

Strategic Ports

Port of Virginia

Maritime Administration

Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command

Port of Beaumont, Texas



Panelists

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 - Colonel Lillard D. Evans: Deputy Commander, SDDC
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Port Readiness Committee

Mission Statement: The Virginia Area Maritime Security (VA AMS) Port Readiness Subcommittee will meet as directed by the designated chairperson, to evaluate existing and future federal, state, and local policy and regulations related to military outload operations.

The overarching goal of this subcommittee shall be to provide the VA AMS Executive Committee with a clear and consolidated picture of the readiness of the Port of Hampton Roads in preparation for and during the conduct of a military deployment operation.

Port Readiness Committee

- Re-established the Hampton Roads PRC August 2018
 - Identified Committee Members
 - Conducted Table Top Exercise
 - Developed training program for labor (Port and US Army Partnerships)
 - Conducted two SDDC Missions
 - December 2018 at Newport News Marine Terminal
 - August 2019 at Portsmouth Marine Terminal

Port Partners

- United States Coast Guard
 - Surface Deployment and Distribution Command
 - Maritime Administration
 - Military Sealift Command
 - Army Corp of Engineers
 - Customs and Border Patrol
 - Federal Bureau of Investigations
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Port Partners

- POV (Terminal Operations, Security, MIRT, Contracts)
 - Virginia Port Authority Police
 - Norfolk Southern
 - CSX
 - Norfolk Beltline
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Objectives



MILITARY SURFACE DEPLOYMENT & DISTRIBUTION COMMAND

SURFACE WARRIOR



Table Top Exercise

Situation: 10th MNT will deploy from home station to Makanda via the Port of Virginia o/a 07 NOV- 15 NOV 19 IOT meet CDR USEUCOM objectives.

Mission: The 597th TRANS BDE, 841st TB facilitate DDST oversight ISO 10th MNT installation deployment activities at home station. Provide on ground QA/QC & 100% TAV for 10th MNT equipment at fort and port operations at the port IOT meet all validated movement timelines and the EUCOM CDR's intent.

Commander's Intent:

Purpose: Safely & rapidly deploy 10th MNT IOT enable these forces to be available IAW EUCOMS validated Commanders Required Date (CRD).

End State: Equipment is rapidly received at SPOE, documented & uploaded safely w/o injury to personnel or damage to equipment. In a manner that sets conditions for speed of assembly at the SPOD.

Concept of the Operation:

Phase I Planning & Preparation: 22 OCT Initial Meeting; 25 OCT DDST at Fort; 29 OCT Unit ROC Drill; 05 NOV Meet with Port Authority for planning.

Phase II Cargo Reception:

- 05 NOV TMT set up at Port
- 07 NOV - 11 NOV Receipt of cargo via rail and line haul

Phase III Vessel OPS:

- 06 NOV ETOE and TMT ROC Drill at port
- 11-12 NOV: Final documentation & staging OPS
- 13-16 NOV: Vessel OPS 2x Vessel (Vessel types TBD)

Phase IV Assess: UTC-Produce LL



Newport News Marine Terminal Deployment



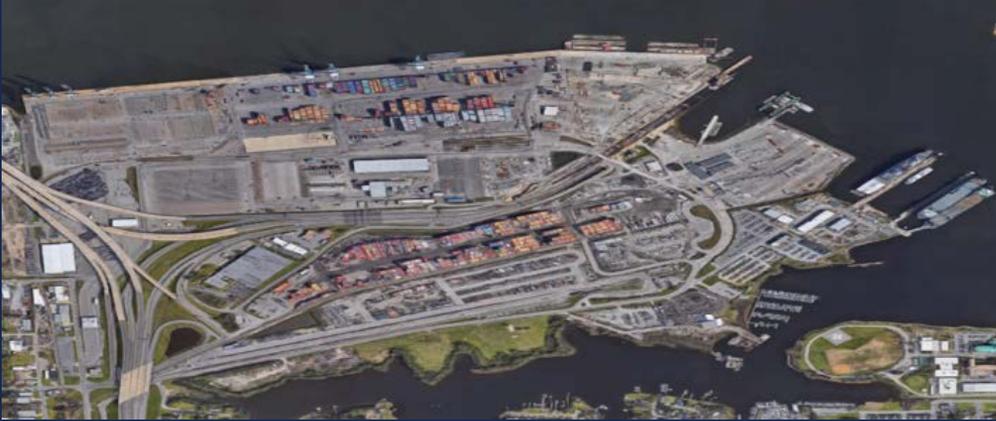
- December 2018
- All cargo arrived by truck
- 175 Engineering Pieces
- Successful Operation
- Identified Training Needs

