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Transforming Naval Intelligence

"I welcome efforts by Naval Intelligence leaders to transform the community and deliver a penetrating understanding of the maritime reach of our potential adversaries... The insight, adaptability and Fleet focus that have characterized Naval Intelligence since its inception will be more critical than ever as the Fleet faces uncharted waters."

– Vice Adm. John Bird, Commander, U.S. 7th Fleet

A milestone for Naval Intelligence transformation, this month's establishment of four Naval Intelligence Centers of Excellence under the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) aligns capabilities to meet the expanding requirements of the fleet, joint, and national customers.

Enabling information dominance and decision superiority

Naval Intelligence transformation reflects the importance of intelligence as a core Navy warfighting capability, aligning resources and analytical expertise to meet expanding requirements of fleet, joint, and national customers.

- The ONI reorganization provides the speed, agility and adaptability required to provide timely, relevant and predictive analysis to fleet customers.
- Leveraging new technologies, platforms, weapons, sensors, cyber capabilities, and Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR), the more agile and mission-focused organization offers fleet customers clear and simple access to tailored ONI expertise.
- The four intelligence centers of excellence provide a concentrated focus and increased level of expertise.
 - **Nimitz Operational Intelligence Center** is responsible for Maritime Domain Awareness, intelligence products for Maritime Operations Centers and the Fleet, and Global Maritime Intelligence Integration.
 - **Farragut Technical Analysis Center** produces integrated assessments and intelligence on current and future adversary weapons, platforms, combat systems, ISR and cyber capabilities to prevent technological surprise to the Fleet.
 - **Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center** delivers tailored reach-back and forward-deployed services to Navy Special Warfare and Navy Expeditionary Combat Command forces engaged globally.
 - **Hopper Information Services Center** improves interoperability and enables enhanced access to ONI products and expertise via a service-oriented architecture.

Naval intelligence supporting national interests

The National Maritime Intelligence Center (NMIC), established by the Director of National Intelligence in January 2009, serves as the national focal point for maritime intelligence, ensuring a unified national effort to execute the [Maritime Strategy](#) and the [National Strategy for Maritime Security](#) (NSMS).

- The NMIC is the maritime intelligence counterpart to the existing National Counterterrorism Center and National Counterproliferation Center.
- Establishment of the NMIC as a national intelligence center brings enhanced synchronization and effectiveness, as well as increased prominence for the nation's interagency maritime security efforts.

Key Messages

- Naval Intelligence is transforming to align capabilities to meet the expanding requirements of the fleet, joint, and national customers.
- Transformation of Naval Intelligence reflects its increased importance as a core warfighting capability.
- Transformation provides improved alignment for timely, agile, responsive delivery of ONI's products and services to fleet, joint, and national customers.
- The NMIC will set the global standard for excellence in knowledge of the Maritime Domain.

Facts & Figures

- Established in 1882, ONI is America's longest continuously operating intelligence agency.
- Each Center of Excellence will be a discrete echelon III command under ONI.
- The Centers will provide tailored, mission-focused intelligence support to fleet, joint and national customers.
- The physical expansion of the ONI building, to be completed in 2010, will significantly enhance Naval Intelligence mission capabilities.