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UPCOMING NEWS & EVENTS:

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January 26: [V-SGL with Adm. Cecil D. Haney, U.S. Navy \(ret.\): Great Power Competition in the Cognitive Age](#)

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Released Dec. 11, the Comprehensive Endurance, Fatigue Management Program instruction expands on a similar instruction released in 2017, after it was found that sailor fatigue played a role in the fatal collisions of the warships Fitzgerald and John S. McCain, disasters that killed 17 sailors.

The new instruction directs Naval Surface Force Atlantic and Naval Surface Force Pacific to use watch rotations that align with the body's natural circadian rhythm, which generally means standing watch and sleeping at the same time in each 24-hour cycle, while having a supporting schedule that protects these vital sleep periods, Dr. John P. Cordle, SURFLANT's human factors engineer and a retired surface warfare officer, said in a release announcing the new instruction.

While the instruction notes that "warfighting, readiness and elite performance" are a priority for the surface fleet, such goals aren't possible when sailors are getting erratic rest time, the release states.

A circadian watch rotation can be rolled out in a variety of ways, including using a three-on/nine-off rotation in four sections, or a four-on/eight-off rotation in three sections.

"What we find in the studies is not necessarily that sailors are sleeping more under this watch rotation, but they're sleeping at the same time each day," Cordle said. "What they like about it is that they can now plan their day. Ships have reported better physical readiness training performance and better morale with circadian-based watchbills."

Work days on a deployed ship often involve lengthy periods of exertion with long watch shifts stacked throughout.

Such revisions emphasize the men and women in uniform, he said

Bottom of Form

"You would never consciously skip a planned maintenance check on your gear," Cordle said. "Our daily maintenance check on our body is sleep. Skipping that is just as bad as not maintaining your equipment."

An enlightened watchbill is just one piece of the instruction, and ensuring sailors are rested and ready for whatever comes over the horizon also requires changes from everything to meal hours to limited IMC usage and a more flexible training schedule, among other tweaks, the release notes.

"None of these solutions are simple, but they are doable," Cordle said. "The goal is to minimize disturbances during sleep hours and focusing most major evolutions in the middle of the day. Let folks sleep in or go to bed early so that they are awake and alert on watch. This includes minimizing meetings, training and announcements during the early morning and evening hours."

Revisions to the 2017 instruction began last summer and were spearheaded by the Naval Postgraduate School and the Naval Health Research Center.

"We address the fact that a vast majority of mishaps are traced back to human factors and human effort," Cordle said in the release. "We wanted to provide commanding officers and ships with a means to better manage their workday and watch rotation to improve crew endurance."

Research shows that fatigue and an out-of-whack circadian rhythm can inhibit the ability to learn or concentrate on tasks, and that long-term sleep deprivation contributes to diabetes, weight gain, heart disease and other maladies, the release states.

Shipboard leaders should make these changes not only for their sailors, but for themselves, Cordle notes.

"If you work too hard, don't sleep, don't eat properly, and don't exercise, you're going to be unfit, and there's going to come a time when you're the last person between your ship and disaster," he said. "And you're going to make a bad decision because you let yourself get in a bad place, and somebody could get hurt or killed. You've let the crew down."



<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-navy/2021/01/05/surface-fleet-rolls-out-revised-instruction-to-get-sailors-better-rest-at-sea/>

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The failure of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on Monday to decide whether to increase output in February had a negative effect on crude traders, who caused oil prices to dip by almost 2 percent.

However, the cartel agreed to meet again on Tuesday to discuss the matter, which along with the Covid vaccines is said to be a key component of the commodity's recovery in the new year.

Brent on Monday settled 71 cents, or 1.4 percent, lower at \$51.09 per barrel, while West Texas Intermediate crude fell 90 cents, or 1.9 percent, to settle at \$47.62; the losses were minimized when Iran's Revolutionary Guards seized a South Korean-flagged tanker in Gulf waters, and the Islamic republic resumed uranium enrichment at an underground nuclear facility.

The OPEC impasse was reportedly caused by Saudi Arabia arguing against pumping more due to new coronavirus lockdowns, while Russia led calls for higher production, citing recovering demand; most of the participating members are against a February output rise.

Bjornar Tonhaugen, head of oil markets at Rystad Energy, said of Tuesday's highly anticipated meeting, "Anything can happen, but Russia may not want to lose face and capitulate so easily."

Meanwhile, now that Covid vaccines are ramping up throughout the world, experts weighed in on how the oil market would fare in 2021, and as usual opinion was divided: OPEC secretary general Mohammad Barkindo said there would still be "many downside risks to juggle" in the first half of the year, but he predicted that global economy could strongly rebound in the second half – with the caveat that travel, tourism, leisure, and hospitality could take years to reach pre-virus levels.

