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SUBJ/NAVY AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND//

RMKS/1. INTEGRATED AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE (IAMD) IS A CORE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND A KEY ENABLING CAPABILITY THAT WE PROVIDE THE JOINT FORCE. WITH THE PROLIFERATION OF THREATS AROUND THE GLOBE, OUR FLEET REMAINS IN GREATER DEMAND AND MORE RELEVANT THAN EVER. FORWARD DEPLOYED, OUR FLEET IS PROVIDING ASSURED ACCESS, CREDIBLE DETERRENCE AND IS WELL-POSTURED TO DEFEND OUR HOMELAND, REGIONAL ALLIES, AND OUR SEA BASE.

2. TO REMAIN AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS IMPORTANT MISSION AREA, I DIRECTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NAVY AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE COMMAND (NAMDC), WHICH SERVES AS THE NAVY'S LEAD ORGANIZATION FOR NAVAL, JOINT, AND COMBINED IAMD MATTERS. NAMDC BRINGS TOGETHER THE TECHNOLOGY, CONCEPTS, PROGRAMS, AND INTELLECTUAL EFFORTS FOR OUR AIR AND BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (BMD) INITIATIVES, AND WILL PROVIDE IAMD OPERATIONAL MISSION SUPPORT TO THE FLEET.

3. NAMDC WILL FOCUS ON SEVEN FUNCTIONAL AREAS WITH AN INCREMENTAL PHASE-IN APPROACH. THESE AREAS INCLUDE:

A. ASSESSING MARITIME BMD AT THE FLEET, STRIKE GROUP, AND UNIT LEVEL. SUPPORTING EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS TASKED WITH ASSESSMENT AND CERTIFICATION FUNCTIONS, NAMDC WILL DEVELOP STANDARD IAMD READINESS CRITERIA TO FACILITATE OPERATIONAL, CROSS-PLATFORM MISSION AREA ASSESSMENT.

B. FOSTERING HIGH PERFORMANCE IN IAMD OPERATIONS AT ALL ECHELONS BY ADVISING THE FLEET AND TRAINING AUTHORITIES ON THE UNIFORM BEST PRACTICES IN TRAINING.

C. PROVIDING DELIBERATE AND CRISIS MISSION SUPPORT TO OPERATIONAL COMMANDERS AND FORCES.

D. PROMOTING RAPID DELIVERY OF SELECTED NEW IAMD TECHNOLOGIES.

E. SUPPORTING FLEETS, RESOURCE SPONSORS, AND SYSTEM COMMANDS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF IAMD REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT AND NAVY PROCESSES.

F. LEADING NAVY IAMD CONCEPT, DOCTRINE AND TACTICS DEVELOPMENT, AND EXPERIMENTATION.

G. ADVOCATING NAVY POSITIONS AND CAPABILITIES IN JOINT IAMD FORUMS.

4. NAMDC WILL FACILITATE INTEGRATION OF NAVY IAMD CAPABILITIES INTO THE JOINT FORCE; ENHANCE NAVY'S CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND AND SUPPORT OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION; PROVIDE MECHANISMS FOR HOLISTIC ASSESSMENT OF OUR PROGRESS IN THIS COMPLEX MISSION AREA; AND PROVIDE OUR LEADERSHIP WITH FEEDBACK ON GAPS/SEAMS TO ENSURE OUR NAVY IS EMPOWERED WITH THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, PROCESSES, AND SYSTEMS TO CONSISTENTLY PLAN AND EXECUTE OPERATIONS.

5. NAMDC WAS ESTABLISHED AT NAVAL SUPPORT FACILITY DAHLGREN, VIRGINIA AND IS COMMANDED BY RADM BRAD HICKS, WHO WILL REPORT TO COMMANDER, THIRD FLEET (C3F) AS AN ECHELON IV COMMANDER. WARFARE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE, RESOURCE SPONSORS, PROGRAM MANAGERS, LABS, TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS, AND OPERATIONAL AND TACTICAL DEVELOPMENT COMMANDS WILL COLLABORATE WITH NAMDC TO COLLECTIVELY IMPROVE OUR IAMD CAPABILITIES.

6. ASSURED ACCESS TO THE MARITIME DOMAIN UNDERPINS OUR MARITIME STRATEGY. AS WE ADAPT TO INCREASINGLY LETHAL AND COMPLEX THREATS, WE MUST FOCUS OUR RESOURCES AND EFFORTS TO MAXIMUM EFFECT. NAMDC IS THE SINGLE NAVY VOICE TO SYNCHRONIZE AND INTEGRATE OUR EFFORTS ACROSS THE FULL SPECTRUM OF AIR AND MISSILE DEFENSE.