

# KENNEDY IRREGULAR WARFARE CENTER FACT SHEET



The Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center is the Navy's pre-eminent Center of Excellence for delivering robust maritime intelligence and operational support to meet the growing needs of Navy, DoD, national, Naval Special Warfare (NSW), and Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC). State-of-the-art all-source reachback capabilities and forward deployed personnel support the operational

requirements for Naval forces engaged in irregular warfare. The Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center is one of four Centers of Excellence that are distinct Echelon III Commands under the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI).

### Mission

The Kennedy Irregular Warfare Center provides products and services to meet Navy, Department of Defense, national, NSW, and NECC maritime irregular warfare intelligence requirements and performs other functions and tasks as assigned by higher authority.

### Functions, Roles & Responsibilities

The center's staff includes a diverse, highly trained cadre of multi-discipline intelligence professionals, both uniformed and civilian, to include: specialists in all-source analysis, targeteers, Human Intelligence (HUMINT), geospatial analysts, and Signals Intelligence (SIGINT).

NSW and NECC require multi-disciplined intelligence professionals well-versed in both land-based and littoral environments. Both irregular and expeditionary mission support are required in Overseas Contingency Operations, Operation *Iraqi Freedom*, and Operation *Enduring Freedom*. As the U.S. transitions to Phase O operations, Kennedy's analysis is needed to meet the global mission.

- The Kennedy provides both forward deployed and reachback analytic support with a unique cross-section of military (active duty and reservist) and civilian analysts possessing regional and/or functional expertise in multiple intelligence disciplines. The hallmark of the Kennedy is its ability to forward deploy military and civilian intelligence professionals to provide enabling, specialized analytic support and information dominance to its Navy, DoD, National, NECC, and NSW customers dispersed globally.
- Leveraging today's tools of technology, the Kennedy provides its customers—primarily NSW and NECC units already in theater or in preparation for deployment—with robust analysis that leads to decision superiority. Additionally, intelligence professionals within the Kennedy provide support to senior decision-makers for the NECC and NSW communities confronted with irregular warfare challenges.

