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From: Director of Surface Warfare (N86)  
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1. The Chief of Naval Operations has approved a new alignment for the OPNAV Staff, to be implemented expeditiously starting on 1 October 2000. The current N86 organization will become N76 and report to DCNO Warfare Requirements and Programs (N7). As part of the improved alignment process the Director Surface Warfare (N76) is making minor adjustments to the N76 internal organization in order to allow for an increased focus on fleet manpower, readiness, training and maintenance, while streamlining management of warfare requirements for current and future systems. This internal alignment will also allow for the smooth and seamless transition of TBMD responsibilities from N76 to the newly established ACNO for Missile Defense Organization. The goal is to improve quality of service for everyone and ensure close teaming and appropriate integration of the N76 and ACNO Missile Defense Organizations over the coming months.

2. Highlights of the N76 alignment initiative include:

a. The Deputy Director Surface Warfare, Rear Admiral Dave Stone, N76B, will continue to be responsible for the overall performance of the Surface Warfare Division and will execute duties as the Director in the absence of the Principal. In addition to his current Deputy duties, he will assume special delegated responsibilities in the areas of Fleet Readiness, Training, and Maintenance, N76 SPP Development, Surface Warfare Vision Statements, the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR) and the Surface Combatant Force Level Study (SCFLS). N760, N761 and N769 reporting responsibilities will remain as presently delineated. Additional Deputy focus areas may be assigned as directed by the Director Surface Warfare.

b. The three N76 Warfighting Branches (N763/N764/N765) will report directly to the Director, Surface Warfare Requirements, Rear Admiral John Kelly, 76R. This alignment will enable N76 to better assess and program to fleet warfighting requirements. Special delegated responsibilities for the Director Surface Warfare Requirements will include DDG-51, Maritime Force Protection, Strike/Land Attack, Undersea Warfare, Cruiser Conversion, Ship Self Defense Plans, AEGIS Programs, Surface Ship Combat Systems, WPN Accounts, Theater Air and

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Missile Defense for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TAMD-21), and other focus areas as specifically assigned by the Director Surface Warfare.

c. The DD21 program will remain under the purview of N764 who will continue to report directly to the Director Surface Warfare on all matters pertaining to DD-21. This is the current alignment and it remains unchanged.

d. The Deputy ACNO for Missile Defense, Rear Admiral (Sel) Mike Moe, will assume those responsibilities previously held by N865 in the areas of TBMD, Navy Area, Navy Theater Wide, Overland Cruise Missile Defense, Single Integrated Air Picture (SIAP) and Joint Integrated Air Defense (JIAD). All other Missile Defense related matters will fall under his purview. He will also assume special delegated responsibilities for TEAM TANGO and International Cooperation initiatives as well as other focus areas as directed by the ACNO for Missile Defense.

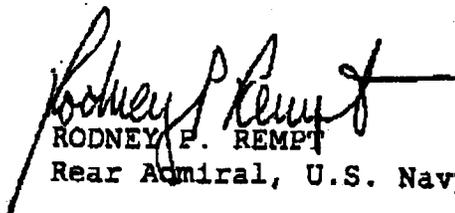
e. Mr. Ed Comstock (N76C) will coordinate all SCN related matters and will report directly to the Director Surface Warfare.

f. Mr. Chuck Bogner (N76DC) and his assigned DC/FF/Chem Bio organization will report directly to the Deputy Director Surface Warfare.

3. Specific letters will be issued shortly from the Director Surface Warfare which will formally designate the responsibilities outlined in the above paragraphs. Follow on actions will align personnel and program elements in accordance with these responsibilities.

4. The N76 internal alignment will allow our organization to better focus on fleet requirements and move forward aggressively in addressing the CNO Priorities of Manpower, Current Readiness, Future Readiness, Quality of Service, and Alignment.

5. Lets all work together to make this alignment easy and effective.

  
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