Port of Virginia Training



- Developed by the POV and the US Army
 - POV Operations and Safety
 - US Army 11 Battalion
 - US Army 841st
- Focus on Types of vehicles / equipment
- Conducted August 2019 @ Ft Story
- 50 ILA / Stevedore / POV attendees

Portsmouth Marine Terminal Re-Deployment



- August 2019
- All cargo departed by rail
- 276 Piece Striker Battalion
- Successful Operation



The Maritime Administration Strategic Ports Program

Kevin Tokarski

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Purpose

The commercial Strategic Seaports Program, administered by both DOT/MARAD and DOD, is intended to establish, and maintain, relationships with commercial ports to ensure rapid response to defense needs in times of crisis or war while minimizing disruption to commerce



U.S. Commercial Strategic Seaports

Maritime Administration August 2016

U.S. Commercial Strategic Seaports

“A strategic seaport is a U.S. commercial or military seaport designated by SDDC to support the deployment of U.S. Armed Forces assets in the event of war, contingency, or other national emergency or disaster.”

- NPRN MOU Rev. 7.2

- Port of Tacoma Tacoma WA
- Port of Oakland Oakland CA
- Port of Long Beach Long Beach CA
- Unified Port of San Diego San Diego CA
- Port of Anchorage Anchorage AK
- Port of Guam Guam GU
- Philadelphia Philadelphia PA
- Hampton Roads Hampton Roads VA
- Morehead City Morehead City NC
- Wilmington Wilmington NC
- Charleston Charleston SC
- Savannah Savannah GA
- Corpus Christi Corpus Christi TX
- Port Arthur Port Arthur TX
- Beaumont Beaumont MS
- Gulfport Gulfport FL
- Jaxport Jacksonville FL

Strategic Seaport Designation

- The designation authority is Commander, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC)
 - Designations are requirements-driven and tied to DOD's contingency planning.
 - SDDC considers and designates new strategic seaports only if a shortfall exists or if their deployment scenarios change.
 - SDDC has determined that current strategic seaport capacity on all costs is adequate.
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Strategic Seaport Implementation Process

- Negotiated consensus on port facilities for military use
 - SDDC identifies facilities requirements and the port confirms availability
 - Port Readiness Plan
 - MARAD transmits PRP to port
 - Ongoing Readiness Reporting
 - Port reports, at least quarterly, on its ability to provide specified facilities to SDDC
 - Port Readiness Committee
 - Biennial review and adjustment of Port Readiness Plan
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Port Readiness Plans (PRPs)

- Port-specific pre-emergency plan issued annually to each commercial strategic port.
 - Specifies specific facility requirements for:
 - Vessel berths;
 - Open and covered staging areas;
 - rail spurs;
 - etc.
 - Outlines the TPAS process and DOD timeframes
 - Formerly called Port Planning Orders (PPOs)
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Strategic Seaport Designee Requirements

