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# **OPNAV N98 Update Prepared for NHA Trustees CAPT Will “Easy” Eastham N98 Rotary / Pentagon**

*Success is when preparation meets opportunity*

# N98 Front Office



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## Platforms

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N980P

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N980T

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N980C

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### MULTI-MISSION AIRCRAFT & PROGRAMS BRANCH

N980M

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### ROTARY AIRCRAFT & PROGRAMS BRANCH

N980R

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### EXPEDITIONARY AIRCRAFT & PROGRAMS BRANCH

N980E

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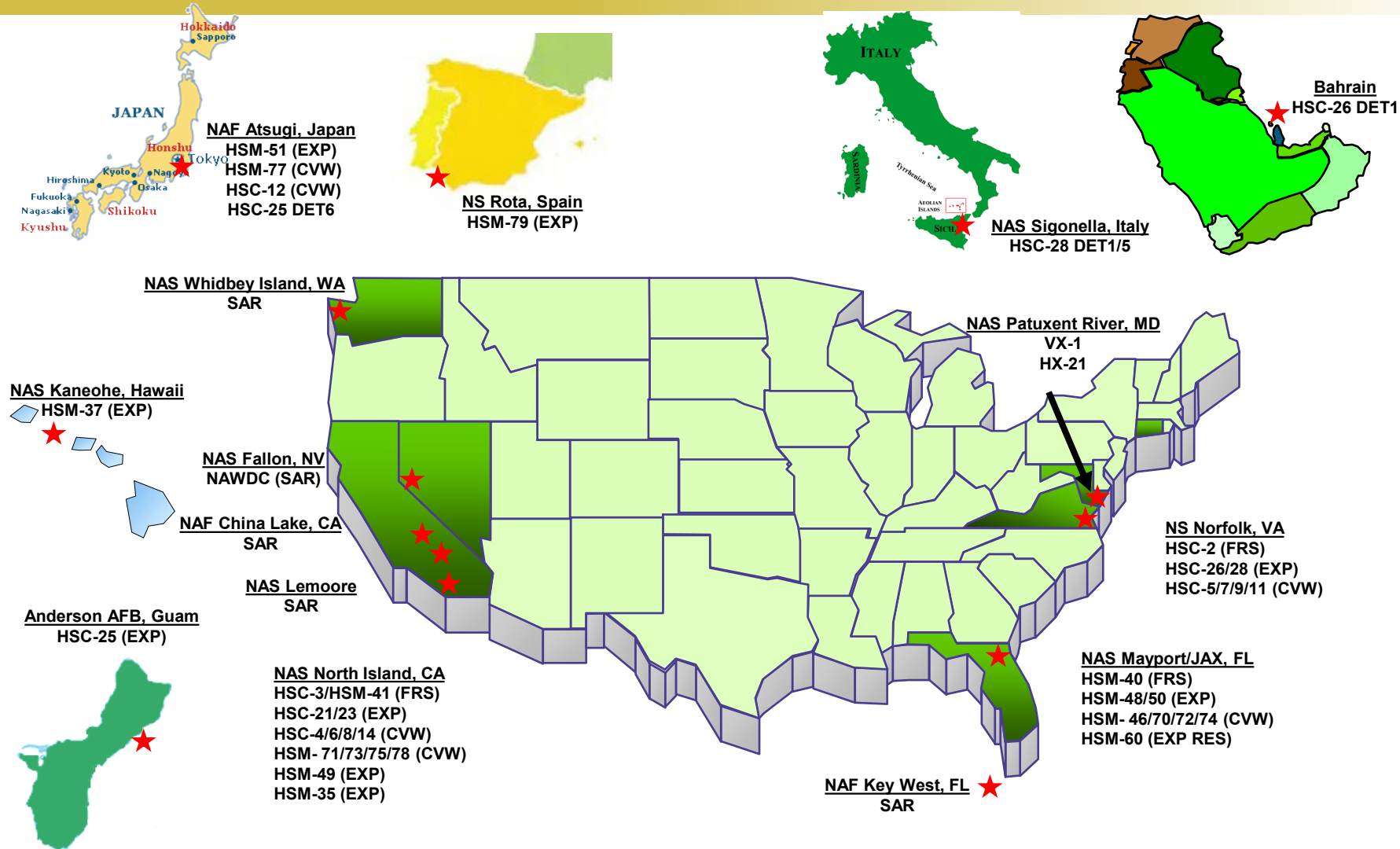
### CARRIER STRIKE (CVW) & PROGRAMS BRANCH

