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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 5400.24D

From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships and Stations

Subj: Command, area coordination and command relationships

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1973
(b) SECNAVINST 5400.14A (NOTAL)
(c) SNDL CAT (OPNAV P0982-105)

Encl: (1) Area Coordination Geographic Assignments

R) 1. **Purpose.** To provide guidance in implementing the command and area coordination responsibilities of the Chief of Naval Operations for shore activities of the Navy.

2. **Cancellation.** OPNAV Instruction 5400.24C.

R) 3. **Background.** Reference (a) assigns responsibilities to the Chief of Naval Operations for coordination of shore activities of the Navy. Reference (b) provides that the Chief of Naval Operations shall exercise command over specific shore activities, as well as the responsibility for area coordination of shore activities.

4. **Command**

R) a. **Assignment.** The Chief of Naval Operations will exercise command over shore activities directly or through subordinate commanders in the chain of command. Command assignments, as set forth in reference (c), are based on recommendations from fleet and shore commanders.

R) b. **Responsibilities.** Commanders, in the exercise of command, should be primarily concerned with the efficiency and effective execution of the mission. The following should receive specific attention:

(1) Adequacy of the mission, tasks, functions, and organization.

(2) Capability to perform mission, and an evaluation of degree of accomplishment.

R) (3) Adequacy of available resources and support including funds, manpower, facilities, and material.

R) (4) Evaluation of performance through inspections and reviews.

c. **Delegation of Command Authority.** Commanders exercising command over shore activities may delegate authority within their chain of command, with the concurrence of the Chief of Naval Operations. (R)

5. **Area Coordination**

a. **Concept.** Area coordination, as defined in reference (b), provides a horizontal overview of shore activities and the relationships between such activities. This ensures a coordinated shore establishment to support the fleet, shore activities and personnel in the naval service. Area coordinators and their designated regional and local coordinators shall initiate necessary action to ensure an effective, integrated, and coordinated shore establishment. (R)

(1) Effective area coordination requires the active support of senior Navy Department officials, fleet and shore commanders, and commanding officers of naval activities in the area of concern. (R)

(2) As the general oversight authority and problem solver within a locality or broader area, the area coordinator must continually assess shore activities and their functional and support inter-relationships not only to each other but also to the fleet and the personnel of the naval service. In keeping with this role, area coordination normally shall not embrace performance of continuing operational responsibilities. Specific tasking of an area coordinator, other than in a primary duty capacity, shall be limited to the maximum extent practicable to one-time, non-continuing taskings by the Secretary of the Navy, the Chief of Naval Operations, or the appropriate senior area coordination authority. (R)

(3) The area coordinator shall normally be an additional duty assignment of the Senior Officer Present. If the area coordinator is other than the Senior Officer Present, the area coordinator shall effect liaison with the Senior Officer Present to ensure consistency and compatibility of objectives and initiatives. Additionally, area coordinators may designate a subordinate who has been delegated area coordination authority to serve as Senior Officer Present (Administration). (R)

(4) Commands and Navy shore activities shall consider assistance and support to the area coordinator as an integral part of their mission. Although responsibility for the internal affairs of individual shore activities is assigned to the command authority, area coordinators can expect staff assistance, support and participation from all Navy (R)

shore activities assigned, within the constraints of available resources.

- (5) Area coordinators may promulgate directives reflecting responsibilities of area shore activities based on their technical and professional capability and assigned missions.

(6) Area coordinators may direct consultation to seek agreement, but do not have the authority to direct implementation. When area coordination matters cannot be resolved at the area coordinator level, they will be referred by area coordinators to the Chief of Naval Operations.

- b. **Assignment.** The Chief of Naval Operations is responsible for the direction of area coordination over all shore activities and all persons in the naval service located ashore. The Chief of Naval Operations assigns shore activities established by the Secretary of the Navy to area coordinators. In general, the assignment of area coordination responsibilities is based on the following:

- (1) For all shore activities and all persons in the naval service located in the Continental United States (CONUS) and the states of Alaska and Hawaii:

(a) Commandant, Naval District, Washington, D.C. for the National Capital Region and the state of Maryland.

(b) Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet for the East Coast tier of states.

(c) Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet for the West Coast tier of states, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii.

- (d) Chief of Naval Education and Training and Commander, Naval Reserve Force for designated Gulf Coast and interior CONUS sectors.

- (2) For all shore activities and persons located ashore in overseas areas to the appropriate Fleet Commander in Chief, or other designated commander.

