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AIR WARFARE DIVISION  
N88

Mission: To implement N8 responsibilities for naval aviation and strike programs, including the Naval Air Reserve; to determine the shipboard and related support requirements for aircraft carriers and specific aviation type ships; to serve as N8's principal advisor and representative on naval aviation matters, including air warfare, and on naval air operational matters involving relationships with other governmental and civil agencies; and to develop overall naval aviation and strike force levels and requirements.

Functions:

1. Serves as principal advisor to N8 for air warfare. Establishes overall policy for preparation for and conduct of air warfare.
2. Chairs the following committees:
  - a. Naval Aviation Liaison Group
  - b. Naval Aviation Advisory Board
  - c. Joint Strike Mission Area Assessment Committee.
3. Acts for and serves as the principal advisor to N8 in all matters regarding aviation planning, support and administration; guides naval aviation's development, identifies its requirements, connects its capabilities to those of other forces, and sets general policies for its management. (All branches)
4. Develops and coordinates naval aviation requirements for the orderly and effective mobilization planning for naval aviation, including ships, aircraft, facilities, and associated equipment. (All branches)
5. Serves as principal advisor to N8 for aviation program and budget development and for aviation acquisition matters, implementing both CNO/SECNAV guidance and aviation warfighting initiatives, specifically: (N88C)
  - a. Coordinates preparation of the naval aviation program and budget.

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b. Formulates, coordinates, presents and justifies all naval aviation requirement programs through the acquisition review process.

c. Supervises, manages, and directs the programming of fiscal resources across 12 distinct appropriation accounts.

d. Represents N8 in coordinating with high level officials in DOD and Navy, and serves as backup witness for Congressional testimony and OSD/SECNAV briefings.

6. Participates in CNO decision processes and, when appropriate, serves as a member of the Ship Characteristics Improvement Panel (SCIP). Chairs the Aircraft Characteristics Improvement Panel (ACIP). (N88C)

7. Advises N88 on all functions which affect Marine Corps aviation. N88M is additional duty for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Aviation, Headquarters Marine Corps. (N88M)

8. Supervises, with N095, Naval Air Reserve Program planning and implementation. Specifically: (N88R)

a. Ensures Air Reserve planning meets the overall Navy requirements.

b. Coordinates Air Reserve planning with reserve components of other branches of the naval service, and ensures that Air Reserve directives adequately implement the planned program.

c. Conducts liaison with DON bureaus, offices and commands in matters affecting Naval Reserve policy, planning and implementation.

d. Performs detailed day-to-day functions for the Naval Air Reserve budget activities, and program and element sponsorship responsibilities.

9. Serves as Total Quality Leadership (TQL) coordinator for N88. Provides TQL training and education. Serves as internal quality consultant and advisor for N88. (N88T)

10. Appraises the Joint Strike Mission Area as a fundamental building block of planning, programming and budget guidance. (N88W)

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11. Prepares the strike warfare part of the Naval Warfare Plan. (N88W)
12. Coordinates, with N81, force level planning and rationalization for aircraft and aircraft carriers to establish force level goals and to propose acquisition and support strategies to achieve those goals. (N88W)
13. Determines aviation support requirements for aircraft and aircraft carriers, specified aviation type ships and related items, including aviation ammunition support equipment. Determines, similarly, aviation plans for the above aviation elements, except aircraft and aircraft carriers. Monitors effectiveness of aviation plans and programs, and furnishes guidance and procurement objectives on matters pertaining to such items. (N88W, N880, N881, N882, N885, N889)
14. Advises and monitors, with N091, the progress of naval aviation programs during RDT&E phases. Recommends priorities for aeronautical developments to meet fleet requirements. Coordinates with cognizant offices and commands in integrating and assimilating those and other new developments into the fleet. (N88W, N880, N881, N882, N889)
15. Evaluates the development of strategic plans involving naval aviation capabilities. Coordinates with N3/N5 in determining capabilities for war planning purposes. Recommends to N8 and appropriate OPNAV Principal Officials new and more effective methods for using naval aviation in collaboration with other forces. (N88W)
16. Coordinates action required to promote maximum readiness of the carrier forces in accordance with established air warfare plans and programs. (N88W, N880, N885)
17. Conducts liaison with and materially supports the Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard in matters relative to supporting Coast Guard military readiness requirements, as funding priorities permit. (N88W)
18. Serves as the principal advisor to N8 on aviation technical and analytical matters. (N88W)
19. Provides direction for planning, programming, appraisal and implementation of operations requirements for fleet defense

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against antiship missiles conducted by airborne platforms. Coordinates with N86 ensuring integrated surface and air platform antiship missile defense (ASMD). (N88W, N880)

20. Acts as the principal agent for CNO in dealing with COMNAVAIRSYSCOM. (N880)

21. Determines shipboard aviation requirements, states major characteristics, establishes programs and serves as program sponsor for procurement and alteration, including modifications to modernize existing naval aircraft, naval aviation weapons requirements, other naval aircraft weapon systems and related equipment, including aviation ammunition support equipment and aerial targets. (N880, N881, N882, N885)

