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NAVAL FORCES CENTRAL COMMAND

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(b) OPNAVNOTE 5400 Ser DNS-33/11U107438 of 1 Mar 2011  
(c) SECNAVINST 5450.4F  
(d) USCENTCOMREG 10-3 (NOTAL)  
(e) SECNAVINST 7000.27A  
(f) OPNAVINST 5090.1C  
(g) USCENTCOMREG 27-2 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Functions and Tasks of COMUSNAVCENT and  
COMFIFTHFLT

1. Purpose. To publish the mission, functions and tasks of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (COMUSNAVCENT) as directed and established by references (a) through (g).

2. Mission. COMUSNAVCENT acts as:

a. The naval component commander of the United States Central Command (USCENTCOM) and conducts persistent maritime operations to advance U.S. interests, deter and counter disruptive countries, defeat violent extremism and strengthen partner nations' maritime capabilities in order to promote a secure maritime environment in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR).

b. The commander, combined maritime forces (COMCMF) to conduct maritime security operations against piracy and to counter violent extremism and terrorist networks in maritime areas of responsibility; work with regional and other partners to improve overall security, stability and regional nations' maritime capabilities; and when requested respond to environmental and humanitarian crisis.

c. The joint task force (JTF) commander when directed by USCENTCOM to conduct crisis response (CR) operations in the USCENTCOM AOR in support of USCENTCOM guidance. JTF-CR supports non-combatant evacuation operations; oil spill response; foreign humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, and foreign consequence management.

3. Status and Command Relationships. COMUSNAVCENT is an overseas shore-based fleet activity and has the following command relationships:

a. Administrative Chain of Command

(1) COMUSNAVCENT is an echelon 2 commander under the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) for administrative and service related matters. Reference (b) makes Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet (COMFIFTHFLT) an additional command for COMUSNAVCENT. Echelon status follows:

Echelon

1	CNO
2	COMUSNAVCENT
3	COMFIFTHFLT

(2) Per reference (a), Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (COMUSFLTFORCOM) serves as the budget submitting office for COMUSNAVCENT. In this capacity, COMUSFLTFORCOM provides administrative oversight for manpower, financial, individual augment taskings and human resource programs.

(3) COMUSNAVCENT is the immediate superior in command and has administrative control of the following Navy commands designated as echelon 3 activities and their subordinates per reference (d):

(a) COMFIFTHFLT;

(b) Commander, Logistics Forces, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command; and

(c) Commanding Officer, Naval Expeditionary Medical Facility Kuwait.

(4) Per reference (c), COMUSNAVCENT serves as the area coordinator for the Middle East and will represent and act for the Secretary of the Navy and the CNO in the USCENCOM AOR. As area coordinator, COMUSNAVCENT has authority and responsibility to initiate cooperative or corrective action on an area-wide basis, through the appropriate chain of command, to provide effective support to the fleet, to shore (field) activities, and to naval personnel ashore.

b. Operational Chain of Command

(1) COMUSNAVCENT functions as the naval component commander for USCENCOM. Per reference (d), USCENCOM exercises combatant command of COMUSNAVCENT and assigned U.S. Navy forces. COMUSNAVCENT has operational control of assigned U.S. Navy forces in the AOR.

(2) COMUSNAVCENT serves as the COMCMF, responsible for providing overall command and tactical control of coalition forces operating in the AOR.

(3) There are seven Navy Reserve units assigned which are responsible for providing maritime mobilization ready professionals to support COMUSNAVCENT in all lines of operations.

4. Overseas Diplomacy. COMUSNAVCENT serves as an effective instrument of U.S. foreign policy by initiating and continuing action programs which promote positive relations between the command and foreign nationals, and which assist individual naval personnel and their families to work effectively, live with dignity and satisfaction, and function as positive representatives of the Navy and the United States while overseas.

5. Functions and Tasks. Functions and tasks of COMUSNAVCENT are delineated in enclosure (1).

6. Action. COMUSNAVCENT will execute the assigned mission, functions and tasks and will recommend changes and revisions to this document when required.

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7. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of November 2007.



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Functions and Tasks of COMUSNAVCENT and COMFIFTHFLT

1. COMUSNAVCENT Serves

a. As theater naval component commander and, when directed as joint force maritime component commander (JFMCC) and or JTF-CR commander providing overall command, operations control, and coordination of U.S. naval forces within the Middle East AOR. COMUSNAVCENT is responsible to Commander, USCENTCOM (COMUSCENTCOM) to carry out functions related to assigned operational missions, joint training and exercises, and logistics. COMUSNAVCENT is responsible to the CNO for service functions including the organizing, resourcing, training, readiness, and mobilization of assigned naval forces.

b. As COMCMF, providing overall command and control of Combined Task Force 150 (CTF-150), CTF-151, and CTF-152 operating within the Middle East AOR. COMCMF is responsible for obtaining the necessary coalition naval force resources, planning and carrying out functions related to assigned operational missions, coalition training and exercises, logistical support, and resourcing the coalition staff organization.

