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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: BODY ARMOR SYSTEMS IN SERVICE BY NAVY PERSONNEL

**Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 5400.15C, Change 1
(b) NAVSEA ltr dated 16Dec2011, Ser 05B2/065**

Encl: (1) Fielded Navy Body Armor (BA) Systems, Rev 8

1. Enclosure (1) will be updated periodically to reflect changes. Given the Navy's relatively small procurement quantities, the Navy continually seeks to leverage other Services' resources in body armor to the maximum extent possible. Working with the other Services, NAVSEA strives to standardize body armor throughout the Fleet while providing a certified level of protection to defeat threats.
2. All body armor systems procured for DoD use shall be government tested in accordance with their respective performance specification and meet OSD statistically based protocols. Effective independent government oversight and supervision during both first article (FAT) and lot acceptance testing (LAT) of body armor items (hard armor inserts, soft armor vests, and military combat helmets) is critical to ensuring all body armor testing is conducted to a consistent standard. The conduct of FAT and LAT testing in this manner will ensure body armor testing is done with sufficient independence and oversight to ensure consistent test conduct. There can be no question that items that pass these tests in fact meet established requirements.
3. U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal peculiar mission equipment, Aircrew peculiar mission equipment, and mission equipment used by USSOCOM operators are subject to government testing, but are not within NAVSEA's scope. Per reference (a), NECC System Command for common individual ballistic protection systems is Commander, Marine Corps Systems Command (COMMARCORSYSCOM). Per reference (b), NAVSEA maintains the technical warrant for body protective armor for Navy Warfighters. NECC personnel, in direct support of USSOCOM operators, shall coordinate with Program Manager Special Operations Forces-Survival, Support and Equipment System for out fitting of PPE to the same level and standard as the USSOCOM operators.
4. The standardization of body armor is ongoing. This list will be updated and posted to the following website: <http://www.dcfpnavymil.org/>. The end state is to provide our sailors with the appropriate level of protection to counter the threat leading to standardization of body armor

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