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ASSESSMENT DIVISION  
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Mission: To provide CNO, VCNO, and N8 with centralized analysis and assessment of joint mission and support areas, and force level requirements and resources; to conduct long-range analysis and assessment of programs, plans, and alternatives; to function as Resource Sponsor for N8-sponsored studies and analytical efforts; to direct, sponsor, and/or coordinate OPNAV studies and analytical support provided by activities external to OPNAV including Warfare Systems Architecture and Engineering (WSA&E) efforts with COMSPAWARSSYSCOM; to manage the DON Non-Nuclear Ordnance Requirements (NNOR) and Non-Combat Expenditure Requirements (NCER) programs; to coordinate, administer, assess, and validate acquisition programs; to review R&D programs; to provide priorities to Science and Technology (S&T) programs; and to review and validate analytical modeling, simulation, and war gaming.

Functions:

1. Provides review and analytical support for executive decision forums.
2. Assists N81 as Chairperson, Naval Warfare Analytical/Modeling and Simulation Oversight Council. (N81C)
3. Serves as Deputy Scientific Officer for the Center for Naval Analyses (CNA). Oversees and tracks all OPNAV-sponsored studies and analytical support provided by CNA. Functions as program sponsor for CNA. Establishes procedures for initiating and managing CNA analytical efforts. Coordinates CNA field assignments, administrative matters, and fleet requests for CNA studies. (N81C, N811)
4. Assists N8 as Navy Sponsor for the Military Operations Research Society (MORS). (N81C, N811)
5. Serves as N8's agent for the requirements assessment review of all 6.3A programs, including Advanced Technology Demonstration (ATD) and DOD Enhanced Advanced Technology Demonstration (EATD) programs. Serves as the N8 principal member on the Science and Technology Working Group (STWG). (N81C, N810)

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6. Serves as principal advisor to N8 on all OPNAV sponsored studies and analytical support provided by activities external to OPNAV. Serves as Resource Sponsor for selected OPNAV studies and analysis programs. Provides technical direction, reviews analytical methodology, and serves as point of contact for external studies. Administers expenditure of funding, prepares budget estimates, and annual budget estimates for submission to Congress. Represents N8 as Coordinator, DON Studies and Analyses (CDONSA). (N81C, N811)
7. Acts as N8 liaison with Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). Ensures accuracy of studies and analysis data base. (N81C, N811)
8. Develops comprehensive assessments which form the basis for the Navy's annual program planning efforts (e.g., Investment Balance Review). Coordinates with mission area sponsors to establish relative prioritization within each mission area. (N81D)
9. Maintains liaison with the Joint Staff (JS), Director Program Analysis and Evaluation, SECNAV, and OPA for exchange of information and analytical data. Serves as N8's agent and OPNAV point of contact for the Force Structure, Resource and Assessment Directorate (J-8) in JS, and for assessments (including Military Net Assessment) and general program analysis functions. (N81D)
10. Serves as CNO's principal advisor on interpretation and application of DOD acquisition policy and programs. (N810)
11. Provides coordination and analytical oversight of acquisition programs, supporting milestone decisions and program review for: (N810)
  - a. Mission Need Statements (MNS)
  - b. Operational Requirements Documents (ORD)
  - c. Acquisition Program Baselines (APB)
  - d. Cost and Operational Effectiveness Analyses (COEA)
  - e. Non-acquisition Program Documents (NAPDD)
12. Principal advisor to N8 as validation authority for MNS/ORDs. (N810)

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13. Serves as N8's agent and OPNAV point of contact for the Joint Requirements Oversight Council (JROC). Provides coordination, administrative oversight, and representation on JROC working groups. (N810)

14. Provides warfighting requirements to the Science and Technology Program and other research and development programs. (N810)

15. Acts as N8's agent to coordinate OPNAV support and participation in the Defense Science Board Studies, and the Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC). Maintains liaison with Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, the Chief of Naval Research, and Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development & Acquisition) on matters concerning the Science and Technology Program and the Research and Development Program. (N810)

16. Coordinates OPNAV Action Officer Course and Federal Executive Fellowship (FEF) program. (N811)

17. Reviews and analyzes costs, schedules, performance and other pertinent management aspects of major DON programs for CNO. Analyzes all weapon systems programs prior to decision milestones and program reviews with respect to funding, feasibility, affordability, procurement risk, scheduling, reliability, and continuity. Serves as OPNAV "honest broker" for all weapon systems program matters. (N810, N815)

18. Assists in preparation of the Navy POM for submission to OSD. Assists in preparation of responses to collateral issue papers. (N812)

19. Acts as single point of contact in OPNAV for integrated warfare and support area requirement matters. (N812)

20. Serves as program sponsor and OPNAV single point of contact for Warfare Systems Architecture and Engineering (WSA&E). Coordinates all WSA&E matters with COMSPAWARSYSCOM. Advises N8 on integration of warfare requirements and major cross-platform warfare issues. Develops WSA&E study requirements. (N812)

21. Serves as N8's agent for evaluation and utilization of various scenario products to support the acquisition and program planning processes. (N812)