N980S

*CAPT Lew  
"Fetus" Callaway*  
695-1427



# MH-60 Global Laydown





# MH-60R/S – Ship Matrix



**MH-60R**

**CVN**



**LCS-1**



**CG-47**



**FFG-62**



**DDG-51**



**DDG(X)**



**MH-60S**

**CVN**



**ESB**



**LHA/LHD**



**T-AOE**



**LCC**



**LCS-2**



**T-AH**



**Shore Based Dets**



**MH-60 is the most widely distributed platform in the Navy**

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# ***MH-53E Sea Dragon Footprint***

**HM-15 Blackhawks ~900+ personnel AD + RC**

- **Norfolk – Homeguard**
- **Bahrain – 4 A/C Exped DET**
- **Korea – 3 A/C Exped DET**



***AWAITING FULL EMPLOYMENT OF MCMMP***

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# PPBE Process

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- ❑ **PPBE is DoD's resource allocation process**
  - **P**lanning establishes *strategic priorities* and *capabilities required* to achieve the strategy
  - **P**rogramming applies resources to *programs* that provide the *capabilities required* to achieve the *strategic priorities*
  - **B**udgeting properly prices the *programs*, develops *justification* and an *execution plan*
  - **E**xecution performs/spends to the approved *plan*



# Overlapping PPBE Timelines

01 Oct 2024  
FY25 Target Start  
(yes, we've passed...)

Today

FY 25

Budget

CR

Execution

FY26

POM: Program Objectives Memorandum – N8 / N9 Lead  
BES/Program Budget Review: FMB / OSD(C) / CAPE Lead  
PB: President's Budget – OMB / Congress Lead

PBR 26

Budgeting & Enactment

CR

Execution

OPNAV N72 | N81

Planning

OPNAV N8 | N9

Programming

SECNAV FMB | OPNAV N82

Resource Sponsors | OPNAV N80

Budgeting & Enactment

Budget Submission Offices (BSOs) | FMB

POM 27

N1 | N2N6 | N41 | N4L | N95 | N96 | N97 | N98 | N095

- OPNAV N80 Guidance
- RSs / DCNOs / WFC Review
- Fiscal balance
- OSD Topline / OSD Bills

DoN

OSD / OMB

PB

Congress

Execution

- DoN Program Balance
- Detail & accuracy
- Justification and defense
- Congressional hearings / markups

- SYSCOMs
- Chief of Naval Personnel
- Fleet comptrollers
- CNIC

POM 28

- Community Forums (NARG, SEWTC)
- NDS, NMS, DPG, CNOG, Fleet IPLs
- SECDEF / SECNAV / CNO Priorities
- FEA / Scene Setter Briefs

Planning

Programming

Budgeting & Enact



Understand which cycle you are working



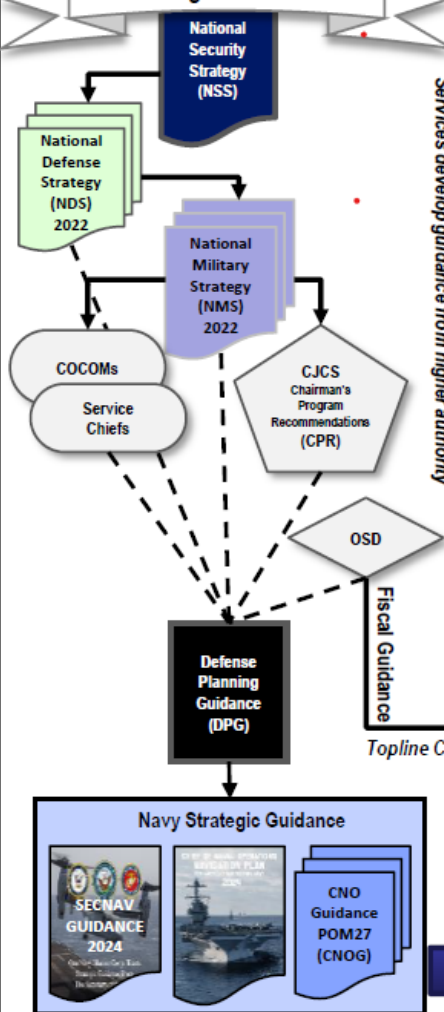
# The PPBE Process – End to End – More than the POM