Kuwait's oil minister was similarly inclined, stating on Monday that he expected a gradual recovery in oil demand, particularly in the second half of 2021.

Brenda Shaffer, professor at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, told Bloomberg that with OPEC now meeting monthly, "That can really help to fine tune the oil market so it's not so quick to make big decisions."

She added that the demand for diesel has recovered to pre-lockdown rates and commodities in general "are soaring," plus "there's a lot more money out there: paper traffic is back up to pre-Covid levels," and while jet travel isn't fully recovered by any means it has still climbed to demand levels not seen since the first lockdowns.

"All on the demand side, the trends look really good," she said.

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Save Our Shores was responsible for elevating the campaign through several high visibility activities while also expanding broad grassroots activism. Among those actions were screenings of the documentary “Sand Wars” followed by panel discussions with local coastal experts like Gary Griggs, Earth Sciences professor at UC Santa Cruz; Jason Scorse, associate professor of Environmental Policy Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies and director of the Center for the Blue Economy; as well as State Assembly member Mark Stone. SOS with Surfrider Monterey, coordinated a protest march from the Marina Dunes State Beach north to the mining site where, with permission from the California Coastal Commission, we returned 250 pounds of Lapis Luster sand, the Cemex brand name for the sands taken from the Marina site, which we purchased, ironically, at the Sand City Home Depot. Core members of the opposition campaign also organized large numbers of sign-carrying citizens to attend and speak out at California Coastal Commission and State Lands Commission meetings. And, perhaps the most effective action we staged was postcard petition signing events where signers could scoop a small amount of Lapis Luster sand into cellophane envelopes that accompanied the 3,000 cards delivered to relevant state agencies, legislators, and even former Gov. Jerry Brown.

That Cemex has finally had to stop stealing a public resource for profit, is a big deal. Here’s why. Its Marina operation was removing 380,000 cubic yards of sand – the equivalent of 20,000 to 30,000 dump truck loads, annually. The U.S. Geological Survey confirmed the removal of that sand was causing the highest rates of erosion along the entire California coast. In some areas, between Marina and Monterey, that erosion was 80% higher than anywhere else in the state and responsible for the loss of Stilwell Hall at Fort Ord Dunes State Park. The city of Marina also reported that it had lost 75 acres of beach that had been prime endangered Western Snowy Plover habitat. And, walking parts of the shore south of the Cemex facility became virtually impossible during high tides.

Now Cemex has three years to process the sand it has been stockpiling, relocate the 25–30 workers operating the facility, and restore the dune habitat it has destroyed. As part of the negotiated closure, Cemex must sell the property to a non-profit, state agency or collaborating group of non-profits and agencies at a below market valuable determined by Coastal Commission. The new owners must maintain the site as a conservation area in perpetuity and provide for public access.

The end of sand mining on the shores of our sanctuary is indeed something extraordinary to be grateful for during a year when bad news seemed to be never ending. Thanks, therefore, go to the thousands of community members who participated in this campaign.

Thanks also go to the Coastal Commission, States Lands Commission, and the City of Marina who joined forces to negotiate the closure. After stopping the threat of offshore oil drilling in our Monterey Bay, helping to facilitate an end to Cemex stealing sand from our beloved shores is one of Save Our Shores’ greatest achievements.

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Ron Rittenmeyer, Executive Chairman and CEO, said, “Cecil has demonstrated the true tenets of servant leadership throughout his incredibly distinguished career in the U.S. military. He is an extraordinary individual and leader who will complement our Board, particularly in the areas of cybersecurity and systems planning. We look forward to working with him.”

Haney is a retired four-star Admiral, who completed 38 years of service in the U.S. Navy. He served as commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, where he was responsible for strategic capabilities involving nuclear forces, missile defense, space and cyberspace. He also served as commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, leading the U.S. Navy’s operations and the manning, operations and maintenance of the U.S. Navy fleet located in the Pacific and Indian oceans.

As a career U.S. Navy submariner, Haney held a number of leadership positions in the submarine force and in joint assignments. He also served as a member of the Congressionally-mandated Military Leadership Diversity Commission.

He currently serves on the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Board of Managers, the Naval Studies Board, the Aerospace Corporation Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors for General Dynamics Corporation, Systems Planning and Analysis Inc., and the Center for New American Security. He also serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Military Child Education Coalition.

