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From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: STRIKE GROUP TACTICAL TRAINING CONTINUUM

Ref: (a) COMUSFLTFORCOM/COMPACFLTINST 1500.49 (NOTAL)  
(b) COMUSFLTFORCOM/COMPACFLTINST 3501.3D

1. Purpose

a. To issue guidance for coordination of the Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum described in reference (a).

b. This revision expands roles and responsibilities. This instruction is a complete revision and should be reviewed in its entirety.

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1500.49D.

3. Background. Officers ordered into critical billets on tactical level (strike group, destroyer squadron, carrier air wing, amphibious squadron, tactical air control squadron, and warfare commander) staffs require the appropriate professional background for their respective billet and must complete required billet specialty training en route to their assignment. The Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum consists of individual pipeline and team training requirements designed to promote readiness in a joint environment for officers who will serve as commanders, staff officers, and watch officers in strike groups, amphibious ready groups (ARG), and composite warfare commands. These billet specialty courses are taught at Tactical Training Group Atlantic (TACTRAGRULANT) and Tactical Training Group Pacific (TACTRAGRUPAC), Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Atlantic (EWTGLANT) and Expeditionary Warfare Training Group Pacific (EWTGPAC), and other joint or Navy training facilities as outlined in reference (a).

4. Discussion. The courses of instruction in the Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum stress coordinated tactical warfare against multiple threats that a strike group, force, or ARG may

face. The continuum is structured to provide training keyed on individual ships, strike groups, composite forces, and ARGs, and to ensure recurring progressive tactical training throughout the spectrum of an officer's career.

5. Action

a. Chief of Naval Operations

(1) Coordinate and sponsor the Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum courses and visits (Chief of Naval Operations for Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education (CNO N1) and Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Director, Surface Warfare (OPNAV N96)).

(2) Serve as resource sponsor for sustainment support of training devices for the Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum, including Joint Semi-Automated Forces, and command, control, communications, computers, and intelligence systems such as Global Command and Control System-Maritime; theater battle management core systems; and Combined Enterprise Regional Information Exchange System, and follow-on systems (CNO for Information Dominance (CNO N2/N6) and OPNAV N96).

(3) Review and assess the resources required to support Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum training courses and related sustainment of training devices; submit validated resource requirements within the fleet training program to Director, Fleet Readiness (OPNAV N43).

b. Commander, Navy Personnel Command (COMNAVPERSCOM)

(1) Include the appropriate Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum courses and visits from reference (a) in permanent change of station (PCS) orders for officers en route to billets designated in this instruction.

(2) Include in PCS orders the requirement for a special background investigation for those courses taught at the special intelligence level.

(3) As appropriate, waive Joint Maritime Tactics Course attendance for those officers who proceed from one designated Joint Maritime Tactics Course billet to another in succeeding PCS duty.

(4) Coordinate the class convening dates of Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum courses and visits that interface with other officer PCS pipeline courses.

(5) Support coordination and execution of visits and briefs for prospective carrier and expeditionary strike group commanders as prescribed in reference (a).

c. Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces and Commander U.S. Pacific Fleet

(1) Coordinate reference (a) course and visit lists and required staff attendees with the numbered fleet commanders and type commanders to maximize the contribution of the Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum to fleet training readiness.

(2) Lead the fleet training integration panel, which addresses Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum related joint, coalition, interagency, and Navy fleet training requirements.

(3) Ensure the Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum program supports the fleet training continuum in reference (b).

(4) Support coordination and execution of visits and briefs for prospective carrier and expeditionary strike group commanders as prescribed in reference (a).

(5) Encourage subordinate tactical commanders and commanding officers to constructively interact with the Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum and TACTRAGRULANT or TACTRAGRUPAC and EWTGLANT or EWTGPAC. Post deployment debriefings by strike group commanders and warfare commanders are particularly important in maintaining relevancy and currency of Strike Group Tactical Training Continuum courses.

6. Records Management. Records created as a result of this instruction, regardless of media and format, must be managed per Secretary of the Navy Manual 5210.1 of January 2012.



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