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OPNAV NOTICE 5400

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: MODIFICATION OF DEEP SUBMERGENCE UNIT

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5400.44A of 13 Oct 2011
(b) OPNAVINST F3501.289 series
(c) OPNAVNOTE 5400 of 1 Mar 2012

1. Purpose. To approve modification of Deep Submergence Unit (DSU) per reference (a).

2. Background. Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet (COMSUBPAC) conducted a comprehensive review on Deep Submergence Unit (DSU) mission requirements and ISIC oversight & support. COMSUBPAC recommended DSU be renamed to Undersea Rescue Command and the mission be revised to properly reflect the primary mission of the activity. COMSUBPAC recommended that Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN (COMSUBRON ELEVEN) in San Diego, CA replace Commander, Submarine Development Squadron FIVE (COMSUBDEVRON FIVE) in Bangor, WA as the Immediate Superior In Command (ISIC) of DSU. Due to COMSUBDEVRON FIVE increased workload with Seawolf class submarines and Unmanned Underwater Vehicle (UUV) issues, action will re-balance submarine squadron workload and provide better oversight of submarine rescue capability, readiness, and response as COMSUBRON ELEVEN and DSU are both geographically located in San Diego, CA. COMSUBPAC will adjust resources from COMSUBDEVRON FIVE to COMSUBRON ELEVEN to provide for proper DSU oversight, management, and support of this unique global undersea rescue capability requirement.

3. Organizational Changes.

a. Effective 1 June 2012, change the name, modify the mission, and change the ISIC of DSU San Diego, CA. The following applies:

From

Commanding Officer
Deep Submergence Unit
NAS North Island
PO Box 357049
San Diego CA 92135-7049

To

Commanding Officer
Undersea Rescue Command
NAS North Island
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(PLA: DSU SAN DIEGO CA)
 (PDS: San Diego, CA)

(PLA: UNSEARESCOM SAN DIEGO CA)
 (PDS: San Diego, CA)

* (SNDL: Standard Navy Distribution List; UIC: Unit Identification Code; PLA: Plain Language Address; PDS: Permanent Duty Station)

b. Revised Mission. Provide 24/7 world-wide submarine rescue capability to U.S., allied, and other foreign navy requests to assist disabled submarines (DISSUB) or submersible intervention and rescue. Ensure appropriate allied assets are in place and available to support this function when U.S. Navy assets are not available.

c. Budget Submitting Office. COMPACFLT

d. OPNAV Resource Sponsor. OPNAV N43 and N87

e. Administrative Chain of Command

<u>Echelon</u>	<u>Command and Support</u>
1	CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (00011)
2	Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet (00070)
3	Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet (57020)
4	Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN (55244)
5	Commanding Officer, Undersea Rescue Command (32117)

4. Action

a. Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet / Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Pacific Fleet will take appropriate action per reference (a) to direct and coordinate the modification of Deep Submergence Unit into Undersea Rescue Command. Ensure the command is surge deployable, interoperable, fully trained, properly manned, capably equipped, well maintained, and sustainable to meet the mission requirements listed in reference (b) (Required Operational Capabilities (ROC) and Projected Operational Environment (POE) for undersea rescue capability. Transfer ISIC responsibilities for Undersea Rescue Command to Commander, Submarine Squadron ELEVEN.

b. This is advance change 17-12 to reference (c).

c. Master Update Authority, Honolulu, HI will revise the Plain Language Address (PLA) in the Central Directory Component effective 1 June 2012 unless otherwise directed via official correspondence. Correspondence concerning the PLA should be forwarded to Commander, Naval Network Warfare Command (COMNAVNETWARCOM) (Network Operations 321), 2555 Amphibious DR, BLDG 1265, Joint Expeditionary Base, Virginia Beach, VA 23459-5000. Revised command should be activated on Navy Regional

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Enterprise Message System (NREMS). Information on NREMS can be obtained at <https://navalmessaging.nmci.navy.mil> or by contacting COMNAVNETWARCOM at the number above.

d. Director, Navy Staff Organization and Management Branch (DNS-33) will revise reference (c).

5. Cancellation Contingency. This notice will remain in effect for one year or until superseded, whichever occurs first. The organization action will remain effective until changed by Director, Navy Staff.



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