Strategy

Resource Allocation

Execution

## Strategic Guidance



Services develop guidance from higher authority

Topline Controls

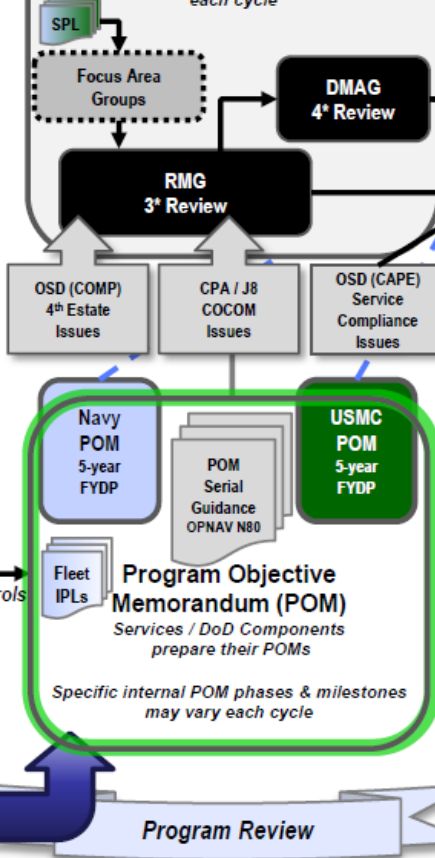
Fiscal Guidance

OSD (CAPE)

## Program / Budget Reviews

OSD reviews service POM submissions

Specifics of OSD review process may vary each cycle



## Budget Review

FMB DoN Budget Review

Service Budget Estimate Submission (BES)

BSOs

OSD (COMP)

PDMs

MBIs

PBDs

OMB

President's Budget

1<sup>st</sup> Mon in Feb

Budget only includes Prior Year | Current Year | Budget Year

CONGRESS

HASC

SASC

HAC

SAC

Sub-committees & Conferences

NDA National Defense Authorization Act

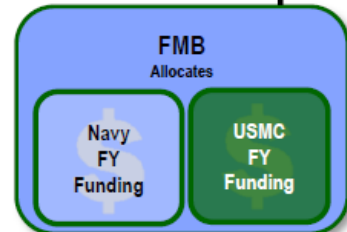
Defense Appropriation Bill or Continuing Resolution Act (CRA) by 1 Oct

OSD Program and Budget decisions become the final PB

## Fiscal Year Obligations, Expenditures & Outlays

| APPN               | OB Yrs |
|--------------------|--------|
| RDT&E              | 2 Yrs  |
| APN, SCN, OPN, WPN | 3 Yrs  |
| O&M                | 1 Yr   |
| MILPERS            | 1 Yr   |
| MILCON             | 5 Yrs  |

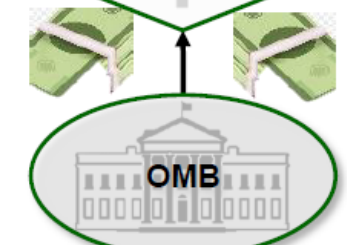
17 Navy Budget Submission Offices / Comptrollers BSOs



