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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5450.221C

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSION AND FUNCTIONS OF NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE COMMAND

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, Chapters 8 and 10  
(b) Memorandum of Agreement (Annex A) Between U.S. Navy and U.S. Special Operations Command  
(c) 10 U.S.C. section 167 (NOTAL)  
(d) Joint Chiefs of Staff Strategic Capabilities Plan, Annex E (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Navy Mission and Functions Statement

- Purpose. To delineate the authority of Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command (CNSWC) and issue the mission and functions of Naval Special Warfare Command (NSWC) in addition to those established by references (a) and (b).
- Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5450.221B.
- Background. As a result of reference (c), NAVSPECWARCOM was established in 1987 as the naval component command of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).
- Status and Command Relationships. Per references (c) and (d), Combatant Command (COCOM) of Naval Special Warfare (NSW) forces stationed in the U.S. is vested in Commander in Chief, U.S. Special Operations Command (USCINCSOC). As a Navy Echelon 2 commander, Operational Control (OPCON) and Administrative Control (ADCON) over active and reserve NSW forces stationed in the U.S. and ADCON over all other NSW forces is vested in CNSWC. CNSWC exercises ADCON of reserve NSW forces through Commander, Naval Surface Reserve Force. CNSWC reports for Service administration and logistics matters to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) through the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Plans, Policy and Operations (N3/N5) and for reserve matters through the Director of Naval Reserve (N095). CNSWC is assigned additional duty to the Director, Expeditionary Warfare (N85) for NSW warfare requirements. Direct liaison is authorized between other Echelon 2 Navy commands.



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5. Action. CNSWC will assign its assigned mission and perform the Service-specific functions listed at enclosure (1).



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Navy Mission and Functions Statement

1. Mission. The mission of NSWC is to prepare Naval Special Warfare forces to carry out maritime special operations missions and to develop special operations doctrine, strategy and tactics in support of USCINCSOC, Chief of Naval Operations and theater CINCs.

2. Functions. The principal function of the Command is the administration, training, maintenance, support, and readiness of all NSW forces, including those assigned to regional unified commands. To this end, references (a) through (d) provide the authority of CNSWC and the mission, command relationships, functions and responsibilities of NSWC as the U.S. naval component to USSOCOM. CNSWC, as the Navy Echelon 2 commander for all NSW forces, is assigned the following Service-specific functions:

a. Navy Echelon 2 command functions:

(1) Perform duties and responsibilities as major claimant of all active and reserve NSW forces.

(2) Exercise command and administrative authority over all NSW reserves and reserve units.

(3) Provide operational, administrative, training, and logistical support to all active and reserve NSW forces.

(4) Establish and maintain agreements, as necessary, with Commander, Naval Reserve Force for naval reserve administrative requirements which affect NSW reserves.

(5) Implement and enforce Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV) and CNO special interest items.

(6) Manage public affairs matters informing CNO and Chief of Information (CHINFO) of potentially sensitive NSW activities and incidents involving Navy.

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b. Fleet/NSW operations functions:

(1) Coordinate with Fleet Commanders in Chief for effective integration of NSW operations into naval expeditionary and littoral warfare operations.

(2) Direct/coordinate NSW participation in Fleet exercises.

(3) Develop and implement individual and unit training programs to prepare active and reserve NSW forces for employment. Coordinate with Navy training activities as required.

(4) Establish and maintain executive agreements with Fleet commanders, as required, to ensure for Fleet introduction and certification and recertification of Patrol Coastal (PC) ships, PC life-cycle maintenance, and PC ship scheduling and operations.

(5) When directed by appropriate authority, augment Fleet staffs for planning contingency operations involving employment of NSW forces and for command and control of assigned forces during actual operations.

(6) Serve as principal advisor to the CNO on Riverine Warfare operations, doctrine, tactics and joint procedures.

c. Chief of Naval Operations/NSW administrative functions:

(1) Coordinate with OPNAV principal officials to resolve NSW policy, plans, strategy, intelligence, operations, logistics, budgetary, training and personnel issues.

(2) Coordinate with OPNAV for development and maintenance of executive agreements between Navy and USCINCSOC which articulate responsibilities and arrangements for supporting NSW forces and activities. Execute responsibilities assigned.

(3) Coordinate with OPNAV and the Bureau of Naval Personnel (BUPERS), as appropriate, for the development of Personnel Exchange Program agreements, data exchange agreements and technical and/or exercise exchange agreements with foreign Navy counterparts.

(4) Coordinate with Naval Doctrine Command (NDC) on all matters of NSW doctrine involving naval expeditionary and littoral warfare operations.

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(5) Serve as the "Primary Consultant" for the "Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict" subspecialty (SO/LIC, XX29).

d. N85U additional duty functions: Serves as the principal advisor to CNO for current and future NSW requirements, capabilities and force objectives.

Enclosure (1)