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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MISSIONS, FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES SOUTHERN COMMAND AND COMMANDER, U.S. FOURTH FLEET, MAYPORT, FLORIDA

Ref: (a) U.S. Navy Regulations 1990
(b) OPNAVINST 5400.44
(c) OPNAVINST 5450.33B
(d) Unified Command Plan, 6 Apr 2011
(e) Global Force Management Implementation
Guidance and Forces for Unified Commands Assignments
Tables (NOTAL)
(f) USSOUTHCOM Theater Campaign Plan (S) (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Functions and Tasks of COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT

1. Purpose. To publish the delegated authorities to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (COMUSNAVSO) and Commander, FOURTH Fleet (COMFOURTHFLT) under the authority of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the missions, functions, and tasks of COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT.

2. Authorities. Per references (a) through (f), COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT serves as the Navy component command to U.S. Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM), responsible to CNO and Commander, USSOUTHCOM for all Navy activities in the USSOUTHCOM area of responsibility (AOR). Any Navy commands desiring to conduct any business or operations in the USSOUTHCOM AOR will coordinate and or seek approval of their activities from COMUSNAVSO.

3. Mission. COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT supports USSOUTHCOM joint and combined full-spectrum military operations by providing principally sea-based, forward presence to ensure freedom of maneuver in the maritime domain, to foster and sustain cooperative relationships with international partners, and to fully use the sea as maneuver space in order to enhance

regional security and promote peace, stability, and prosperity in the Caribbean, Central and South American regions.

4. Status and Command Relationships. COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT is a shore activity in an active and fully operational status. The command operates as a single integrated headquarters sharing operational and administrative support resources while preserving the (theater level and operational level) echelon relationship. COMUSNAVSO is an echelon 2 command and as COMFOURTHFLT, an echelon 3 command. COMUSNAVSO reports operationally to COMUSSOUTHCOM and administratively to CNO. U.S. Fleet Forces Command is assigned as the budget submitting office and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance (CNO (N2/N6)) is the Office of Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV) resource sponsor for COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT.

a. Administrative Chain of Command

<u>Echelon</u>	<u>Command</u>
1	Chief of Naval Operations
2	Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command
3	Commander, U.S. FOURTH Fleet

b. Operational Chain of Command

- 1 Commander, U.S. Southern Command
- 2 Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command
- 3 Commander, U.S. FOURTH Fleet

c. U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay (NAVSTA GTMO). NAVSTA GTMO is located in the COMUSNAVSO AOR, but falls under the administrative control (ADCON) of Commander, Navy Region Southeast (COMNAVREG SE). For coordination of NAVSTA GTMO force protection (FP) and execution of operations involving NAVSTA GTMO, COMNAVREG SE is designated as the supporting commander and COMUSNAVSO is the supported commander.

d. Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) and ADCON. COMUSNAVSO is the ISIC and has ADCON of the following Navy commands and their subordinates:

- 58396
- (1) COMUSNAVSO: unit identification code (UIC) 57061
 - (2) COMFOURTHFLT: UIC 64041
 - (3) CDS 40: UIC 52811
 - (4) CSL COMALAPA: UIC 3146B
 - (5) COMUSNAVSO Support (SUPT) Detachment (DET): UIC
 - (6) COMNAVLOGSOUTH (CTF 43): UIC 3326A
 - (7) IANTN DET MAYPORT: UIC 32112
 - (8) USNAVSO DET MIAMI: UIC 3233A
 - (9) USNAVSO DET KEY WEST: UIC 55654
 - (10) NR CDS 40 HQ: RUC 87843
 - (11) NR CDS 40 DET A Pensacola: RUC 83850
 - (12) NR CDS DET B Houston: RUC 84083
 - (13) NR USNAVSO/C4F Mayport: RUC 86919
 - (14) NR USNAVSO/C4F DET A Puerto Rico: RUC 83309

e. Proper Acronyms

- (1) Commander, U.S. (or United States) Naval Forces Southern Command. Acronym: COMUSNAVSO.
- (2) U.S. (or United States) Naval Forces Southern Command. Acronym: USNAVSO.
- (3) Commander, U.S. (or United States) FOURTH Fleet. Acronyms: COMFOURTHFLT, C4F.
- (4) U.S. (or United States) FOURTH Fleet. Acronym: FOURTHFLT.

