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About Carderock



MISSION

Provide full-spectrum research and development, test and evaluation, analyses, acquisition and Fleet support for the Navy's ships, ship systems and associated Navy logistics systems.

Strategic Pillars

- Ship and Submarine Design
- Platform Integrity and Performance
- Signature Management
- Unmanned Systems

Carderock: Performing a Critical Role in Determining and Realizing the Current and Future Fleet

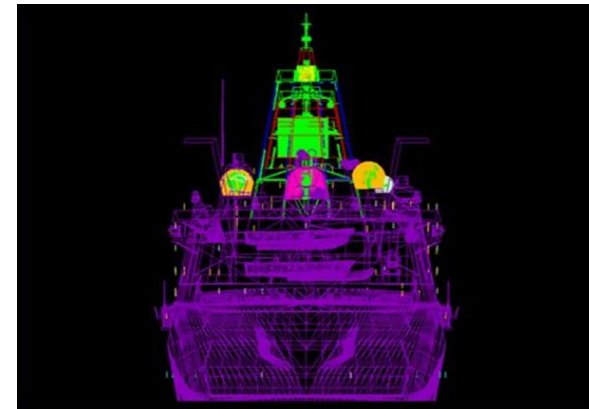
Science & Technology



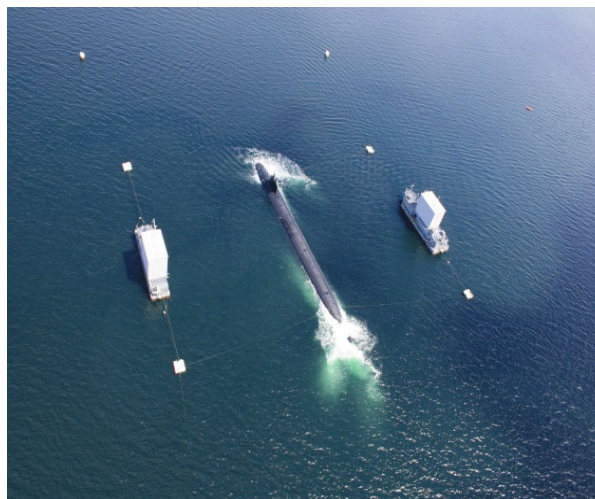
Research & Development



Advanced Concepts & Designs



Acquisition & Construction



Test & Evaluation



Modernization & In-Service Engineering

Major Programs Supported

Submarines

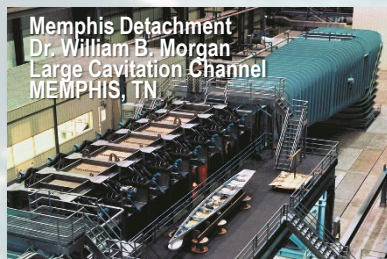


Surface Ships



Emerging Programs

Carderock: Where We Work



Unique Facilities (West Bethesda site)



Unique Workforce – Dedicated and Diverse



Platform Integrity Department

- *Materials & Manufacturing*
- *Environmental & Energy*
- *Structures & Composites*
- *Survivability & Weapons Effects*



Signatures Department

- *Full Scale Signatures Measurement & Analysis*
- *Acoustic Signatures Technology*
- *Signatures Measurement & Management Systems*
- *Electromagnetic Signatures Technology*



Naval Architecture & Engineering Department

- *Future Concepts & Design Integration*
- *Combatant Craft*
- *Naval Architecture & Engineering*
- *Surface Ship Hydromechanics*
- *Submarine Maneuvering & Control*

21st Century Navy Challenges

1. Additive Manufacturing

- *Shrink the Supply Chain*
- *In-situ Manufacturing*

2. Unmanned Systems

- *How do we design*
- *How do we use*

3. Naval Engineering Workforce

- *Competition for skills*
- *Recruiting, Training and Retention*

Naval Additive Manufacturing (AM) Implementation

NSWCCD faces the challenges ahead



AM material performance is hard to predict

- NSWCCD engineers investigate the many unknowns associated with AM material response through applied R&D projects across naval platforms and length-scales.

AM components are hard to inspect

- NSWCCD engineers support development of NDT techniques and requirements for AM components
- NSWCCD engineers investigate use of in-situ inspection and monitoring techniques to offset this challenge

AM technologies are hard to qualify

- Developing the pathway for AM component qualification and certification

AM technologies are hard to sustain

- NSWCCD engineers help solve logistical challenges associated with applying AM technologies including operator support, training, and data management

Workforce Development in AM

Pathway to Supporting Navy AM

- NSWCCD personnel are **heavily engaged** with industry & academia partners throughout AM
- Very willing to answer questions with greater detail regarding specific areas of interest.

Training/Education

- Industrial AM system manufacturers and AM organizations provide frequent trainings as a “crash-course” on concepts unique to AM technologies.