Allocations

OSD (COMP) Apportions

Apportions



Funding Flow

Planning Phase

Programming Phase

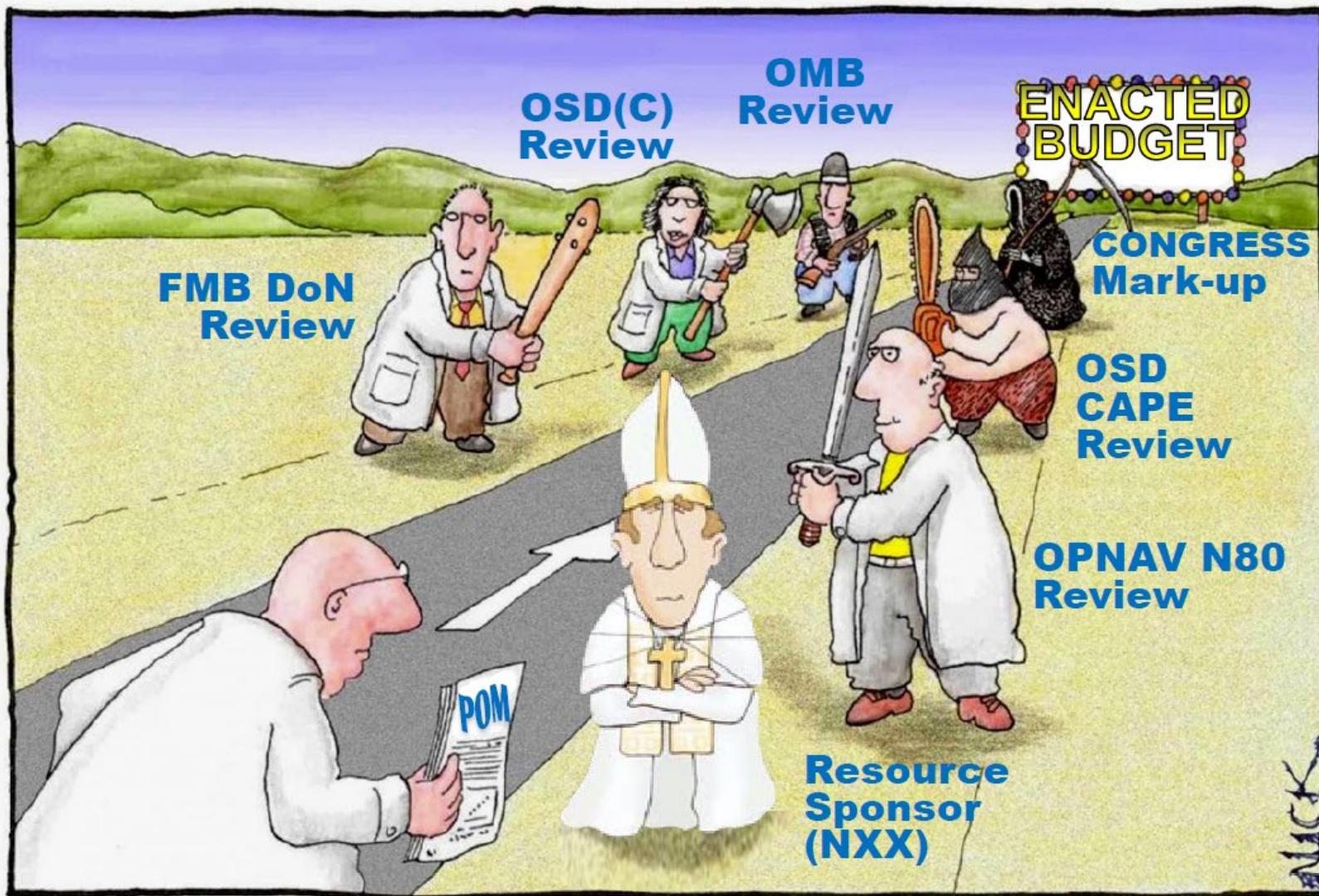
Budgeting Phase

Execution Phase





## *POM is only the first step of the “Budget Gauntlet”*



**Can't spike the football after making the POM – Must defend 'til the end**



# C-Shop's "So-Whats"

*ROs must be able to clearly articulate at least four "so-whats" associated with your proposed change*

