

**CHARTER
OF
THE FORCEnet GROUP
OF
THE STRIKE, LAND ATTACK & AIR DEFENSE
(SLAAD) DIVISION
OF
THE NATIONAL DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION
(NDIA)**

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ESTABLISHMENT

The predecessor Committee of the Strike, Land Attack and Air Defense (SLAAD) Division, the Anti-Air Warfare Committee (AAWC), was established as a Committee by the President, NSIA on 23 June 1982, as authorized by the NSIA Executive Committee. Subsequently, in order properly to reflect the complexity of the issues being addressed by the AA WC, its name was changed to Strike, Surface and Anti-Air Warfare Committee in November of 1989. This change was in recognition of the importance of strike and surface warfare and their inseparability from anti-air warfare. In July, 1997, the Committee's name was changed to its present form, again to reflect the focus and interests of the Committee and its government sponsors. The FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division was formed in July 2003, to reflect changes to the naval strategy as embodied in the Chief of Naval Operation's Sea Power 21 Vision.

FORCEnet GROUP OBJECTIVES

Consistent with and in furtherance of the By-Laws and policies of the Association, the objectives of the FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division with respect to those government elements appropriate to its field of interest shall be:

Broad Objectives

- To serve as an effective communications vehicle for the exchange of views and information between Navy and other elements of DoD and industry on FORCEnet matters of common concern.
- To provide Navy and DoD with industry advice on government policies, practices, needs and problems within the FORCEnet Group's purview, conducting such special studies to this end as may be required.
- To foster mutual understanding and effective working relationships between Navy and DoD and industry for the purpose of insuring the design and production of effective and reliable equipment and systems meeting FORCEnet-related operational requirements at reasonable cost.

Specific Objectives

- To serve as the focal point and coordinating element within NDIA for the identification, study and resolution of FORCEnet issues impacting on national security, the national defense industrial base and the armed services, and for providing advice thereon to government, and in particular to our Navy and Marine Corps Sponsors..
- Expand and maintain industry/government communications on FORCEnet, including systems, technology and manpower.
- Assure industry understanding of government requirements, plans and problems in areas of interest.
- Assure government understanding of FORCEnet-related capabilities, resources and technology available from industry.

- Assure government understanding of how industry capabilities may be most effectively and efficiently used to meet government FORCEnet requirements.
- Provide a forum for the exchange of views on problems of mutual interest.
- Provide a vehicle for providing broad-based objective and professional industry input to government decisions on FORCEnet-related materiel and systems.
- Maintain close liaison with the Navy and other military services, other industry groups and associations concerned with FORCEnet-related defense matters affecting the national security, to coordinate NDIA actions with them to insure concerted action and avoid unnecessary duplication of industry effort, and to provide the FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division with the broadest possible information concerning United States plans, programs and problems.

RESPONSIBILITY

Under the direction of its Chair, the FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division is responsible to the Chairman of SLAAD Division for the proper administration of NDIA programs within its assigned area of responsibility and its membership program.

MEMBERSHIP

Every reasonable effort shall be made to see that the membership of the FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division includes balanced representation from organizations representing various related aspects of FORCEnet capabilities and systems engineering. Representatives of government are not eligible for membership, but may be invited to serve in an advisory capacity to the group and to participate in meetings and studies as appropriate.

Individuals who are not regular corporate members or individual members of the Association may be invited by the Chair to serve with the FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division on specific studies or projects when it is considered that their special knowledge and talents can be of significant value to the work of the group. Persons so invited may not vote and may not designate alternates to represent them at meetings of the FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division, or its other Sub-Divisions or Groups.

Because of the classified nature of much of the work of the SLAAD Division, members or participants must have at least a SECRET security clearance.

ORGANIZATION

The FORCEnet Group of the SLAAD Division shall consist of the designated representatives of NDIA member companies and individual members headed and administered by a Chair and Vice Chair, as elected by the members, or as appointed by a consensus of the SLAAD Division Executive Committee, as appropriate.

