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New EOD Mobile Unit Established

Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 12 was established during a recent ceremony at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek.

EODMU-12's operators will be called upon to neutralize Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), conventional ordnance hazards and Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), in dynamic operational environments, often in combat while under enemy fire.

EODMU-12 is the first EOD mobile unit created from the ground up with the command and control structure to deploy overseas as an entire mobile unit. In the past, EOD detachments deployed while the mobile unit headquarters element remained in homeport.

The establishment of EODMU-12 is an important step in the U.S. Navy's support of the war on terrorism, as EOD technicians are in high demand. Adding EODMU-12 to the East Coast-based EOD Group Two provides three mobile units to meet requirements for U.S. Central Command, expeditionary strike groups, carrier strike groups and Naval Special Warfare. The addition of EODMU-12 will ultimately increase time in homeport for EOD Technicians.

U.S. Navy EOD is the world's premier combat force for countering IED, WMD, and all other types of weaponry. An elite team of warriors, Navy EOD Technicians are the "first in" – enabling combat operations in every environment – on the ground, in the air and under the sea.

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