

US NWC - NC&S Online Foundational Knowledge Course

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Session 1: Student Introductions

Please introduce yourself to the rest of the class by Sunday at midnight by starting a new thread with your name as part of the subject line. Please include some basic introductory information (i.e., where you live (city, state), what is your current military or government assignment, your family status (i.e., married, kids, etc.), your favorite hobby, etc.). Then answer one of these questions:

- What is your favorite movie and why?
- What is your favorite book or author and why?
- Who is your favorite artist (i.e., painting, photography, music, etc.) and why?

The minimum post length is 200 words.

Response

Good afternoon, everyone! My name is Jeff Thomas, and I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you throughout this course.

I live in the Philadelphia area and have spent the past 20 years working in the Intelligence Support to Command and Control (ISC2) space. For a little over 11 years now, I've been with the Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific, where I currently serve as the Technical Director for PEO Digital's Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System (JDISS).

Before that, I spent over a decade as a software engineer and architect at Northrop Grumman. I have a bachelor's degree in computer science from West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

Outside of work, life keeps me busy. My daughter is a high school sophomore and about to turn 16, so naturally, I'm bracing myself as she learns to drive. More gray hairs incoming! We have a small cavapoo named Kylie who thinks she runs the house and honestly, she might be right. In my free time, I enjoy playing guitar, photography, hiking, and blogging. If you're interested, you can check out more about me on my portfolio website:

www.jeffthomas.dev.

My favorite musical artist is Joe Purdy. He's a singer-songwriter with a raw, acoustic bluegrass style that feels authentic, simple, and deeply emotional.