

Coast Guard Establishes Cyber Reserve Component and Cyber Billets



A Coast Guard Information Systems Technician adjusts cables inside a server room at the Telecommunication and Information Systems Command (TISCOM) Jan. 24, 2013. *U.S. COAST GUARD / Petty Officer 2nd Class Etta Smith*

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Coast Guard is creating three reserve entities to strengthen its cyber capabilities, the service's headquarters announced in an internal message.

The Coast Guard's Office of Cyberspace Forces' team in charge of implementing the cyber mission specialist (CMS) rating is creating a 39-member Reserve Cyber Protection Team.

Also being created are positions for 48 Reserve Cyber Advisors. These personnel will be assigned to Coast Guard operational commands within the Marine Transportation System.

In addition, a 15-member Coast Guard cyber reserve unit is being established at U.S. Cyber Command.

"These teams, along with the [Coast Guard Cyber Reserve Division, will consist of enlisted members from the CMS and IS [Intelligence Specialist] ratings, Cyber Mission Management (CMM) warrant officer specialty and commissioned officers," the message said.