2. Specific Functions and Tasks

a. COMUSNAVCENT

(1) Give direction to subordinate commands and forces necessary to carry out the command's mission, including authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations, joint training, and logistics.

(2) Prescribe the chain of command to the assigned forces within the command.

(3) Organize commands and forces within the command as necessary to carry out assigned missions.

(4) Employ forces to carry out the missions assigned to the command.

(5) Assign command functions to subordinate commanders.

(6) Coordinate and approve those aspects of administration, support (including control of resources and equipment, internal organization, and training) and discipline.

(7) Develop effective and efficient personnel policies and procedures optimizing the use and readiness of active and reserve components, civilian and contractor personnel.

(8) Coordinate human resource policies.

(9) Oversee, plan and execute all manpower actions to implement total force manpower requirements and authorizations to include manning of the U.S. Navy staff positions on the COMCMF staff.

(10) Manage individual augmentee support.

(11) Manage military (active, reserve, and individual augmentee) and civilian work force.

(12) Maintain a financial management organization for the proper and effective administration of funds as directed by reference (g).

(13) Oversee and coordinate medical efforts within the AOR to maximize use of available assets.

(14) Receive, interpret, maintain, and report health data affecting operational decisions and requirements.

(15) Monitor and facilitate patient medical regulating and evacuations.

(16) Monitor and implement force health protection measures and provide overall health threat information regarding the AOR.

(17) Oversee and coordinate theater operational logistics programs; including support bases and facilities and the theater surface, air and sealift required to sustain naval operating forces.

(a) Establish and coordinate distribution of supplies and services for theater naval forces.

(b) Serve as USCENTCOM executive agent for pre-positioning of U.S. Navy equipment and material in the USCENTCOM AOR.

(18) Coordinate with USCENTCOM and its Service components on all operational logistics matters.

(19) Coordinate, track and report critical maintenance related readiness issues.

(20) Oversee and coordinate all matters pertaining to facilities engineering, environmental issues and naval construction force operation.

(a) Determine engineering requirements to support naval forces in the AOR.

(b) Review engineering support plans and supporting annexes of COMUSCENTCOM and COMUSNAVCENT operation plans and concept of operation plans (CONOPS).

(c) Serve as the area environmental coordinator as designated in reference (h).

(21) Maintain liaison with other theater components to facilitate joint command relationships and to coordinate planning and execution of pertinent operations.

(22) Establish plans, policies and overall requirements for the intelligence activities of the command.

(23) Oversee, plan, coordinate and direct maritime intelligence activities in the USCENTCOM AOR to meet the commander's priority intelligence requirements and provide operationally relevant intelligence to U.S. and coalition naval forces.

(24) Establish an adequate system of control for local defense and delineate such areas of responsibility for subordinate command as deemed necessary.

(25) Establish plans supporting naval operations in the USCENTCOM theater during peacetime, contingencies, and general war as assigned by COMUSCENTCOM.

(26) Plan and conduct offensive and defensive naval combat operation in order to establish and maintain control of water and air space.

(27) When directed, plan and conduct crisis response actions in the USCENTCOM theater through the establishment of JTF-CR.

(28) Plan, coordinate, and conduct USCENTCOM theater security cooperation engagements and exercises.

(29) Build maritime safety and security (MSS) in the Middle East through development of cooperative regional maritime partnerships.

(30) Foster cooperation with inter-agency partners, other nations' naval forces, non-governmental organizations and international organizations in order to develop MSS.

(31) Advance the art and science of maritime operations by executing the Maritime Operations Center (MOC) command organization concept.

(32) Plan, conduct, and support, when directed, naval operations in the Middle East theater during peacetime, contingencies, and general war as assigned by COMUSCENTCOM.

(33) Articulate war fighting, readiness, training, personnel and capability requirements to COMUSCENTCOM.

(a) Coordinate resources for maritime forces in theater to ensure reliable secure data and voice communications.

(b) Articulate future requirements to USCENTCOM and Navy to ensure adequate resources to effectively execute assigned missions.

(34) Maintain an inspector general program that investigates, inspects, assesses and inquires into all matters concerning the command and subordinate activities throughout the

AOR with particular emphasis on readiness including, but not limited to, effectiveness, efficiency, discipline, morale, economy, ethics and integrity, as well as other issues affecting quality of service, command relationships and organizational structures.

(35) Develop effective and efficient force communications policies and procedures optimizing the use and readiness of resources supporting naval operations in the USCENTCOM AOR during peacetime, contingencies, and general war as assigned by COMUSCENTCOM.

(36) Manage, operate and maintain information systems and networks supporting the MOC.