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Mr. Jackson has significant senior management experience, including strategy development and plan execution in addition to being a globally recognized technologist, corporate advisor, thought leader and best-selling author. He has also been recognized as a “Top 5G Influencer” (5G Radar (2020), Analytica, (2020)), a “Top Internet of Things Influencer” (Insight.Tech (2020), IoT Community (2020)), digital transformation expert (Thinkers 360 (2020), IBM Smarter Business Review (2020)), and provides integrated social media services to AT&T, Bosch, Ericsson, and other leading companies. As an associate consultant with A.T. Kearney, he provided cloud computing and cybersecurity management consulting services to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Other internationally recognizable firms that have sponsored articles authored by him include Cisco, Microsoft, Citrix, and IBM. Mr. Jackson has also been featured in podcasts and online videos with Dell, Intel Corporation, O’Reilly Media, and National Public Radio. Mr. Jackson’s commercial experience includes Vice President J.P. Morgan Chase, Worldwide Sales Executive for IBM and SAIC (Engility) Director Cloud Solutions. He has served on teams that have supported digital transformation projects for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the US Intelligence Community. Kevin’s formal education includes a MS Computer Engineering from **Naval Postgraduate School**; MA National Security & Strategic Studies from Naval War College; and a BS Aerospace Engineering from the United States Naval Academy.

“Kevin is a tremendous addition to our team,” said Thomas N. Carter, TNS’ Chairman and CEO. “Kevin’s extensive telecommunications background and business development skills should help our Company establish and strengthen channel partnerships, develop strategic alliances and expand our sales presence. We believe his strong leadership experience will help focus TNS in its commercialization efforts and the execution of our plan.”

Mr. Jackson said that, “Blockchain is quickly becoming a foundational technology for financial services, supply chain operations, cybersecurity and many other critical business processes. I look forward advancing blockchain’s business utility through the unique and interoperable services enabled by the TNS Blockchain global cloud infrastructure.”



About Total Network Services, Corp.

Total Network Services Corp. (“TNS” or the “Company”) was formed to develop blockchain-focused technologies to enhance consumer and business adoption of digital assets and digital securities. The Company’s current products and services are Digital Names, human readable public keys for digital wallets, and the TNS Blockchain and Network Hosting Solutions. In addition, TNS is developing a proprietary digital wallet with global interoperability that it expects will be commercial ready in the Q1, 2021.

This press release contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements include all statements other than statements of historical fact. Additional information regarding factors that could materially affect results and the accuracy of the forward-looking statements contained herein may be requested of the Company at TNSCorp.io

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2021/01/06/2154449/0/en/Total-Network-Services-Corp-Announces-Kevin-L-Jackson.html>

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Iyer, who is from Arlington, Virginia, became the first Indian-American to hold such a high position heading a multibillion dollar initiative and a 15,000-person global IT organization, Iyer said on LinkedIn announcing his departure from Deloitte where he was the managing director of Government and Public Services for nearly six years.

“This move was not one that I had planned, but the call for public service is my duty. It’s also an exciting opportunity to put technology front and center to Army modernization leveraging cloud, AI and data analytics to achieve digital overmatch against our adversaries,” Iyer added.

Originally from Trichur, Tamil Nadu, Iyer is a graduate of the University of Texas at Arlington, and attended the **Naval Postgraduate School**. In addition, he did his MBA and Executive MBA from the University of Michigan.

As CIO, Iyer serves as the principal advisor to and directs all matters representing the Secretary of the Army relating to Information Management/ Information Technology (IM/IT), a press release from the U.S. Army said.

He sets the strategic direction and oversees the execution of policies and programs for IM/IT including managing an integrated IT architecture, enterprise data management, cybersecurity, and cloud management.

He oversees the capital planning and execution of \$18 billion portfolio for implementation of an enterprise IM/IT programs that deliver a responsive, effective, secure, collaborative and trusted environment of communication, information and technological superiority for the Army and its joint and allied nation partners, the press release said.

Prior to his role at Deloitte, Iyer served as the Senior Technology Advisor for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Director, Information Services Design and Development Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Chief Technology Officer and Acting Deputy CIO, Army Materiel Command, Huntsville, Alabama.

He also served as Director for Data Management, US Army Tank and Automotive Armaments Command, Warren, Michigan; Program Manager for Product Lifecycle Management, US Army Tank Automotive R&D Center, Warren, Michigan; Chief Technology Officer and Vice President for Product



Development, Imagecom Inc., Arlington, Texas; Research Associate, Automation and Robotics Research Institute, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Systems Engineer, FlightSafety International Inc., Hurst, Texas.

His top civilian awards and professional achievements include the Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the International William Conroy Standards Professional Award.

He has published dozens of peer reviewed papers and articles worldwide. Iyer also co-founded a venture capital funded startup company focused on developing web-based enterprise software products for design collaboration in the engineering supply chain, the press release said.

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