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Joint Integration of Maritime Domain Awareness (JIMDA)

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Background

Current joint maritime domain awareness (MDA) tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTP) do not allow for the adequate synchronization of maritime domain information for key decision makers across operations centers for Homeland Defense. Watchstanders must have access to time-critical information and the ability to collaboratively collect, process, analyze, and disseminate information on contacts of interest throughout the maritime domain.

On August 5, 2009, with strong endorsements from the Office of the DoD EA for MDA and other DoD agencies, the Joint Test and Evaluation Senior Advisory Council chartered JIMDA as a three-year joint test. The resultant TTP will enhance awareness in the maritime domain by augmenting the collective strength of maritime operators to jointly observe, understand, and share information.

Current State

The Joint Warfighter Advisory Group (JWAG) met on July 27-28, 2010, to refine the initial draft of the JIMDA developed MDA TTP in preparation for field testing in the fall of 2010. The JWAG solicited warfighter and watchstander input to enhance the document by employing scenarios to analyze the document in order to ensure its veracity. The final product will support operations center synchronization in the USNORTHCOM AOR through delivery of non-materiel, warfighter-oriented TTP to improve operational maritime domain processes and procedures.

WHO: Chartered by OSD; operationally sponsored by NORAD and USNORTHCOM

WHAT: Three year joint test focused on:

- Evaluating current processes / procedures
- Providing non-material solutions to current operational problems

WHEN: Chartered 5 August 2009; scheduled to conclude 31 July 2012

HOW: OSD funds contractor support; NORAD and USNORTHCOM supplies uniformed manpower and facilities support; other Services provide Op Test and Research experts

WHY: "Maritime Domain Awareness represents a global challenge requiring focused efforts. USNORTHCOM has a fundamental requirement for maritime domain awareness in order to execute our missions." General Victor E. Renuart, USAF
 Former Commander, NORAD and USNORTHCOM

DoD EA for MDA Endorsement

The DoD EA for MDA fully supports and endorses JIMDA JT. Not only will this program assist the warfighter, it will also:

- Enhance MDA and synchronize MDA information across operations and intelligence centers,
- Be extensible to other U.S. Combatant Commanders, and
- Provide additional exposure of the TTP to both interagency and international participation through its NORAD and USNORTHCOM sponsorship.