Navy Unmanned Systems



PMS-406: XLUUV ORCA



PMS-406: LDUUV Snakehead



DARPA: Manta Ray



MC: LRUSV



SCO: SeaHunter



ONR: OUSV Mariner



PMS 406/420: MCMUSV



ONR: OUSV Ranger



SCO: SeaMob



SCO: SeaHawk

Unmanned Systems Challenges

- **Design uniqueness (unmanned or optionally manned)**
- **Endurance**
- **Autonomy**
- **Reliability**
- **Sustainment**
- **Integration with the Fleet**
- **Payload and Sensor Integration**



Workforce Recruitment, Development, and Attrition Challenges

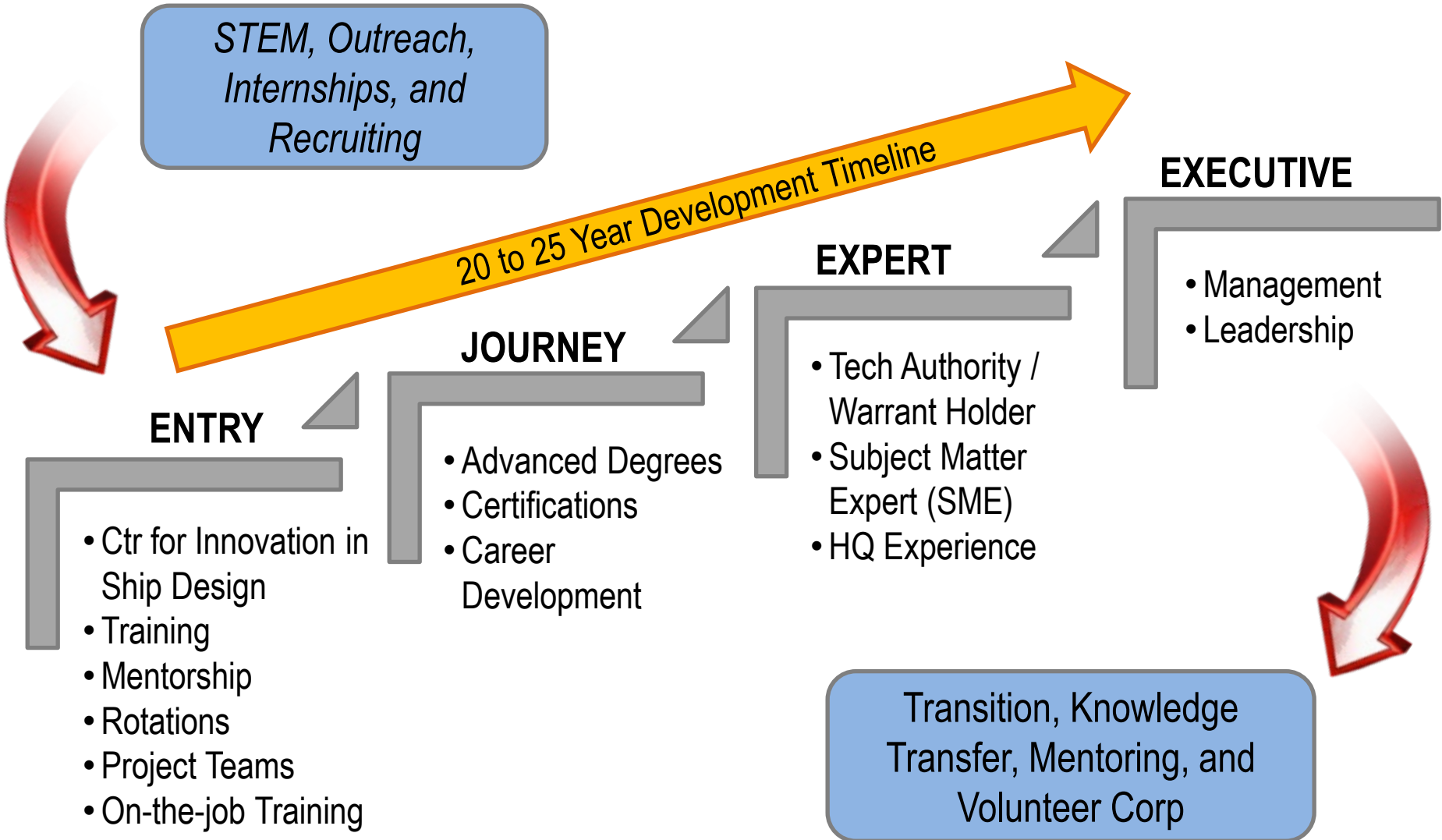
Recruitment

- Not enough schools develop individuals with Naval Architecture, Hydromechanics or Signatures background
- STEM, Outreach
- Summer Internships for High School and College participants
 - We hire from the NREIP participant pool
- Target specific schools (Michigan, Webb, Stevens Institute, Virginia Tech, others)

DEVELOPMENT

- Center for Innovation in Ship Design
 - Ship and Submarine Cohorts annually
 - Graduate from CISD to doing early stage Ship and Submarine Concept Designs
- Offer training from Naval Post Graduate School in Systems Engineering and Robotics, George Mason for Naval Architecture
- Ship and Submarine Curriculum Developed at NSWCCD and broadcast and recorded via TEAMS Channel

Workforce Development Path



Workforce Recruitment, Development, and Attrition Challenges

Attrition and Retention

- Attrition 6%-9% Annually (of those ~50% move to other jobs to support the Navy
(On the low side for a technical business))
- Most people come to Carderock become engaged with supporting the Navy Mission
- Although Carderock is competitive on salaries, most people do not take the job for salary alone
- Diverse opportunities to explore or refine your technical skills
- Independent Research is encourage and funded
- Career Flexibility
- Culture

Summary

Science &
Technology

Research & Development
Prototyping

In-Service
Fleet Support

- **Carderock Division Supports all aspects of Naval Ship, Submarine and Unmanned Systems**
- **NSWC Dedicated, talented workforce**
- **World-class facilities**
- **Providing critical support to today's Navy and tomorrow's fleet**
- **New Challenges will be met with proper training, OJT, industry and academia partnerships**

We do things for the warfighter that industry can't, won't or shouldn't do