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Warfare Centers of Excellence... Providing Naval Warfighting Improvements

"Warfare Centers of Excellence provide the CNO, Navy Combatant Commanders and other naval leaders with functional warfare assessments across the entire doctrine, organization, training, material, leadership, personnel and facilities spectrum that is not available anywhere else in the Navy. This assessment, when coupled with programmatic perspectives, will provide a full picture of our capability in the respective warfare area."

– VADM Peter Daly, Deputy Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces

Warfare Centers of Excellence provide Navy leadership with warfare area assessment across platforms and communities. This information provides Navy leadership with current capabilities and future requirements, thus equipping decision makers with the information necessary to better prioritize limited resources. Warfare Centers of Excellence are charged with conducting end-to-end assessments of critical warfare areas and to rectify gaps.

Warfare Centers of Excellence – Built around six warfare areas

- Three Warfare Centers of Excellence are already in place: Naval Strike and Air Warfare Center, Naval Mine and Anti-submarine Warfare Command, and Navy Air and Missile Defense Command.
- The stand up of the Surface Warfare, Expeditionary Warfare, and Command and Control Warfare Centers of Excellence is currently in staffing.

End-to-end assessment provides full picture of capability

The Warfare Centers of Excellence are responsible to conduct a continuous and comprehensive assessment of their respective warfare area to address near-, mid-, and long-term capabilities. Specifically, they will:

- Conduct complete and rigorous capability based assessments, without platform or community bias, to analyze the combat challenges that face our forces.
- Assess our ability to succeed against these challenges and develop solutions where gaps exist, aiming to integrate across warfare areas at the theater, group and individual ship, submarine and aviation unit level.
- Improve fleet training, doctrine development, operational planning, intelligence collection priorities, manning, and acquisition/force structure planning.
- Provide CNO independent assessments and recommendations regarding the CNO's investments that impact the warfare area both before Navy budgets are built and after, as well as any proposed changes to the existing program of record that will impact their warfare areas.
- Promote prioritization, rapid development and delivery of new doctrine, technologies and training.

Key Messages

- The Warfare Centers of Excellence will serve as operationally-focused honest brokers working across organizational lines to make us more proficient warfighters and more effective contributors to joint and coalition forces.
- Warfare Centers of Excellence will play a key role in winning the fight if it happens today, in improving the force of tomorrow, and in anticipating and outpacing future challenges.

Facts & Figures

- New Warfare Centers of Excellence alignment will be based on the Navy-wide standard task force structure.
- NAMDC is the newest Warfare Center of Excellence and was established April 30, 2009 at Naval Support Facility Dahlgren, VA.