STANDING AND AD HOC GROUPS AND SUB-DIVISIONS

Standing and ad hoc Groups and Sub-Divisions are established for the purpose of making detailed analyses and investigations directed toward the solution of individual problems or groups of problems presented to the SLAAD Division. The FORCEnet Group is one of these Standing Groups.

Membership on the standing and ad hoc Groups and Sub- Divisions shall be drawn from the voting members of the SLAAD Division, individual members, or from other company representatives designated by voting members of SLAAD Division to serve in particular Group or Sub-Division activities.

Groups and Sub-Divisions are responsible for:

- Defining, analyzing and developing methods of approach to issues and problems within the scope of SLAAD Division activities. Issues and problems for study may be submitted by the subcommittee members or equivalent DoD technical groups. Any project connected with issues or problems undertaken by the subcommittee on its own initiative or proposed by a DoD technical group must be approved by the Executive Committee of the SLAAD Division.
- Drafting replies to requests for assistance from the governmental establishments which are included in the scope of the Associations activities. Drafts shall be submitted to the SLAAD Division Executive Committee for approval with information copies to other interested Divisions, Groups or Sub-Divisions, and to the NDIA Division Chairman.
- Preparing NDIA proposed positions, and final reports when approved by the SLAAD Division Executive Committee. These reports will be signed by the Chairman of the Group or Sub-Division which prepared the report. Proposed positions in those reports which involve policy or criticism and purport to represent an NDIA position shall be forwarded for the approval of the President of NDIA and transmittal to the requesting establishment. A copy of each report will be kept on file at NDIA Headquarters.
- Preparing status reports. When requested, status reports shall be available at scheduled meetings of the SLAAD Division or meetings of the SLAAD Division Executive Committee.
- Preparing detailed minutes of meetings as appropriate. Copies of the minutes shall be distributed to members of the Group or Su-Division and to members of the SLAAD Division Executive Committee.

- Preparing a suggested program of major meetings. The suggested program shall be submitted to the Chair of the SLAAD Division Executive Committee for coordination purposes.

Duties of Chairs (in addition to other duties herein specified)

The Chair of the SLAAD Division Executive Committee, as well as Group and Sub-Division chairs shall, as appropriate:

- Approve or modify meeting agendas.
- Schedule and conduct meetings.
- Designate a member to take minutes in the absence of the Group or Sub-Division Chairman.
- Indicate whether verbatim transcripts should be taken and the detail of the recording required.
- Approve the minutes.
- Safeguard the interests of the NDIA by carrying out the policies, aims and purposes as laid down in the Charter of SLAAD Division and the By-Laws of the Association.

Meetings

Meetings of the SLAAD Groups and Sub-Divisions may be held at the call of the respective Chairmen. These meetings should be held in such places and at such times as best serve the functions of the SLAAD Group or Sub-Division requirements of the Department of Defense, the interests of the SLAAD Division membership and the Association as a whole.

The order of business for meetings shall be indicated by the agenda.

The Group or Sub-Division Chairman

The SLAAD Division Group or Sub-Division Chairmen shall provide administrative services and advise and assist the SLAAD Division Chairman as required by him. They shall attend SLAAD Division meetings and shall report minutes and other status of their Group or Sub-Division to those attending the meeting, providing copies of all presentations and reports for the record.

GENERAL

Prohibited Practices

All activities or discussions are prohibited which:

- Promote a particular company's products or services or involve pricing or pricing practices.
- Allocate or limit markets, customers or production; blacklist or boycott; or any other actions in restraint of competition or in conflict with the anti-trust or related laws.

Procedure for Change

Suggestions for changes to this document will normally originate in the SLAAD Division Executive Committee. They may also arise from individual members of SLAAD Division when submitted in writing to the SLAAD Division Chairman. Upon approval by the SLAAD Division Executive Committee, recommended changes to the document will be submitted to the President of NDIA for approval.

APPROVAL

This charter for the FORCEnet Group shall be effective upon the date of signature of the approving officers.



1 June 2004

Approved: _____ Date: _____
Strike, Lank Attack & Air Defense Division Chairman