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Captain Sharif Calfee is a surface warfare officer who has commanded the USS *McCampbell* (DDG-85) and the USS *Shiloh* (CG-67), both forward deployed in Yokosuka, Japan. He currently serves as the Deputy Director, Navy Plans & Policy (OPNAV N5B), and special assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Operations, Plans & Strategy (OPNAV N3/N5).

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LT Lucinda Ford, USN

LT Lucinda Ford commissioned from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in ocean engineering. As a Rhodes Scholar, LT Ford attended Oxford University studying for a master's degree in environmental change and management and a master's degree in public policy with focuses in energy, water, and national security policy. She completed nuclear power training in 2019 and served on board USS *Florida* (Blue) SSGN-728 as the chemistry and radiological controls assistant during a major maintenance period and the assistant operations officer while being forward deployed. LT Ford has deployed twice to Fifth Fleet and twice to Sixth Fleet.

LT Ford has published on optimizing freshwater infrastructure in Bangladesh, written on deep sea mining, and worked with the Air Force on creating a governance structure for appropriating operational energy saving incentives. LT Ford is currently serving as an Instructor in the Political Science Department at the U.S. Naval Academy.

LCDR Tiffany White, USN

Lieutenant Commander White enlisted in the Navy in January 1998 from Cheyenne, Wyoming, as a cryptologic technician collections. Twelve years later she transitioned into the Reserves and received a direct commission as a cryptologic warfare officer. LCDR White holds master's degrees from American Military University and Argosy University in intelligence studies with an emphasis in information warfare and forensic psychology, respectively.

White's operational tours include counterpiracy operations on board the USS *Porter* (DDG-78) and Operations Resolute Support and Freedom Sentinel in Kabul, Afghanistan, where she was the Airborne ISR Collection Management Chief for the CJOA-A.

White's shore assignments include Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) Denver, Colorado; NSGA Kunia, Hawaii; Naval Information Warfare Activity Suitland, Maryland; U.S. Cyber Command; Navy Information Operations Command Maryland as the Reserve Operational Support Officer; and Commander, Tenth Fleet as the Deputy Reserve Program Director.

In 2023, LCDR White was indefinitely recalled back to active duty at Cryptologic Warfare Activity 67 in the Cybersecurity Directorate.

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Sergeant Major Jacob M. Reiff is a native of Wisconsin and enlisted in the Marine Corps in May 1995. He has served in a wide array of duties over the course of his 27-year career, including company first sergeant for the Marine Security Company at the Presidential Retreat at Camp David. His assignments as a unit sergeant major include battalion sergeant major for 3d Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division and 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command; regimental sergeant major for 10th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division; and wing sergeant major for 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, II Marine Expeditionary Force. He is currently the sergeant major for Marine Corps Combat Development Command, Headquarters, United States Marine Corps.

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