVP'd I am truly sorry for the inconvenience, particularly for those who had planned to travel from out of state – I hope it's still early enough where tickets haven't been purchased or at least can be refunded or re-routed.

As I said before, your support has been so important to me over the years and that won't change, ceremony or not.

Thank you!"

I also have a meeting with my project officers today that was already on the calendar...I'll let them know at that meeting. Finally, I respectfully request not to attend events/meetings until things are adjudicated – I think that was probably the plan anyway? As I said, next week is supposed to be my last full week in the office for all intents and purposes anyway.

Thanks sir.

v/r,

MC

CMC Brett VerHulst USCG Academy 15 Mohegan Avenue New London, CT 06320

Cell: (b) (6), (b) (7) Work: (860) 444-8330 From: To: Kelly, William G RADM

Subject: RE: Request for info from The Day - CMC Case

Monday, June 14, 2021 4:07:15 PM Date:

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Sir:

v/r,

SJA

From: Kelly, William G RADM < William.G. Kelly@uscg.mil>

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 1:59 PM

To: Raymond, Michael W RDML < Michael. W.Raymond@uscg.mil>; Nunan, Joanna M RADM

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Subject: RE: Request for info from The Day - CMC Case

Date: Monday, June 14, 2021 2:51:41 PM

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Bill.

Thank you for your e-mail and we are happy to work with you and your time on this response. Our team is in today and they should be talking with this afternoon. While not ideal to be responding to the Day right now, this might give the opportunity to help clarify what this investigation is and is not about.

v/r,

Joe

RDML Joe Raymond

Acting Director, Governmental and Public Affairs

U.S. Coast Guard

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Calvin M SES <Calvin.M.Lederer@uscg.mil>

Subject: RE: Request for info from The Day - CMC Case

Importance: High

+CGA Pgm Mgr, CG-094/D, CG-0921, CG-0922, CG-8, CG-821 for awareness.

Hello, Bill,

I appreciate CG-092 working with you on the messaging. I don't think we should use the words 'criminal investigation' if we are not planning to press criminal charges.

V/r, Jo

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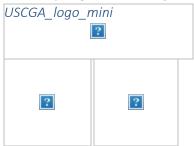
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From: To: Subject: Date:

William Kelly
Kelly William G RADM
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02DEC2020: I acknowledge the above entry.

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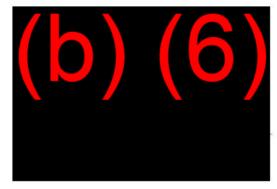
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