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COMMAND AND CONTROL (C²) FOR NAVAL SPECIAL WARFARE (NSW) FORCES

1. **Summary.** This directive establishes USCINCEUR policy for Naval Special Warfare (NSW) forces assigned (based) apportioned or deployed to USEUCOM during peace, contingency operations, and general war in accordance with references (A) thru (H) and Joint doctrine (References (I) thru (N) refer).

2. **Applicability.** This directive establishes command and control (C²) and support relationships for theater NSW forces and delineates responsibilities of both Commander in Chief, U.S. Naval Forces Europe (CINCUSNAVEUR) and Commander, Special Operations Command Europe (COMSOCEUR) regarding NSW forces.

3. **Suggested Improvements.** Direct any suggestions for improving this directive to HQ USEUCOM/ECISO, Director for Special Operations, Unit 30400 Box 1000, APO AE 09128. Users may also call DSN 430-5410 with questions or suggestions.

4. **References.** See Appendix A.

5. **Explanation of Terms.** See Appendix B.

6. **Responsibilities.**

a. **CINCUSNAVEUR.** CINCUSNAVEUR is designated as the theater executive agent (cognizant authority) for all NSW basing and designated Service administrative requirements. As the theater executive agent and senior in-theater Naval Service component, CINCUSNAVEUR will provide and execute common service and administrative base support in accordance with references (B), (C), (D) and (E). In addition, CINCUSNAVEUR will provide support services to include:

(1) Intelligence. CINCUSNAVEUR will provide to assigned and attached NSW forces, WWMCCS support; mapping, charting, geodesy, imagery support, SCIF storage, Special Security Officer

(SSO) support, FOSIC (ship/aircraft locations, etc.), and liaison with other intelligence sources as required.

(2) Logistic Support. CINCUSNAVEUR will provide administrative and logistic support to assigned and attached NSW forces and execute cross, common, or joint servicing arrangements in support of in-theater NSW forces in accordance with applicable directives, command arrangements agreements, memorandums of agreement, inter-Service support agreements, or as directed by USCINCEUR. When CINCUSNAVEUR cannot satisfy NSW logistic requirements, CINCUSNAVEUR will coordinate support with another component through USEUCOM. CINCUSNAVEUR will additionally provide all in-theater NSW forces with common service logistic requirements which are not designated as Special Operations (SO) peculiar. Logistic support of PC craft, to include depot and intermediate level maintenance will be provided by CINCUSNAVEUR on a reimbursable basis per reference (F).

(3) Deliberate Planning for Regional Contingencies and General War. CINCUSNAVEUR is designated executive agent for fleet NSW war plan development. CINCUSNAVEUR will separately identify and obtain the services of Naval commands, as appropriate, to satisfy this responsibility. CINCUSNAVEUR will coordinate development and preparation of the Special Operations (SO) portion of theater plans with COMSOCEUR, dual-hatted as the EUCOM Director of Special Operations (ECSO).

(4) Negotiating Instruments. CINCUSNAVEUR or COMSOCEUR will act as executive agent for negotiating Memorandums of Understanding (MOU's), Memorandums of Agreement (MOA's), Inter-service Support Agreements (ISSA's), and other negotiating instruments pertaining to in-theater NSW forces as appropriate. CINCUSNAVEUR and COMSOCEUR will each coordinate with the other to determine objectives, scope, and intent of the negotiating instrument involving forces for which they exercise OPCON. In addition, CINCUSNAVEUR will provide COMSOCEUR with information copies of correspondence pertaining to negotiating instruments involving NSW forces for which COMSOCEUR exercises OPCON.

(5) Training. CINCUSNAVEUR is responsible for all Service individual, unit, and fleet training requirements. CINCUSNAVEUR is additionally responsible for coordinating fleet NSW operational and training requirements with COMNAVSPECWARCOM and NSWG-2. CINCUSNAVEUR and his major subordinate commanders have direct liaison authority to coordinate with COMSOCEUR for fleet support and training requirements pertaining to NSW forces designated as "joint special operations."

(6) Coordination. When appropriate, CINCUSNAVEUR shall coordinate NSW issues with COMSOCEUR and provide information copies of correspondence pertaining to NSW issues to COMSOCEUR and COMNAVSPECWARCOM.

b. COMSOCEUR. COMSOCEUR is USCINCEUR's principal advisor regarding all aspects of special operations, to include mission propriety, force structure, command and control, joint training and readiness, and employment of forces in accordance with reference (H).

