



CTR1(IW/SW) Joseph Braden Julian

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Petty Officer First Class Joseph “Braden” Julian is a Tactical Information Operations Analyst (TIO-A) stationed at Special Reconnaissance Team ONE (SRT-1) out of Coronado, California. Born in November of 1993 to Joe and Jodi Julian, Braden grew up in Garner, North Carolina, alongside his younger brother, Jacob Julian. After graduating from West Johnston High School in 2012, he enlisted in the United States Navy from Raleigh, North Carolina.

After completing Recruit Training in 2014, he attended Cryptologic Technician Collection (CTR) “A” school in Pensacola, Florida. Upon graduation, he was selected for a follow-on “C” school, Ship’s Signal Exploitation Equipment Increment Echo (SSEE INC E) Operator (C20A). His first assignment was the USS Vicksburg (CG-69), home-ported in Mayport, Florida, with which he completed a Standing NATO Maritime Group TWO (SNMG-2) deployment, actively engaging in numerous multinational exercises in the Baltic region. USS Vicksburg de-manned her crew in late-2016, from where he was reassigned to the Southeast Regional Maintenance Center (SERMC) in Mayport, Florida, for the remainder of his tour.

In January of 2018, he re-enlisted for orders to Cryptologic Warfare Group SIX Detachment Digby (CWG-6 DET Digby), out of Lincolnshire, England, from where he qualified on the Battle Watch and for the SIGINT Threat Warning (STW) cell supporting Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) mandated missions. During his time in England, he obtained his National Security Agency (NSA) Instructor qualification, National Cryptologic School (NCS) certification to instruct Fundamentals of Python (COMP1314), and completed his Associate of Arts (AA) and most of his Bachelor of Science (BS) in Computer Science through the University of Maryland. He concurrently developed, released, and maintained Project Athena – a Pythonic solution for watch-keeping, report dissemination, vessel tracking, and metrics. Upon his departure, he was meritoriously promoted to Petty Officer First Class, and awarded two Navy Achievement Medals – one specifically for Project Athena.

After his positive screening and selection for Naval Special Warfare (NSW), he attended Expeditionary Force Combat Skills (804G), Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) Level C, and the TIO-A Course of Instruction (703C). In November of 2021 he checked into SRT-1, where he was thereafter deployed in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE to Combined Special Operations Joint Task Force – Levant (CSOJTF-L), conducting Special Operations for supported commanders, inter-agency, and host nation partners at Camp Arifjan in Al Ahmadi, Kuwait, Camp Xiphos in Zarqa, Jordan, and Forward Operating Base (FOB) Union III in Baghdad, Iraq. His commendations include the Joint Service Commendation, Joint Service Achievement, Navy Achievement, and numerous other individual, unit, and foreign awards.