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## Integrated Air and Missile Defense

*“Navy Air and Missile Defense Command will mature our proven ballistic missile capability and move us towards a new level of integrated air and missile defense dominance in the maritime domain.”*

– Vice Adm. Samuel Locklear, Commander, U.S. 3rd Fleet

A multi-layered missile defense capability is paramount for the security of the homeland, friends and allies and forces forward deployed. The Navy’s role, in such a capability, is growing with increased numbers of capable ships and international cooperation.

### Ensuring preeminence in Integrated Air and Missile Defense

Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD) is a core mission of the U.S. Navy and one of the key enabling capabilities that the Navy provides the joint force. With the proliferation of threats around the globe, the Navy remains in greater demand and more relevant than ever.

- Assured access to the maritime domain is one of the key pillars of Maritime Strategy. As the Navy adapts to an increasingly lethal and complex set of threats, resources and efforts must be focused to achieve maximum effect.
- As part of the Navy’s initiative to enhance combat capability and assessment, the Navy established the Navy Air and Missile Defense Command (NAMDC), a center of excellence focused on Integrated Air and Missile Defense. NAMDC brings together the technology, concepts and programs for air and missile defense initiatives for the Fleet.

### Providing a concentrated focus on Integrated Air and Missile Defense

- NAMDC serves as the single center of excellence to synchronize and integrate Navy efforts across the full spectrum of air and missile defense to include air defense, cruise missile defense and ballistic missile defense.
- As the Navy’s lead organization for naval, joint and combined Integrated Air and Missile Defense matters, NAMDC focuses on seven functional areas including:
  - Supporting existing organizations to assess maritime Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) at the fleet, strike group and unit level.
  - Fostering high performance in IAMD operations through definition and implementation of uniform training standards.
  - Providing deliberate and crisis mission support to operational commanders and forces.
  - Promoting rapid delivery of selected new IAMD technologies.
  - Supporting fleets, resource sponsors and systems commands with the development and validation of IAMD requirements for joint and Navy processes.
  - Leading Navy IAMD concept, doctrine and tactics development and experimentation.
  - Advocating Navy positions and capabilities in joint IAMD forums.

### Key Messages

- The establishment of the Navy Air and Missile Defense Command reaffirms the significance of air and missile defense.
- The Navy provides multi-layered air and missile defense in support of the joint warfighter, assuring access in the maritime domain.

### Facts & Figures

- NAMDC was established in April 2009 at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, Va., and is commanded by Rear Adm. Brad Hicks, who reports to Commander, U.S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fleet.
- Initial operation capability manning is approximately 25 with full manning about 75 personnel by FY12.