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From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

Subj: MISSION, FUNCTIONS, AND TASKS OF THE SURFACE COMBAT SYSTEMS CENTER (SURFCOMBATSYSCEN), WALLOPS ISLAND, VA

Ref: (a) OPNAVNOTE 5450 of 23 Feb 00
(b) SECNAVINST 5400.15A of 26 May 95
(c) Charter for the PEO for Surface Combatants (PEO SC) and AEGIS Program Manager (AEGIS PM) of 27 Mar 96
(d) ASN(RD&A)Memo of 6 Mar 98, Subj: Establishing the PEO for Theater Surface Combatants (PEO TSC)
(e) Operating Agreement between COMNAVSEASYSCOM and the NAVSEA-affiliated PEOs of April 1997

Encl: (1) Functions and Tasks of the Surface Combat Systems Center (SURFCOMBATSYSCEN), Wallops Island, VA

1. Purpose
   a. To announce the title change of the AEGIS Combat Systems Center (AEGISCOMBATSYSCEN), Wallops Island, VA, to the Surface Combat Systems Center (SURFCOMBATSYSCEN), as authorized by reference (a).

   b. To publish the revised functions and tasks of the SURFCOMBATSYSCEN, under the revised mission assigned by reference (a).


3. Background. The mission of the AEGISCOMBATSYSCEN has been expanded through a functional transfer of the Ship Self Defense Systems (SSDS), an increase in requirements for SSDS developmental testing, and direct fleet support for in-service evaluations of battle group interoperability. The revised title to SURFCOMBATSYSCEN provides a more accurate description of the increased assigned responsibilities, functions and tasks.
4. **Mission.** Provide administration and support of the land-based evaluation facility for the conduct of combat system lifetime support engineering and in-service engineering for the AEGIS and Ship Self Defense System (SSDS); to provide combat systems for SSDS developmental testing and AEGIS operator and ship's combat information center team training, as well as providing equipment and operator support for developmental testing of AEGIS, cooperative engagement capability, theater ballistic missile defense, and direct fleet support for the in-service evaluations of battle group interoperability in the adjacent Virginia Capes operational area and to perform such other functions and tasks as may be directed by higher authority.

5. **Status and Command Relationships.** The SURFCOMBATSYSCEM is a fully operational shore activity under a Commanding Officer reporting to the Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (COMNAVSEASYSCOM), with activity management provided by PEO TSC in accordance with references (b), (c), and (d). NAVSEASYSCOM will continue to provide support to PEO TSC, in accordance with the reference (e) operating agreement. The command echelon of the SURFCOMBATSYSCEM is as follows:

   a. Chief of Naval Operations
   b. Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command (exercised through PEO TSC)
   c. Commanding Officer, SURFCOMBATSYSCEM Wallops Island, VA

6. **Functions and Tasks.** The assigned functions and tasks of the SURFCOMBATSYSCEM are contained in enclosure (1).

7. **Action.** In accomplishing the assigned mission, Commanding Officer, SURFCOMBATSYSCEM will ensure performance of the functions and tasks listed in enclosure (1). Forward recommended changes to these functions and tasks to PEO TSC, Code TSC-A0.

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FUNCTIONS AND TASKS
OF
SURFACE COMBAT SYSTEMS CENTER (SURFCOMBATSYSCEN)
WALLOPS ISLAND, VIRGINIA

1. Engineering. Provide a center of excellence for surface combat systems engineering and lifetime support by operating and maintaining facilities and systems to support:

   a. Combat Systems engineering, including Lifetime Support engineering and back-fit engineering for the Surface Warfighting Improvement Plan.

   b. In-Service Engineering, including Casualty Report responses and proofing of Ordnance Alterations, technical publications, Preventative Maintenance System procedures, and integrated logistics support.

   c. Training of combat systems personnel for new construction and in-service ships for surface combat systems.

   d. Research, development, testing, and evaluation operations in the maritime environment to assess new capabilities and technologies.

   e. Warfare test operations with ships, aircraft, and missiles.

   f. Assessment and integration of fleet tactics and lessons learned into surface combat systems and into battle force systems architecture.

2. Operations. Exercise operational control of and/or support organizations and Naval assets to conduct assigned missions, acting as the Officer in Charge of the exercise/evaluation for all SCSC operations in the Virginia Capes Operating Area and for PEO TSC operations unless otherwise assigned.

3. Administrative and Resource Management

   a. Exercise administrative and management responsibilities for finance, manpower, and logistics in accomplishing the assigned mission.
b. Execute and maintain host/tenant, financial, administrative, and operational support agreements and permits with National Aeronautical Space Administration, Department of Defense activities, and other agencies as necessary to support mission requirements.

c. Operate and maintain a Combined Bachelor Quarters, dining facilities, military housing, public works, quality of life facilities, utilities, and civil engineering support equipment.

d. Provide shore facility planning to include facility acquisition, alteration, and modification.

e. Maintain a comprehensive environmental and natural resource protection program.

f. Provide physical security, including arms, as appropriate, to safeguard assigned personnel, facilities, and classified material.

g. Act as local coordinator of Navy public affairs, including community relations support.

h. Manage matters relating to military administration and jurisdiction, public affairs, emergency/disaster, intelligence, security, Navy personnel and dependents, and others, as directed by the area coordinator.