- Maintain readiness to comply with PPO and provide listed facilities within 48 hours.
 - Promptly report any change in readiness.
 - Participate in Port Readiness Committee, strategic port meetings, workshops, and exercises.
 - Maintain security clearances and secure custody of MARAD-furnished classified equipment.
 - Execute and implement Federal Port Controller's Service Agreement with MARAD.
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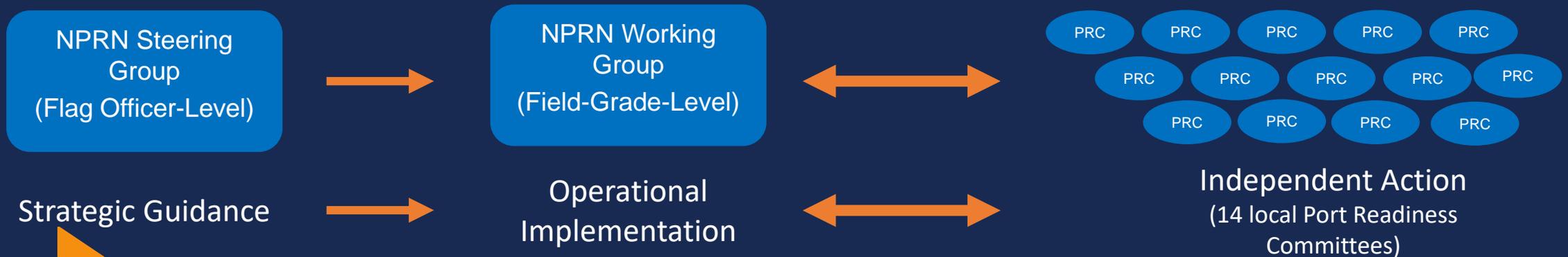
Strategic Seaport Designee Benefits

- Enhanced port preparedness and readiness for military deployments
- Minimize commercial disruption
- Advance coordination, planning and collaboration
- Pre-negotiated consensus on port facilities for military use



National Port Readiness Network (NPRN)

- Interagency coordination network of nine federal agencies and military commands which support military deployment through U.S. seaports.
- Chaired and administered by MARAD



NPRN Membership

NPRN Member Organizations



Port Readiness Committees

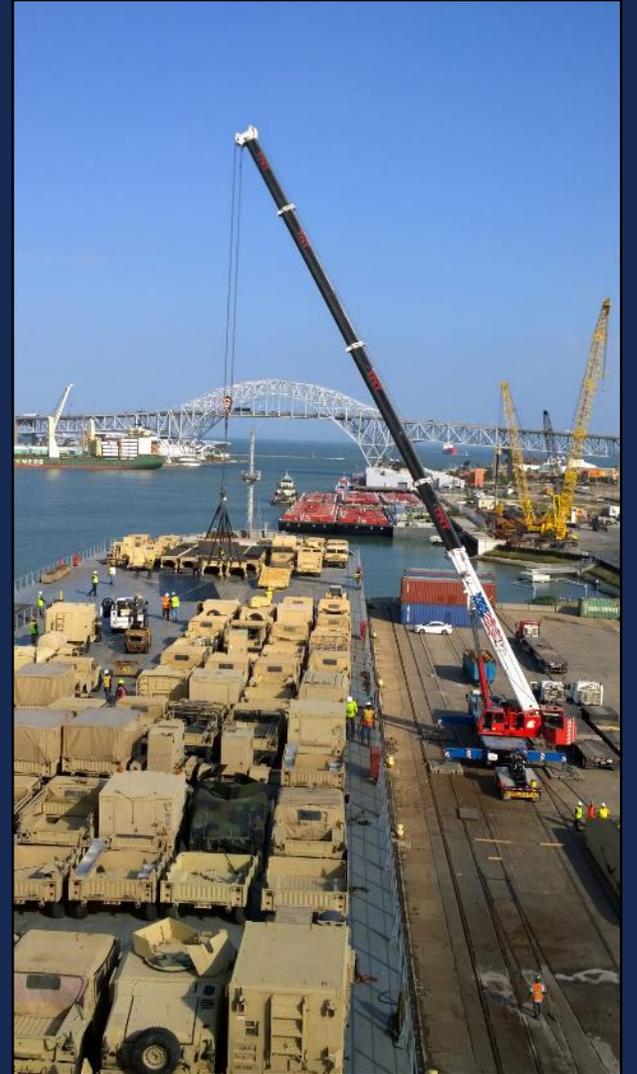


What Can the Strategic Ports Do Better?