(37) Provide contingency deployable communications capability.

(38) Protect information systems against compromise.

(39) Manage the structures and processes for information services and knowledge to optimize organizational and operational effectiveness.

(40) Plan conduct training and indoctrination for headquarters staff to perform duties associated with the mission as a JFMCC and JTF, as well as normal echelon 2 (COMUSNAVCENT) and echelon 3 (COMFIFTHFLT) roles.

(41) Establish and maintain operational readiness reporting in the Defense Readiness Reporting System (DRRS) for each assigned mission set area as required by higher headquarters.

(42) Serve as the designated commanding officer for Bahrain, Pakistan, and United Arab Emirates regarding the exercise of foreign criminal jurisdiction over U.S. personnel under reference (i).

(43) Maintain a foreign disclosure program which establishes plans, policies, practices and procedures, and provides oversight to ensure sound foreign disclosures of appropriate categories of classified defense information in support of all command mission areas.

(44) Serve as the representative of the Secretary of Defense and as the representative of USCENTCOM for coordination and administration of force protection (FP) and security matters to the benefit of all DoD personnel within the country of Bahrain.

(45) Provide FP guidance to U.S. naval vessels transiting the Suez Canal and conducting port visits in the AOR.

(46) Manage and control contracting requirements and the operational controls of contracting officers in order to perform base operating support - integrated matrix responsibilities in support of the USCENTCOM tasking.

b. COMCMF

(1) Give direction to subordinate commands and task forces necessary to carry out the command's mission, including authoritative direction over all aspects of military operations, coalition training, and logistical support.

(2) Prescribe the chain of command to the assigned coalition forces within the command.

(3) Organize coalition commands and forces within the command as necessary to carry out assigned missions.

(4) Employ coalition forces to carry out the missions assigned to the command.

(5) Assign command functions to subordinate coalition commanders.

(6) Oversee, plan and execute all manpower requirements and authorizations to include manning of coalition headquarters staff positions.

(7) Manage military and civilian work force within the coalition staff.

(8) Coordinate with COMUSNAVCENT and its Service components on all operational logistics matters.

(9) Coordinate, track and report critical maintenance related readiness issues.

(10) Establish plans, policies and overall requirements for the intelligence activities of the command.

(11) Plan, coordinate, and conduct coalition theater security cooperation engagements and exercises.

(12) Manage, operate and maintain information systems and networks supporting coalition naval assets assigned in theater.

(13) Oversee and coordinate medical efforts within the AOR.

(14) Monitor and facilitate patient medical regulating and evacuations.

3. Navy Reserve Support. COMUSNAVCENT has seven Navy Reserve units assigned. Personnel assigned to these units provide joint maritime mobilization ready professionals to support COMUSNAVCENT in the role of Navy component commander; Commander, Naval Forces; JFMCC; and Commander, JTF-CR through augmentation of staff elements ashore and underway during wartime, exercises, contingency operations and peacetime operational support. Following are reserve units specific functions and tasks:

a. Support in-theater operational level of war command and control of carrier and expeditionary strike group forces in the projection for combat power ashore; control of essential sea and maritime battle space; joint command control and sustainment of naval and joint forces.

b. Provide JFMCC liaison officers (LNOs) manning to other component commander staffs.

c. Provide logistic LNO to interact with other service and civilian agencies and other component staffs.

d. Provide naval and amphibious liaison element combined air operations center manning.

e. Provide operational planning, CONOPS and orders development, red cell augment and Maritime Headquarters with MOC manning.

f. Coordinate and lead the maritime pre-exercise planning effort for the Bright Star series of exercises. Augment COMUSNAVCENT (JFMCC/COMCMF) as required for other exercises.

g. Develop theater engagement support plans for COMCMF, including supporting efforts to maintain and grow coalition partners to participate in COMCMF and to strengthen COMCMF-driven theater security engagement activities.

h. Provide contingency engineering, engineering logistics, base development, environmental engineering and infrastructure support for the full range of contingency environments as follows: forward presence, crisis response, and limited or major regional conflicts.

i. Provide command, control, communications, computers and intelligence system operations within the USCENTCOM AOR.

j. Provide Continental United States-based reach back analytical and programmatic support to country engagement officers for mid-term and long-term theater security cooperation plans, ends-ways-means documents, regional political, military, economic, social, infrastructure, and informational analyses in coordination with COMUSNAVCENT and COMFIFTHFLT's intelligence reserve units and intelligence directorate (N2).

k. Produce in-depth analysis and comprehensive interpretations of all-source data and activities, preparing time sensitive assessments supporting COMUSNAVCENT objectives.

l. Maintain mobilization readiness standards: semi-annual physical readiness tests, personnel inspections, urinalysis screenings, fitness reports, evaluations, counseling, medical and dental exams, required training, and background investigations.