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5. Action. In accomplishing assigned missions, COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT will perform the functions and tasks in enclosure (1). COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT will submit recommended changes and revisions to this instruction when required.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, shall be managed per SECNAV Manual 5210.1 of November 2007.



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FUNCTIONS AND TASKS OF COMUSNAVSO AND COMFOURTHFLT

1. COMUSNAVSO

a. As the naval service component command in support of USSOUTHCOM, plan and execute all naval operations within the AOR, as directed.

b. Be prepared to execute the duties of a joint task force (JTF) commander, from the sea, for a small to medium humanitarian assistance (HA) and foreign disaster relief (FDR) event in the USSOUTHCOM AOR.

c. Be prepared to execute the duties of a joint and combined forces maritime component commander (CFMCC).

d. Serve as Commander Task Force 138 (CTF-138) in support of all exercises (UNITAS, PANAMAX, etc). Coordinate with U.S. and foreign force commanders and forces operating in the USSOUTHCOM AOR.

e. Serve as CFMCC in support operations and exercises as required, and coordinate with U.S. and international force commanders and forces operating in the USSOUTHCOM AOR.

f. Coordinate all U.S. Navy activities within the AOR to ensure effective mission accomplishment, proper message alignment, synchronization of activities according to reference (f), and safety of Navy personnel and assets.

g. Support the Inter American Naval Telecommunications Network (IANTN) and host the IANTN secretariat to provide for reliable, rapid, and secure communications and interoperability among IANTN member navies during peacetime and under emergency conditions.

h. COMUSNAVSO is the supported commander and COMNAVREG SE is the supporting commander for coordination of NAVSTA GTMO FP and execution of operations involving NAVSTA GTMO.

2. COMFOURTHFLT

a. Utilize the maritime operations center construct to ensure proper planning, directing, monitoring, and assessment of assigned missions to support operational level maritime operations.

b. Serve as Commander Task Force 40 (CTF-40) to provide guidance to all deployers to the USSOUTHCOM AOR regarding operations, logistics, and administrative issues.

c. Serve as Commander Task Group 183.2 (CTG-183.2), Hurricane Sortie Task Force Commander for Naval Station Mayport.

3. COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT

a. Accept trained and ready naval forces to support full-spectrum military operations (from theater security cooperation to major contingency operations), promote regional stability, and ensure successful crisis response or decisive victory.

b. Engage in focused counter illicit trafficking (CIT) operations as a force provider to Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF-S). In support of JIATF-S and law enforcement agencies, conduct detection and monitoring of anti-smuggling operations on the high seas and littorals. Navy assets support interdiction and apprehension operations to include boarding, search, and seizure of illicit cargo and or persons, and holding of law enforcement persons of interest. Coordinate with United States Government interagency and foreign government authorities as permitted by and appropriate under international law and agreements currently in force.

c. Operate and maintain a fleet command center and maritime intelligence operations center by monitoring, assessing, planning, and directing assigned missions to support operational level maritime operations.

d. Maintain maritime domain awareness (MDA) in the USSOUTHCOM AOR. Share unclassified and releasable maritime data as allowed under information sharing agreements with partner nations to enhance regional MDA.

e. Plan, organize, and conduct combined, bilateral, and multilateral exercises with partner navies, marines, and coast guards, both in the Continental United States and overseas, across the full spectrum of military operations.

f. In conjunction with USSOUTHCOM components where appropriate, plan, organize, and conduct deployments under the partnership of the Americas Maritime Engagement Strategy including Southern Partnership Station, Continuing Promise, and Southern Seas initiatives which comprise subject matter expert exchanges of information procedures and tactics among a full array of military and security service capabilities as mutually agreed to by participating nations.

