

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS TO DOCTRINE ANNEX 3-04, *COUNTERSEA OPERATIONS*

Summary of Key Changes: 12 November 2019 – Formal Revision

- ★ Text added to reflect implementation of NDS emphasis on peer/near-peer competition in a contested environment to attain and maintain a desired degree of maritime superiority.
- ★★ Addressed need for future sea operations air component requirement to be more adaptive, resilient and agile in its deployment and employment.
- ★★ Addressed need for increased focus on operating in hostile environments and the capabilities to allow freedom of maneuver through contested environments.
- ★★ Added potential future threat vector verbiage to include air threats, hypersonic, low observable cruise missiles, and sophisticated conventional ballistic missile systems.
- ★ Clarified command relationships between JFACC, COMAFFOR and JFC; specifically, the JFC normally designated the JFACC as the Airspace Control Authority (ACA) and the Area Air Defense Commander (AADC).
- ★ Added consideration of unmanned aircraft systems (which includes corresponding sensors).
- ★ Noted the common practice of a geographic combatant commander assigns the COMAFFOR as the Theater JFACC.
- ★ Updated term: Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) to Law of War (LoW).
- ★ Verified and updated all hyperlinks.
- ★ Adjusted ‘tone and tenor’ as necessary to reflect consistency with joint doctrine.
- ★ Verified and updated all hyperlinks, references, and abbreviations.