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NAVAL SMALL CRAFT INSTRUCTION AND TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL

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Purpose: In accordance with the authority in DoD Directive (DoDD) 5105.53; the January 11, 2021; January 18, 2022; and July 15, 2025 Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandums; and the October 3, 2025 Deputy Secretary of War Memorandum, this issuance:

- Establishes policy and assigns roles and responsibilities for oversight, management, function, operations, and support of the Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School (NAVSCIATTS), in accordance with Section 352 of Title 10, United States Code.
- Designates the Secretary of the Navy as the DoD Executive Agent (EA) for NAVSCIATTS in accordance with DoD Directive 5101.01.

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SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION

1.1. APPLICABILITY.

This issuance applies to OSW, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoW Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoW (referred to collectively in this issuance as the “DoW Components”).

1.2. POLICY.

- a. Training and education of allies and partners is essential to naval small craft interoperability with U.S. forces.
- b. DoW efforts to improve small craft interoperability with allies and partners should be available to all geographic Combatant Commands and should include designing opportunities to improve interoperability between the Military Services and other security forces of friendly foreign countries.
- c. Training and education of allies and partners in small craft interoperability should support the participation of the security forces of friendly foreign countries in coalition or international military operations, or participation in DoW exercises.
- d. All DoW training and technical schools must conform to applicable human rights and international humanitarian laws.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR FOR POLICY (USW(P)).

The USW(P):

- a. Serves as the Principal Staff Assistant overseeing the Secretary of the Navy designation as DoD EA for NAVSCIATTS.
- b. Establishes policy and provides oversight on all security cooperation (SC) matters, including regional and country-level guidance to DoW Components regarding desired outcomes of SC programs and activities, in accordance with DoD Directive 5132.03.

2.2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR FOR STRATEGY, PLANS, AND FORCES (ASW(SPF)).

Under the authority, direction, and control of the USW(P), the ASW(SPF):

- a. Develops policy and oversees resourcing to support the DoD EA for NAVSCIATTS and advocates for additional resources as necessary through appropriate resourcing processes.
- b. Not later than March 15 of each year, reviews and transmits, on behalf of the Secretary of War and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, the annual report to the appropriate congressional committees on NAVSCIATTS activities and operating costs for the previous fiscal year as required by Section 352(f) of Title 10, United States Code.

2.3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT (ASW(SO/LIC)).

The ASW(SO/LIC) exercises authority, direction, and control of all special operations-peculiar administrative matters relating to NAVSCIATTS through the administrative chain of command of the Commander, United States Special Operations Command (CDR USSOCOM).

2.4. UNDER SECRETARY OF WAR FOR INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY

The Under Secretary of War for Intelligence and Security establishes and oversees policy for the vetting of international military students attending NAVSCIATTS and the family members accompanying them to the United States for that training.

2.5. SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

As the DoD EA for NAVSCIATTS, the Secretary of the Navy:

- a. Provides programming, budgeting, and financial management of the resources necessary to support the operation of NAVSCIATTS, including all operation and maintenance costs (e.g., personnel costs and base-operations support costs).
- b. Not later than February 1 of each year, submits a detailed report on NAVSCIATTS activities and operating costs for the previous fiscal year to the ASW(SPC) for review and to inform the ASW(SPC) annual report to the appropriate congressional committees addressed in Paragraph 2.2.b.
- c. Approves the NAVSCIATTS annual program and activity plan, including training activities, in coordination with the geographic Combatant Commanders and with the Department of State.
- d. In coordination with the ASW(SPC) and the ASW(SO/LIC), reviews and resources personnel requirements to conduct small craft instruction at NAVSCIATTS.
- e. Establishes appropriate agreements with the CDRUSSOCOM to support NAVSCIATTS.
- f. Submits to the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, SC workforce training and certification requirements.

2.6. CDRUSSOCOM.

Under the authority, direction, and control of the ASW(SO/LIC), the CDRUSSOCOM:

- a. As appropriate, coordinates special operations-peculiar curriculum with the ASW(SO/LIC) and the DoD EA for NAVSCIATTS.
- b. Funds and provides program management for NAVSCIATTS special operations forces information environment.

GLOSSARY

G.1. ACRONYMS.

ACRONYM	MEANING
ASW(SO/LIC)	Assistant Secretary of War for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict
ASW(SPF)	Assistant Secretary of War for Strategy, Plans, and Forces
CDRUSSOCOM	Commander, United States Special Operations Command
DoW	Department of War
EA	Executive Agent
NAVSCIATTS	Naval Small Craft Instruction and Technical Training School
OSW	Office of the Secretary of War
SC	security cooperation
USW(P)	Under Secretary of War for Policy

G.2. DEFINITIONS.

TERM	DEFINITION
geographic Combatant Command	A unified command with a broad continuing mission under a single commander, composed of significant assigned components of two or more Military Departments, that is established and so designated in the Unified Command Plan by the President, through the Secretary of War with the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as having physical areas of responsibility. The Unified Command Plan designates these commands as having physical areas of responsibility as they operate in clearly delineated areas of responsibility and have a regional military focus.

REFERENCES

Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Re-establishment of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Oversight and the Director of Administration and Management,” January 11, 2021

Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Supplemental Guidance on Functions and Responsibilities of the Performance Improvement Officer,” January 18, 2022

Deputy Secretary of Defense Memorandum, “Retitling of Director of Administration and Management Position,” July 15, 2025

Deputy Secretary of War Memorandum, “Delegation of Authorities to Take Action on Specified Administrative Matters to the Director of Administration and Management,” October 3, 2025

DoD Directive 5101.01, “DoD Executive Agent,” February 7, 2022

DoD Directive 5105.53, “Director of Administration and Management (DA&M),” February 26, 2008

DoD Directive 5132.03, “DoD Policy and Responsibilities Relating to Security Cooperation,” December 29, 2016

Unified Command Plan, as amended

United States Code, Title 10