22. Sponsors the Aircraft Procurement, Navy (APN) appropriation. (N880, N881, N889)

23. Directs and controls, through COMNAVAIRSYSCOM and other appropriate offices, procurement, production, supply, distribution, maintenance, overhaul and disposal of aeronautical material, except ammunition. (N880, N881, N889)

24. Develops, under the coordinating authority of N3/N5, requirements for aircraft-launched nuclear weapons. Appraises the state of readiness of aviation forces to employ nuclear weapons. Prescribes the requirement for use of nuclear energy for the propulsion of aircraft carriers. (N880, N885)

25. Advises, in coordination with N3/N5, on procuring, reconditioning and delivering Military Assistance Program (MAP) aircraft, and advises on MAP aviation training matters. (N880, N889)

26. Defines the operational and military characteristics and performance standards of air-launched weapons, airborne tactical electromagnetic systems and air-launched ASMD systems. (N880)

27. Determines operational and military characteristics of air-launched ammunition. Collaborates with N4 in developing planning factors for determining air-launched ammunition expenditures (consumption) so quantitative air-launched ammunition requirements are compatible with aviation plans and programs. (N880)

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28. Acts for N8 as the principal advisor to the appropriate commanders, directors, and special assistants in matters pertaining to aviation support communities, such as:

- a. Training and safety (N889)
- b. Aviation supply and repair, including ships (N881, N885)
- c. Flight surgeons (N889)
- d. Aviation physiologists and psychologists (N889)

29. Plans, coordinates, and directs the execution of the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program by: (N881, N882)

- a. Reviewing plans, initiating policy, and updating the organizational, intermediate and depot maintenance level of effort.
- b. Validating requirements and programming for depot level repair of airframes, engines and components.
- c. Planning and programming aviation support equipment to accomplish the aviation maintenance program plans.

30. Provides causal analysis of trends in the Naval Aviation Maintenance Program; links aviation readiness to resources; coordinates development and execution of aviation information systems; and collects, analyzes and publishes aviation data. (N881)

31. Provides aviation supply policy guidance and oversight; coordinates aviation supply initiatives in support of maintenance plans, allowance computation methods and parameters, and related resourcing requirements by: (N881, N882)

- a. Validating and programming aviation initial spares for new/modified aircraft/systems procurements and siting plans, for aircraft engines, for support equipment and for modified spares.
- b. Validating and programming aviation outfitting spares to support peacetime and wartime operations for aircraft carriers, aircapable ships, Marine Contingency Support Packages (CSPs), and shore sites.

32. Ensures the effective representation, formulation and staffing of Marine Corps aviation programs and requirements. (N882)
33. Budgets, coordinates, and monitors the flying hour program. (N882, N889)
34. Advises, in coordination with N86 and N4, on shipbuilding and conversion programs to assure the compatibility of aircraft, aircraft equipment, and facilities. (N885)
35. Establishes and prioritizes requirements for aircraft carriers, specified aviation type ships, aviation bases, missile ranges, and associated airspace necessary to support naval aviation programs. Monitors the effectiveness of plans and programs for providing such support, furnishes policy guidance on aviation aspects of base matters and, in coordination with N4, ensures integration of those program requirements into the overall Shore Development Program of the naval establishment. (N885, N889)
36. Develops and implements policy for flight rules and regulations for the use and control of naval aircraft. Develops requirements, and establishes and monitors programs for air traffic control systems and aids to air navigation. Coordinates and supervises relations with other governmental agencies in matters involving those fields. (N885)
37. Advises and coordinates with N4 on establishing aviation pollution abatement objectives and in planning and implementing aviation pollution abatement programs, including issuing appropriate directives. (N885)
38. Serves as a member of the DOD Advisory Committee on Federal Aviation. (N885)
39. Recommends policy to CHNAVPERS for aviation personnel selection and assignment. (N889)
40. Serves as OPNAV CAO for the Naval Strike Warfare Center and the Navy Fighter Weapons School. (N889)
41. Assists in the development and preparation of criteria for determining naval aviation manpower requirements in conformance with N1's Navy-wide responsibilities for developing staffing criteria. (N889)

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42. Develops policy for manpower requirements and allocation, distribution, performance, and qualification of aviation personnel in conformance with Navy-wide manpower and personnel policies. (N889)

43. Coordinates with CNET and N7 on flight and ground training conducted in training commands and fleet training activities (less fleet readiness squadrons) to meet aviation training requirements of the operating forces of the Navy. Ensures that N88 training and support programs are adequate to meet existing readiness requirements. (N889)

44. Exercises program and resource sponsorship within OPNAV over Navy Tactical Training Range (NTTR) programs and requirements. (N889)

45. Collaborates with and provides guidance for N09F's development of aviation safety program objectives, policy, and procedures and to NAVSAFECEN in planning and implementing aviation safety programs. (N889)

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