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OPNAV INSTRUCTION 1500.49D

From: Chief of Naval Operations

Subj: STRIKE GROUP TACTICAL TRAINING CONTINUUM

Ref: (a) COMUSFLTFORCOM/COMPACFLT INST 1500.49

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To issue guidance for coordination of the Strike Group Tactical Training (SGTT) Continuum described in ref (a).

2. Cancellation. OPNAVINST 1500.49C.

- 3. <u>Background</u>. The SGTT Continuum consists of pipeline training and Strike Group/Warfare Commander staff team training designed to promote tactical readiness in a Joint environment for officers who will serve as Strike Group Commander/Staff, Warfare Commanders/Staff, Staff Tactical Watch Officers and unit Tactical Action Officers. The courses are taught at Tactical Training Groups (TACTRAGRUS) Atlantic and Pacific and at Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS).
- 4. <u>Summary of Changes</u>. Deleted all enclosures and altered the content of the instruction to reflect a tone of guidance for coordination for the SGTT Continuum rather then providing specifics on courses which are more appropriate to a CUSFF/CPF combined instruction (reference (a)).
- 5. <u>Discussion</u>. The courses of the SGTT Continuum stress coordinated tactical warfare against multiple threats in a Strike Group/Force environment. The Continuum is structured to provide training keyed to tactically significant billets from individual ships through Strike Group/Force staff level (Fleet Commander (FLTCDR) level in the case of TLAM training), and to ensure recurring, progressive tactical training for officers' professional development throughout the spectrum of a career. Direct fleet interaction will significantly enhance tactical training effectiveness.

6. Action:

a. CNO.

- (1) Coordinate and sponsor the SGTT Continuum course (N1 and N43).
- (2) Resource sponsor for sustainment support of training devices for SGTT Continuum Courses including Joint Semi-Automated Forces (JSAF), C4I systems (including but not limited to GCCS-M, TBMCS, and CENTRIXS), and follow-on systems (N43/N6F).

b. Commander, Navy Personnel Command (COMNAVPERSCOM).

- (1) Include the appropriate SGTT Continuum Course in permanent change of station (PCS) orders for officers en route to billets designated in this instruction. Include in PCS orders the requirement for a Special Background Investigation (SBI) for those courses taught at the Special Intelligence (SI) level.
- (2) Officers who proceed from one designated Joint Maritime Tactical Course (JMTC) billet to another in succeeding PCS duty may be waived from attendance at the JMTC by COMNAVPERSCOM after liaison with the respective TACTRAGRU and OPNAV (N1).
- (3) Coordinate the class convening dates of SGTT Continuum Courses that interface with other officer PCS pipeline courses.

c. Commander U. S. Fleet Forces (CUSFF) / Commander U. S. Pacific Fleet (CPF).

- (1) Per reference (a), CUSFF and CPF provide oversight, guidance and feedback to Commanders SECOND, THIRD, and SEVENTH Fleets to maximize the contribution of the SGTT Continuum to fleet training readiness. CUSFF and CPF lead the Training Transformation Governance Board (T2GB), which addresses SGTT-related Joint, Coalition and Inter-agency requirements.
- (2) Incorporate the SGTT continuum program into the Fleet Training Continuum.
- (3) Encourage subordinate tactical commanders and commanding officers to constructively interact with the SGTT

Continuum, TACTRAGRUs, and associated training resources. Post deployment debriefings by Strike Group Commanders and Warfare Commanders are particularly important.

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