- (3) Specific geographic boundaries of assigned areas are further identified in enclosure (1).

- c. **Responsibilities.** In accordance with reference (b), area coordinators are assigned the following responsibilities for shore activities and persons in the naval service located ashore, except as modified in paragraph 7 for those shore activities in the chain of command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps:

- (1) Represent and act for the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations on such matters as may be assigned.

- (2) Develop directives to reflect area coordination plans for the area assigned, including assignments of responsibility to shore activities, based on the technical and professional capability and mission of such shore activities.

- (3) Direct the efforts of shore activities to ensure coordinated area support and services to the Operating Forces of the Navy and other naval activities and personnel as applicable.

- (4) Initiate actions to effect improvements and economies in naval complexes, including consolidation of common services.

- (5) Coordinate participation in negotiations and joint efforts with other military services, Federal Government agencies, and state and local governments.

- (6) Submit concurrent fitness reports, where appropriate, for commanding officers of activities under their area coordination.

d. **Delegation of Area Coordination**

- (1) To assure effective execution of area coordination responsibilities:

(a) Area coordinators may define area coordination regions within their geographic areas. For each defined region, the area coordinator shall designate an appropriate official, normally a flag officer in the chain of command of the area coordinator, to serve as regional area coordinator. The Chief of Naval Operations (Op-09B) shall promulgate such information, together with shore activities assigned, as a change to reference (c). Regional area coordinators shall report to the appropriate area coordinator for the area coordination functions assigned.

(b) Regional area coordinators may define local areas at locations where a concentration of two or more activities exists in a restricted geographical area, and where the regional area coordinator determines there is a need for area coordination on a local basis. In these circumstances, local area coordination authority may be delegated to a commander in the local geographic area. Commanding officers designated as local area coordinators shall report to the appropriate regional area coordinator for the area coordination functions assigned.

R) (2) In making delegations, the area coordinator or regional area coordinator shall ensure that:

R) (a) The immediate commander of the command concerned is informed of the action where the delegation is to other than an immediate subordinate.

R) (b) The Chief of Naval Operations and senior area coordination official are informed of all such delegations and designations.

(c) Designation of a flag officer not under the command of the area coordinator or regional area coordinator is made only with the concurrence of the flag officer involved, and his/her commander or the Chief of Naval Operations, as appropriate.

R) e. Relationship of Area Coordination to Command. Area coordination, as defined in reference (b), and the functions assigned to area coordinators in this directive include specific areas of concern and interest of commanders over shore activities. Area coordinators shall liaison with commanders of shore activities, as appropriate, on area coordination matters. The appropriate Marine Corps commanders shall be kept informed of any area coordination actions initiated which affect Marine Corps stations or facilities.

R) f. Relationship of Area Coordinators to Remote Detachments. Heads of detachments whose parent activities are located in a different coordination area shall report to the area, regional or local area coordinator of the area in which located for area coordination purposes. Commanders of major echelon two commands shall ensure that appropriate area coordinators are advised concerning activation or deactivation of remote detachments, including location, mission and functions, and manning data.

R) g. Information Exchange. Commanding officers of shore activities shall ensure that the local or regional area coordinators to which assigned are aware of activity mission and functions, inter-activity support arrangements, general manning levels, detachments in the area, and planned significant changes thereto.

6. Persons in the Naval Service Assigned to Fleet Commands and Units. Personnel assigned to fleet units when ashore, and personnel assigned to fleet commands and units based ashore, shall be responsible to the appropriate area coordinator for area coordination matters. (R)

7. Marine Corps Activities in the Chain of Command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps. In exercising any area coordination authority over Marine Corps activities in the chain of command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, area coordinators shall be guided by reference (b), and shall be limited to the following area coordination functions: (R)

a. Initiation of appropriate actions in cases where complexes of activities, which include Marine Corps activities in the chain of command of the Commandant of the Marine Corps, can be improved, including consolidation of common services. (R)

b. Coordination of naval military administration, as defined in reference (a), except for those matters which are the responsibility of the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

c. Assignment to perform tasks resulting from requirements imposed on the Navy by non-naval sources, including the provision of support for the conduct of joint exercises. (R)

d. Evaluation of activities and review of those matters under the cognizance of the area coordinator.

8. Action. Addressees shall take appropriate action to implement this instruction and shall ensure all subordinate shore activities/units are aware of its contents. (R)

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