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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5450.221D

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 (NOTAL)
(c) Section 167 of Title 10, United States Code
(d) CNO 171733Z APR 87 (NOTAL)
(e) Unified Command Plan (UCP), 17 Dec 08 (NOTAL)
(f) USSOCOM Directive 10-1, Terms of Reference-Roles, Missions, and Functions of Component Commands, 25 Aug 08 (NOTAL)
(g) SECNAV M-5210.1
(h) NAVEDTRA 135, Navy School Management Manual (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Navy Mission and Functions Statement

1. 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).

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 5450.221C.

3. Background. As a result of reference (c), reference (d) announced establishment of NSWC in 1987 as the naval component command of the United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

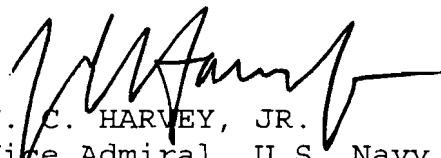
4. Status and Command Relationships. Per references (c), (e), and (f), Combatant Command of Naval Special Warfare (NSW) forces stationed in the United States is vested in Commander, USSOCOM. As a Navy echelon II commander, CNSWC is vested with operational control and Administrative Control (ADCON) over Active and Reserve NSW forces stationed in the United States, and ADCON over all other NSW forces. CNSWC reports for Service administration and logistics matters to the Chief of Naval

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Operations (CNO) through the Vice Chief of Naval Operations. Direct liaison is authorized between other echelon II Navy commands.

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

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed in accordance with reference (g).



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NAVY MISSION AND FUNCTIONS STATEMENT

1. Mission. Per reference (f), the mission of the NSWC is to organize, train, man, equip, educate, sustain, maintain combat readiness, and deploy assigned Active Component and Reserve Component NSW forces and personnel to accomplish special operations missions assigned by Commander, USSOCOM, and/or geographic combatant commanders employing special operations forces.

2. Functions. The principal function of the command is the administration, training, maintenance, support, and readiness of all NSW forces, including those assigned to geographic combatant commands. To this end, references (a) through (f) 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 II commander for all NSW forces, is assigned the following Service-specific functions:

a. Navy Echelon II 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) Assume duties as curriculum control authority over all institutional training as defined in reference (h).

(5) Establish and maintain agreements, as necessary, with the Chief of the Navy Reserve for navy reserve administrative requirements which affect NSW Reserves.

(6) Implement and enforce applicable Secretary of the Navy and CNO special interest items.

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

b. Fleet/NSW operations functions:

(1) Coordinate with Fleet commanders 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) When directed by appropriate authority, augment fleet staffs for planning contingency operations involving employment of NSW forces and for command and control of allocated forces during actual operations.

(5) Serve as the principle advisor to the CNO on naval special warfare operations, doctrine, tactics and joint procedures.

c. CNO/NSW administrative functions:

(1) Coordinate with Chief of Naval Operations' (OPNAV) staff principal officials to resolve NSW policy, plans, strategy, intelligence, operations, logistics, requirements, budgetary, training, and personnel issues, as appropriate.

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

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

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(4) Coordinate with Navy Warfare Development Command on all matters of NSW doctrine involving naval expeditionary and littoral warfare operations.

(5) Serve as the "Primary Consultant" for the "Special Operations/Low Intensity Conflict" subspecialty (SO/LIC, 2500).

(6) Coordinate with United States Marine Corps Special Operations Command on matters of mutual interest involving naval expeditionary and littoral warfare operations.

(7) Coordinate with Navy Expeditionary Combat Command on matters of mutual interest involving naval expeditionary and littoral warfare operations.