22. Prepares analytical products for non-OPNAV customers. Assists CNO concerning advice to higher authority and other government agencies on naval and other maritime-related matters. (N812)
23. Manages and administers the Naval Warfare Modeling Validation and Development Program. Serves as Navy representative to the Defense Modeling & Simulation Office (DMSO). Initiates and monitors model and simulation development by DMSO and other external activities. (N812)
24. Maintains liaison with war gaming activities and agencies of DOD and appropriate civilian agencies on matters pertaining to war game methodology and cross-utilization of models. Facilitates OPNAV and FLTCINCs participation in war gaming as a tool for overall program assessment. (N812)
25. Reviews and advises on validation of analytical models and methodologies, including those used in program planning. (N812)
26. Serves as principal advisor to CNO, VCNO, and N8 for assessment of naval warfare, support, and force structure resources and requirements. Assesses Navy programs and alternatives, policies, and initiatives with respect to: (N812, N813, N814, N815)
  - a. Program balance, continuity, interoperability
  - b. Readiness and sustainability
  - c. Modernization
  - d. Affordability
  - e. Resource allocation, constraints, and scheduling
27. Conducts independent analysis in response to queries and proposed changes in policy, and "what-if" analysis in support of the day-to-day top level decision-making. Works closely with, and provides analytical support to OPNAV mission and support area team leaders to ensure area balance and continuity. Facilitates coordination among joint mission area support teams. (N812, N813, N814, N815)
28. Establishes warfighting priorities and tradeoffs across the spectrum of conflict. Reviews and verifies that warfighting

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program priorities are adequately addressed during program planning. Analyzes the impact of warfighting priorities and tradeoffs with support forces and infrastructure. (N812, N813, N814, N815)

29. Evaluates naval warfare force levels and supporting rationale for both active and reserve forces. (N812, N813, N814, N815)

30. Determines appropriate Measures of Effectiveness (MOEs) and assesses levels of risk for Navy programs, mission and support areas, and alternative options. (N812, N813, N814, N815)

31. Reviews and assists in development of program guidance such as Defense Planning Guidance (DPG), and Department of the Navy Consolidated Planning and Programming Guidance (DNCPPG). (N812, N813, N814, N815)

32. Reviews Sponsor Program Proposals (SPP) and Sponsor Change Proposals (SCP) for compliance with mission area, support, and readiness and sustainability guidance. Provides recommended adjustments. (N812, N813, N814, N815)

33. Serves as principal advisor to N8 on manpower, personnel, and training (MPT) issues and initiatives. Serves as N8 liaison on MPT issues with SECNAV, DOD, and JCS MPT staff offices. (N813)

34. Monitors, evaluates, and assesses Navy MPT programs from a total Navy perspective, focusing on program balance and affordability relative to personnel quality, accession levels, retention, availability, training, and Quality of Life. (N813)

35. Proposes MPT policy and programmatic alternatives. Works closely with OPNAV staff offices involved in MPT planning, programming, and budgeting, and provides MPT analytical support. Serves as a member of working groups addressing MPT programs, Military Personnel, Navy (MPN) and Reserve Personnel, Navy (RPN) appropriation management issues, initiatives, and alternatives. (N813)

36. Functions as Executive Secretary for the Flag Level Working Committee (FLWC) and Standing Medical Board (SMB). (N813)

37. Manages the Non-Nuclear Ordnance Requirements (NNOR) and Non-Combat Expenditure Requirements (NCER) programs for naval forces and USMC aviation in support of defense guidance.

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Manages, administers, and issues NNOR data base. Provides analytical support and mission area assessment for Non-Nuclear Ordnance Planning (NNOP). (N814)

38. Determines ordnance requirements based on major claimant inputs. Monitors program execution and assists mission area sponsors by tracking munitions programs and recommending priorities from an overall warfighting perspective. (N814)

39. Measures the impact of current policies, plans, and alternative ideas on Readiness and Sustainability. Provides advice, analytical support, and impact analysis to mission area sponsors and top leadership as input to the ongoing decision-making process. (N814)

40. Reviews, evaluates, and assesses ship and squadron readiness, force sustainability, logistics and fleet support capability, strategic sealift, military construction, environmental, and base operating support programs. Monitors shore facility conditions, Backlog of Maintenance and Repair (BMAR) and Shore Based Readiness Report (BASEREP) programs. (N814)

41. Conducts centralized analysis and assessment of Navy infrastructure. Provides analytical support to OPNAV staff offices relative to infrastructure identification, consolidation of similar functions with other services, and recommendations for reductions of excess capacity. (N814)

42. Reviews and assesses Navy and Marine Corps Board agenda items and Insensitive Munitions matters. (N815)

43. Provides analytical support to selected study teams and oversight board membership/co-chair for selected COEAs. Provides independent validation and quantitative assessment of weapon systems programs and supporting documentation including: (N815)

- a. Mission Need Statements (MNS)
- b. Cost and Operational Effectiveness Analysis (COEA)
- c. Operational Requirements Documents (ORD)
- d. Test and Evaluation Master Plans (TEMP)
- e. Integrated Program Summaries (IPS)

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f. Program Funding Change Proposal (PFCP)

44. Maintains modernization data base to include relative prioritization within mission areas, current funding levels, short program descriptions and qualitative analytical assessments. (N815)

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