



FLANK SPEED

A NAVY RESERVE GUIDE TO THE FUTURE OF NAVY VIRTUAL COLLABORATION

A NAVY RESERVE SAILORS GUIDE TO FLANK SPEED

Flank Speed is a permanent, single Navy enterprise solution for daily work, offering a secure environment for collaboration, cloud storage for files and documents, and Microsoft Office 365 (M365) productivity tools. Flank Speed will replace CVR (Microsoft Teams) on June 15, 2021 with a more secure data environment, better performance, and 21st century collaboration tools for work in a modern, day-to-day enterprise network.

The Navy is executing an aggressive plan to transition users as quickly as possible, prioritized by network infrastructure readiness and mission requirements. The transition plan aligns with the DOD strategy, and meets the Acting Secretary of the Navy's intent.

SUNSETTING THE CVR TEAMS ENVIRONMENT

The Navy adopted CVR as a temporary solution and will officially sunset CVR on 15 June 2021. No further extensions are being considered.

On June 15, all data and user information residing in the CVR environment will be deleted. Any critical working documents or official records created in CVR must be saved to an approved alternate location, e.g. SharePoint (NRH). There will be no automated migration of data from CVR.

CVR has been a launch pad for what is on the horizon for the Navy with the enduring M365 solution. CVR capabilities and the Microsoft Teams environment provided the backbone for what M365 will offer.

CAPABILITIES OF FLANK SPEED

Flank Speed accommodates the use of DOD Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) and National Security Systems information, to include PII and HIPPA.

When connected directly from the Internet, the use of Flank Speed, whether via Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) or personal desktops/laptops, will require CAC authentication and the use of a web browser — data downloads will not be allowed.

GFE connected to the NIPRNET, whether from the office or through a Virtual Private Network, will have full application functionality.

The ability to invite guests to participate in Teams meetings will be limited to Internal DoD users. Non-DoD guest participation is under development.

Audio conference capability is scheduled to be available by September 2021. When authorized by DoD, Navy will enable personal cell phones, tablets, or desktops/laptops access to Flank Speed directly from the Internet. The Navy will also continue to work with DoD and Microsoft to allow non-DoD partners to participate in Teams. During this transition period, it will be important to leverage legacy collaboration capabilities to minimize collaboration gaps, such as teleconference bridges for teleconferences with non-DoD partners.



We will need your active engagement to make the Navy Reserve's transition to Flank Speed a success. OPNAV N2N6, Fleet Cyber Command, PEO Digital, PMW 205, and Commander Navy Reserve Forces Command N6 will provide the information and products to assist you in preparing for the CVR sunset and transition to Flank Speed. The same Navy Champions who assisted our Reserve collaboration efforts to the CVR environment will again support us through the upcoming transition.

We are working hard to minimize the impact, but the amount of change is significant and will require work from individual. Over the coming weeks, expect updates and directions on actions required to facilitate a smooth transition to Flank Speed.

Please direct any questions to the Flank Speed Customer Support Center at:
757-444-3913 / NAVYRESERVECCSC@NAVY.MIL

FAQs



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I AM A SELECTED RESERVE SAILOR. WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO PREPARE FOR THE TRANSITION?

First, remove any files or documents you need from CVR before June 15. No CVR content will be automatically archived and anything you may need must be manually saved out of the system. Second, you must have an active DoD profile in MilConnect. If you already use CVR, you are good to go. If you do not have a working NMCI or other official DoD email account, you will need to get one as soon as possible.

If you wish to access Flank Speed from your personal electronic device, you will need a CAC-card reader. Initially, for access you will need a government managed device connected to the DODIN directly or via VPN. Unmanaged solutions are expected by June with enablement of direct internet access — at which time Flank Speed can be accessed (with a CAC) from any device, on any network, direct from the internet. CAC is the only currently authorized way to verify identity. A better user experience (non-CAC) is being pursued under an exception to policy, but timing remains undetermined.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF FLANK SPEED?

The end goal is to move everything to the cloud, including the ShareDrive you are accustomed to accessing on-site or via VPN, and have the Navy under one system. This will be revolutionary as the requirement to go through a government network to access Microsoft 365 will be essentially eliminated. This will reduce the load on on-premises bandwidth without the loss of security. Today, you have the CVR calendar and the outlook calendar, and sometimes they don't match. When Flank Speed rolls out, you will have only one calendar.

WHEN SHOULD I EXPECT FLANK SPEED TO ROLL THROUGH AND IS THERE ANYTHING I SHOULD DO BEFOREHAND?

The planned Flank Speed migration will begin June 1 and go through June 15. However, there is a chance that the migration process could take longer. It is highly recommended that you begin moving all of your CVR files into an approved storage location.

WILL WE GET NEW EMAILS THEN?

Yes — everyone will go to a new domain tied to their persona. This new MilConnect persona — where all of your Flank Speed persona data will be coming from — is essentially what determines that you are you while using the system.

IS THERE ANYTHING I NEED TO DO TO GET A FLANK SPEED ACCOUNT? IS THE LOGIN CAC-LESS?

No. You don't need a SAAR form or an application. Accounts will be created based on the fact that you do or do not have a DoD persona associated with the Navy. If you do, then you get an account. If you are an NEO 365 user, Flank Speed will be created for you. If you are an active CVR user, then you will get a Flank Speed account. The login is not CAC-less yet. More information on CAC-less logins will be coming soon, as that is a goal of the Flank Speed system.

I HAVE AN NMCI ACCOUNT, A CVR ACCOUNT, A NAVY.MIL ACCOUNT, AND A CIVILIAN (DOD) ACCOUNT. HOW MANY PERSONAS WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO A SINGLE ENVIRONMENT?

There is no limit, as long as they are linked to your MilConnect account.

IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T HAVE A FLANK SPEED ACCOUNT, CAN THEY JOIN A MEETING?

Yes — but they will not be able to download content.

WHAT ABOUT CONTRACTORS? DO THEY GET A FLANK SPEED ACCOUNT TOO?

Yes, if they are active CVR users.



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