- Ensure accurate and timely readiness reporting
 - Ensure PRC meetings, annual readiness assessments and exercises provide real value to the strategic ports and address your issues
 - Share lessons learned by the port on the NPRN Portal
 - Jointly develop recommendations to the NPRN Steering Group for process improvements to the strategic ports program
 - Enhance cyber security for the contested environment
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What Can the NPRN Do Better?

- Attend PRC meetings
- Participate in exercises/MOLs at the ports
- Advocate for stronger linkages between the ports and their military partners
- Get labor more involved so they can gain experience with military cargo movement



Further Information

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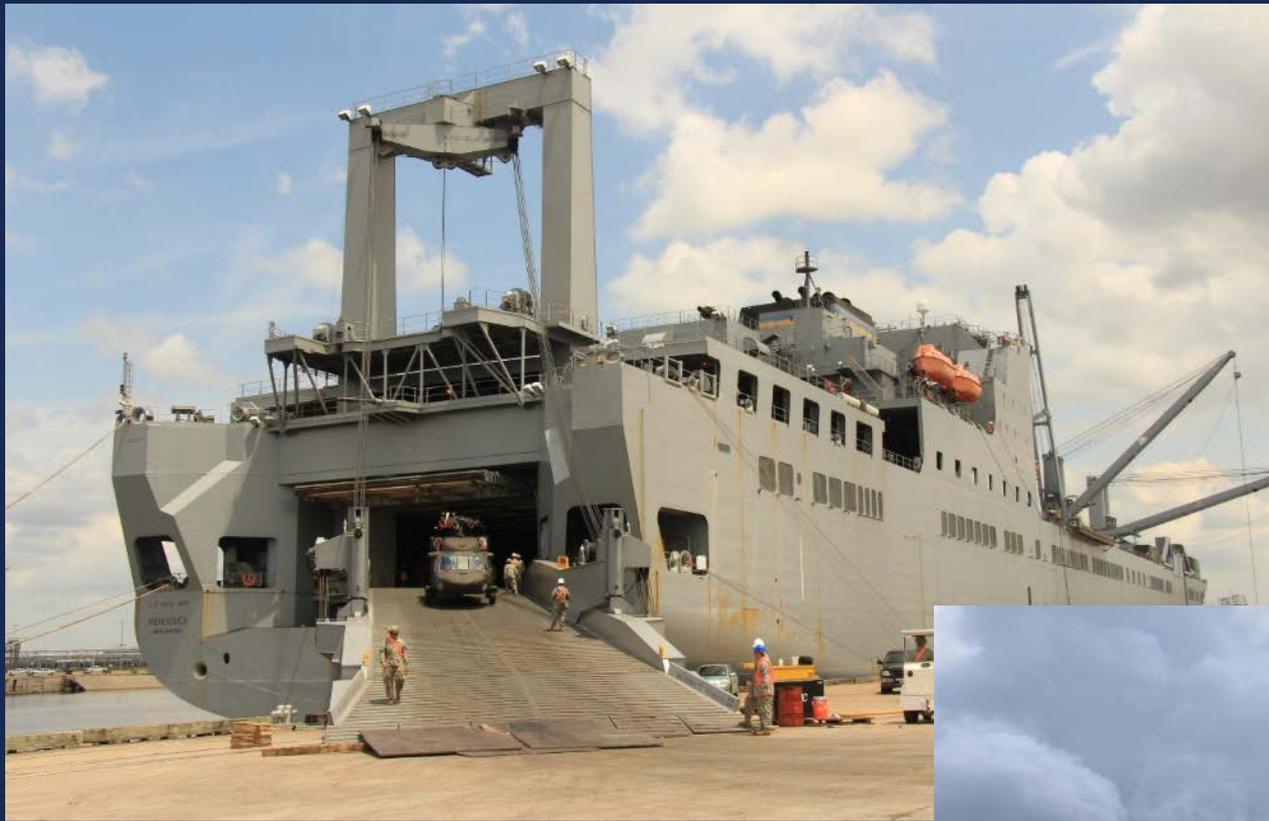


Strategic Ports Prospective from a Commercial Port

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