COMSOCEUR is responsible for:

(1) Intelligence. COMSOCEUR will determine and coordinate NSW intelligence requirements for joint special operations. Requirements for Navy support shall be forwarded to CINCUSNAVEUR through EUCOM. In addition, COMSOCEUR will advise and assist fleet NSW forces in intelligence matters.

(2) Logistic support. SO-peculiar equipment, materials, supplies, and services are defined as those items and services required for SO mission support for which there is no broad conventional requirement. COMSOCEUR shall monitor NSW logistic requirements and support and validate SO-peculiar logistic requirements. In addition, COMSOCEUR is responsible for coordinating Service common support with the appropriate Service component commander.

(3) Plans. COMSOCEUR is designated executive agent for joint special operations war plan development. COMSOCEUR will coordinate war plan development with USCINCSOC and CINCUSNAVEUR. COMSOCEUR has direct liaison authority with CINCUSNAVEUR and his major subordinate commanders to facilitate this planning.

(4) Training. COMSOCEUR is responsible for all unit joint, and combined training for those NSW forces under his OPCON. COMSOCEUR is responsible for SO related training requirements that are not Naval Service related. In addition, COMSOCEUR has direct liaison authority to coordinate with CINCUSNAVEUR and his major subordinate commanders for fleet support requirements pertaining to the training of NSW forces designated "joint special operations."

(5) Coordination. When appropriate, COMSOCEUR will coordinate NSW issues with CINCUSNAVEUR and his major subordinate commanders and provide information copies of correspondence pertaining to NSW issues to CINCUSNAVEUR and COMNAVSPECWARCOM.

7. **Policy.** USCINCEUR will exercise OPCON of assigned NSW units thru COMSOCEUR in accordance with references (A) and (H). USCINCEUR will exercise OPCON of forward deployed (TDY) or apportioned (JSCP) NAVSOF thru either COMSOCEUR or CINCUSNAVEUR depending on whether they are designated "Fleet" or "Joint."

8. **Concepts of Employment.**

a. In peacetime, in-theater NSW forces include Naval Special Warfare Unit TWO (NSWU-2), Naval Special Warfare Unit TEN (NSWU-10), NSW forces embarked aboard the Carrier Battle Group (CVBG), Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group (MARG), and SSN/DDS (SSN/Dry Deck Shelter), Cyclone Class Patrol Coastal (PC) ships and NSW forces embarked aboard. For the purposes of assigning Operational Control (OPCON), NSW forces will be designated as either "fleet" or "joint special operations" and assigned accordingly.

b. In the conduct of contingency operations and during general war, NSW forces apportioned to USCINCEUR in Annex E of the JSCP shall be assigned to the OPCON of a JFC in support of a JTF, CINCUSNAVEUR in support of fleet operations, or COMSOCEUR in support of joint special operations.

(1) In support of joint special operations, a Naval Special Warfare Task Group (NSWTG) or Naval Special Warfare Task Unit (NSWTU) normally is established upon direction of the Joint Force Special Operations Component Commander (JFSOCC) to provide C², SO-peculiar administration and logistic support for his assigned units and to arrange common administration and logistic support for his assigned units through the fleet commander.

(2) In support of fleet operations, NSW forces are normally assigned under the OPCON of Commander, SIXTH Fleet (COMSIXTHFLT) to support Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), Carrier Battle Group (CVBG), and Attack Sub Force operations. COMSIXTHFLT may establish CTF 68.6, a Naval Special Warfare Task Group (NSWTG) or a Naval Special Warfare Task Unit (NSWTU) to provide C², administration, and logistic support for his assigned NSW forces.

(3) Augmentation of either the NSWTG/NSWTU or CTF 68.6 shall be requested through USEUCOM. NSWTG/NSWTU administration and logistic support will not include MFP-11 funding of Service common support requirements in accordance with references (B), (C) and (D).

9. Command Relationships.

a. **Combatant Command (COCOM).** USCINCEUR exercises COCOM of in-theater NSW forces in accordance with references (A) and (C). USCINCSOC exercises COCOM of all CONUS-based NSW forces in accordance with references (A), (B) and (D).

b. **Operational Control (OPCON).** Transfer of OPCON of NSW forces to USCINCEUR from USCINCSOC will be in accordance with references (A) and (D). OPCON of in-theater NSW forces will generally be designated on the basis of whether an operational element routinely supports "joint special operations" or "fleet" operations. Regardless of OPCON, the relationship between COMSOCEUR and CINCUSNAVEUR must be one of close coordination and support with regard to command and control of NSW forces.