g. Prepare plans and orders in support of USSOUTHCOM operations as the operational situation requires and as directed. When directed, plan and conduct crisis response actions in the USSOUTHCOM AOR. Be prepared to assume the duties of executive agents and or in support of USSOUTHCOM exercises as directed by the USSOUTHCOM.

h. Conduct operations to gain unfettered access to and freedom of navigation in international waters, gaining partner nation support to training, CIT missions, and the unimpeded flow of legal commerce.

i. Conduct activities enhancing regional security for our partner nations by reducing potential for conflict. Focus on increasing multilateral relationships in the USSOUTHCOM AOR and promoting a common understanding of threats.

j. In collaboration with Department of State and United States Agency for International Development, plan, oversee, conduct, and assess specific combatant commander directed and nominated HA and FDR activities including assistance to partner nation civilian authorities in disaster preparedness, mitigation and response, search and rescue, and provision of humanitarian daily rations. Provide disaster assistance per sections 2561 and 404 of title 10, United States Code.

k. Direct subordinate commands and forces to enable the command's mission, including all aspects of military operations, joint training, exercises, and logistics.

l. Prescribe the chain of command to assigned forces. Organize commands and forces within the command as necessary to carry out assigned missions. Assign command functions to subordinate commanders.

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

n. Develop effective and efficient personnel policies and procedures optimizing use and readiness of active and reserve components, civilian, and contractor personnel.

o. Maintain a financial management organization for proper and effective administration of funds as directed.

p. Oversee and coordinate maritime-related medical efforts within the USSOUTHCOM AOR to speed medical attention to those in need and optimize use of available assets in support of all medical emergencies within the USSOUTHCOM AOR. Implement force health protection measures and provide overall health threat information regarding the AOR. Oversee all health service support and force health protection matters within the USSOUTHCOM AOR. Overall responsible for health service support to all assigned forces ashore and afloat within the AOR.

q. Oversee and coordinate theater and service operational logistics programs, including support bases, facilities, and the theater surface, air, and sealift required to sustain naval operating forces. Establish and coordinate distribution of supplies and services, including postal routing for theater naval forces. Serve as USSOUTHCOM executive agent for pre-positioning of U.S. Navy equipment and material in the USSOUTHCOM AOR. Coordinate with USSOUTHCOM and its Service components on all theater logistics matters.

r. Coordinate, track, and report critical maintenance related readiness issues. Oversee and coordinate all matters pertaining to facilities engineering, environmental issues, and naval construction force operations. Determine engineering requirements to support naval forces in the USSOUTHCOM AOR.

s. Provide the senior naval intelligence officer within the USSOUTHCOM intelligence enterprise, establishing plans, policies for requirements, and oversight for all naval information dominance activities with the USSOUTHCOM AOR.

t. Articulate future capability and capacity requirements to USSOUTHCOM and the Navy.

u. Investigate, inspect, and assess all matters concerning the command and subordinate activities throughout the USSOUTHCOM AOR with particular emphasis on readiness, discipline, information security, morale, economy, ethics, and integrity; as well as other issue affecting quality of service, command relationships, and organizational structures.

v. Enable naval command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence (C4I). Plan, manage, operate, and maintain C4I systems and networks supporting COMUSNAVSO and COMFOURTHFLT. Provide C4I support to naval and JTFs operating within the USSOUTHCOM AOR.

w. Serve as the combatant command (COCOM) executive agent for FP and FP oversight for all deployed, transiting, cooperative security location (CSL) and NAVSTA GTMO personnel and assets, except those specifically assigned to COCOM subordinate military groups and JTF.

x. Provide oversight and manpower support to CSL Comalapa, El Salvador.

y. Provide oversight and guidance of Panama Canal United States Navy high value transits in cooperation with Navy, USSOUTHCOM, and the U.S. country team in Panama.