(1) Joint Special Operations. COMSOCEUR shall exercise OPCON over all NSW forces which support COMSOCEUR's mission as USCINCEUR's Joint Special Operations Commander and those forces made available to a Joint Special Operations Task Force (JSOTF) whether afloat or ashore, if established. Those NSW forces OPCON to COMSOCEUR include: NSWU-2 located at Panzer Kasenre, GE, NSWU-10 located in Rota, Spain; and those forces assigned to support joint special operations.

(a) NSWU-10 is a training command whose primary mission is to coordinate and conduct NSW training for forward deployed fleet and joint NSW forces (Reference (G) refers). Priority for training is fleet NSW forces, joint NSW forces, and bilateral training events. As such CINCUSNAVEUR or COMSIXTHFLT may task NSWU-10 directly to schedule and conduct training events in support of fleet operations. COMSOCEUR, as the operational commander of NSWU-10, must be kept informed of these taskings.

(b) Training, for the purposes of this directive, includes sustainment training of forward-based or deployed NSW forces and coordination of joint and fleet and combined exercises. The conduct of exercises, to include Joint/Combined Exchange Training (JCET) and Joint Contact Team (JCT) events, is considered to be operational in nature.

(2) Fleet Special Operations. CINCUSNAVEUR or a designated major subordinate commander will exercise OPCON over NSW forces which are designated as "fleet" and those NSW forces whose primary mission is to support fleet operations. NSW "fleet" forces include NSW forces embarked on the Mediterranean Amphibious Ready

Group (MARG), CVBG, SSN/DDS, and Cyclone Class Patrol Coastals' (PCs) when assigned to the fleet commander.

c. **Tactical Control (TACON).** C² relationships between joint special operations forces and fleet forces must remain flexible in order to best support USCINCEUR and national security objectives. TACON of NSW forces assigned to support fleet or joint special operations may be transferred to another component commander, functional commander or major subordinate commander exercising OPCON over the NSW forces and the commander requesting TACON of those forces necessary to accomplish his mission or assigned task.

d. **Administrative Control (ADCON).** All in-theater NSW forces are ADCON to Naval Special Warfare Command thru Commander, Naval Special Warfare Group TWO (CNSWG-2) or Commander, Special Boat Squadron TWO (CSBR-2). See Appendix D.

10. **Review Policy.** This directive will be jointly reviewed on an annual basis by CINCUSNAVEUR and COMSOCEUR to ensure that it conforms with existing EUCOM Directives (ED's), Joint doctrine, and Service executive agreements. Modifications to this directive shall be jointly coordinated

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APPENDIXES

A - References

B - Explanation of Terms

C - NAVSPECWAR Operational Organization

D - NAVSPECWAR Administrative Organization

TERMS**Naval Special Warfare (NSW) Special Operations Forces (NAVSOF).**

NSW/NAVSOF is a broad term which includes NSW Task Groups/Units(NSWTG/U)(C4I), SEAL Delivery Vehicle(SDV) Platoons, Submarine (SSN) embarked Dry Deck Shelter (DDS) Platoons, Special Boat Squadron Craft (i.e., PCs, RIBs), and SEAL Platoons.

Cyclone Class Patrol Craft (PC). Purchased by and under COCOM of USSOCOM and manned by 4 OFF/24 ENL navy surface warfare personnel. Craft is 170 ft USS ship with a primary mission of SOF support and a secondary mission of Coastal Patrol and Interdiction (CP&I).

Special Boat Unit Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (SBU RIB DET). Craft is 24 ft surface or air deliverable boat, manned by a crew of 3 ENL special boat unit personnel with a primary mission of SOF support.

Naval Special Warfare Command(NSWC). NSWC is USCINCSOC's Navy Component for Special Operations and exercises Administrative Control of all NAVSOF forces world wide.

Naval Special Warfare Group TWO (NSWG-2). NSWG-2 is the Immediate Superior in the Administrative Chain of Command (ISCC) for all NAVSOF assigned(based) and deployed(TDY) to the EUCOM TOR.

Joint NAVSOF. Are those NAVSOF units/forces designated to support joint operations and are OPCON to COMSOCEUR.

Fleet NAVSOF. Those NAVSOF units/forces designated to support fleet operations and are OPCON to CINCUSNAVEUR.

Naval Special Warfare Unit TWO (NSWU-2). NSWU-2 is COMSOCEUR's navy component responsible for C4I of Joint NAVSOF in EUCOM.

Naval Special Warfare Unit TEN (NSWU-10). NSWU-10 is a training command with a primary mission of coordinating exercises and training for forward deployed (TDY) Fleet/Joint NAVSOF in EUCOM and is OPCON to COMSOCEUR. NSWU-10 is assigned a forward deployed SBU RIB DET for the support of this training at Naval Station Rota, Spain.

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