**Impacts to the warfighter?**



**Impacts to achieving the mission?**

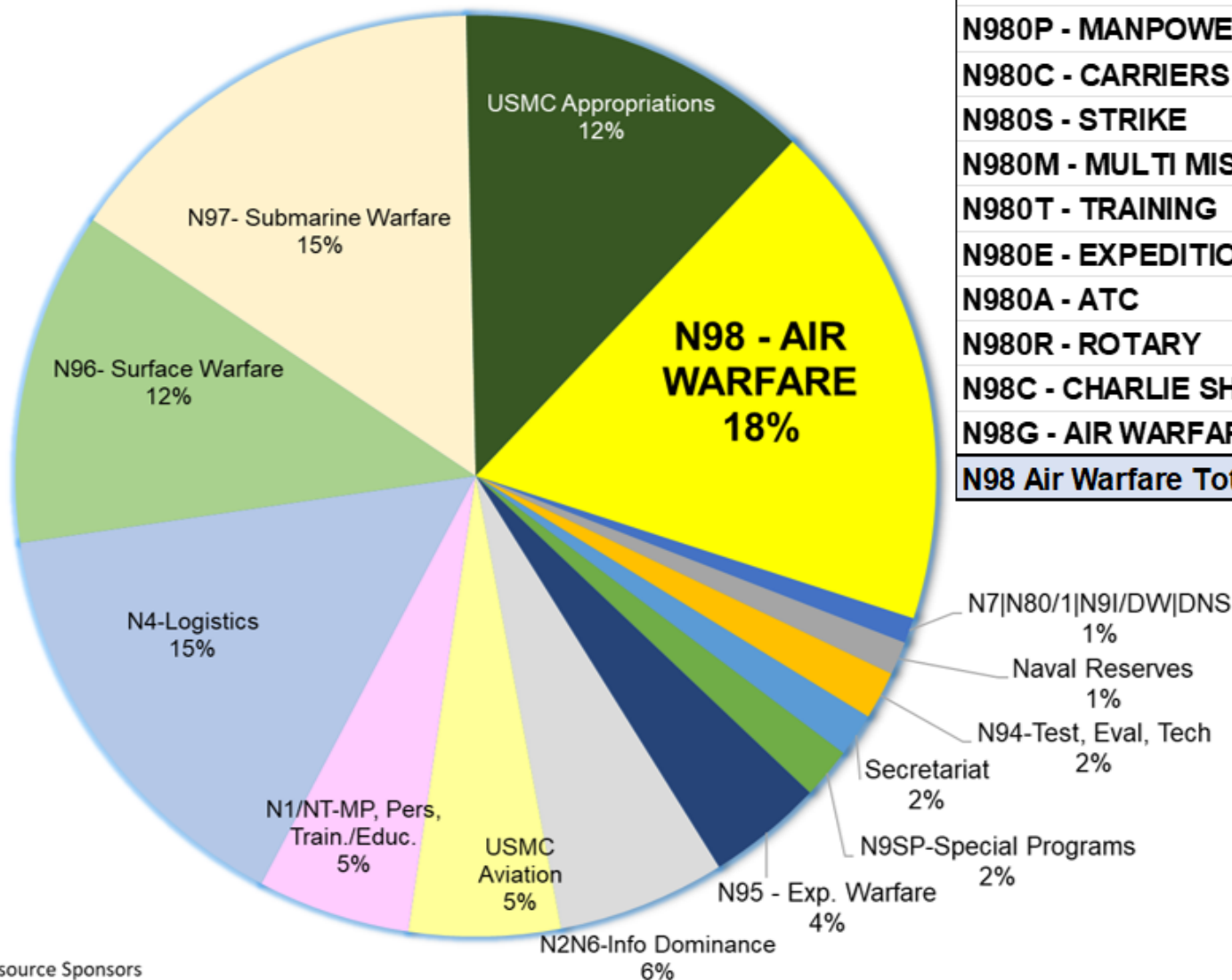


**Impacts to the Program?**



**Who cares about this change?**

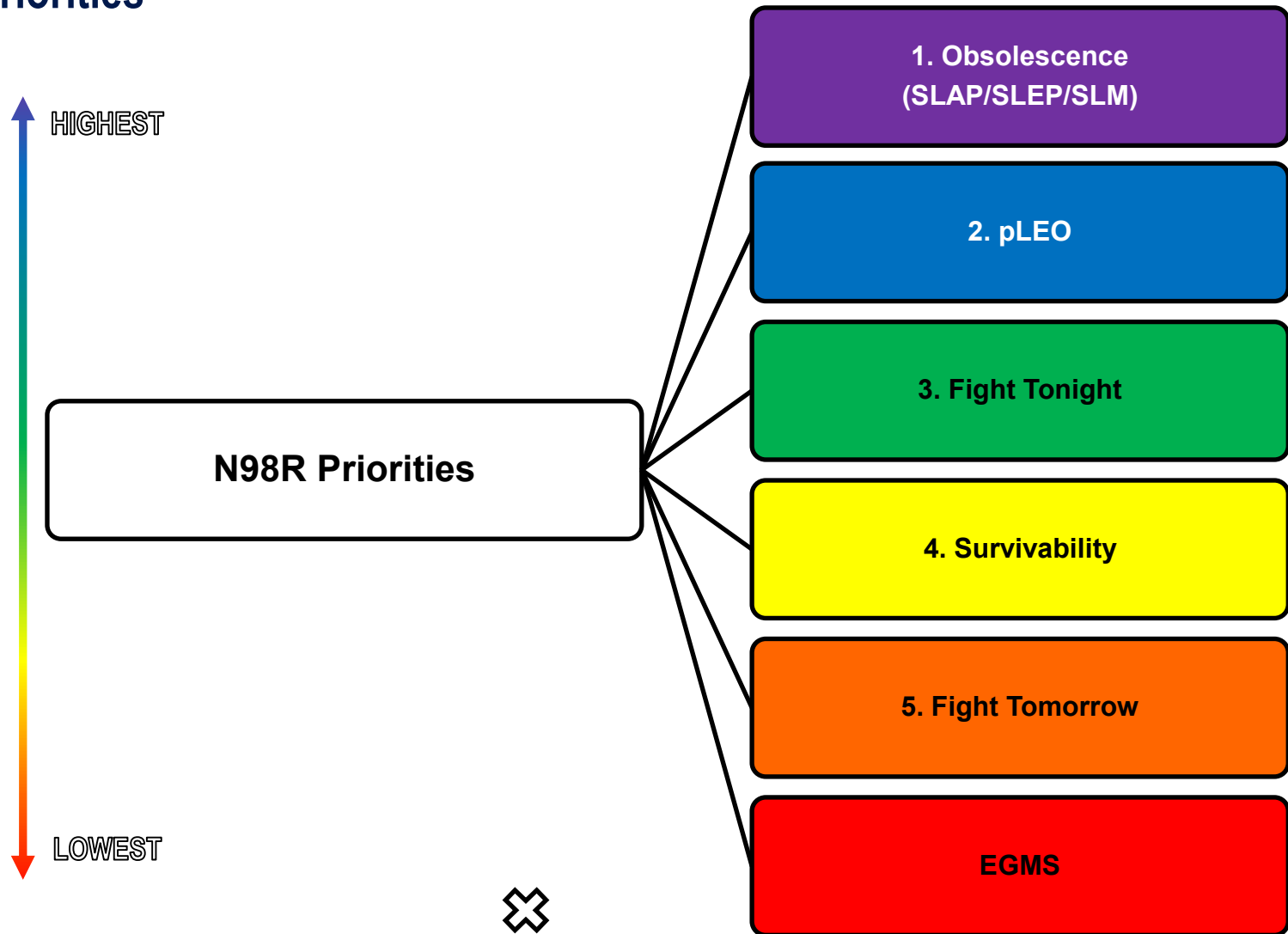
# DoN TOA BES26: ~\$310.82B Annually



| N98 BRANCHES                   | BES26 (\$B)      |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| N980L - LOGISTICS & READINESS  | \$ 12.130        |
| N980P - MANPOWER               | \$ 10.430        |
| N980C - CARRIERS               | \$ 10.350        |
| N980S - STRIKE                 | \$ 9.040         |
| N980M - MULTI MISSION AIRCRAFT | \$ 2.865         |
| N980T - TRAINING               | \$ 0.840         |
| N980E - EXPEDITIONARY          | \$ 0.412         |
| N980A - ATC                    | \$ 0.248         |
| N980R - ROTARY                 | \$ 0.203         |
| N98C - CHARLIE SHOP            | \$ 0.023         |
| N98G - AIR WARFARE CAPABILITY  | \$ 0.015         |
| <b>N98 Air Warfare Total</b>   | <b>\$ 46.556</b> |

DoN Resource Sponsors

# N980R Priorities





# ***HSC/HSM Force Structure***

- **MH-60R Inventory vs. 30-year ship building plan**
  - Inventory is aligned to shipbuilding plan which varies year to year
    - Additional MH-60R procurement due to projected DDG1000 and LCS ship count (27 aircraft in AMARG preservation)
- **FDNF-E (Rota) and FDNF-J (Atsugi)**
  - SLD movement of air capable ships results in capacity shortfalls in FY24 and beyond
    - Shortfalls sourced from CONUS squadrons in response to CTF-70 RFF
  - NS Rota MILCON (P-313) includes TOFT simulator building. TOFT simulator is unfunded (\$20M)
- **MH-60R Service Life**
  - MH-60R inventory is averaging ~2,532 flight hours
  - Projected end of service life beginning 2035. Capacity shortfalls for air capable ships begins 2038. MH-60R SLAP effort to determine airframe life extension requirements only fully funded in FY25
- **LCS Blue-Gold / FDNF**
  - R3B to fund LCS MCM MP to B/G through FY-27
  - SLD looking at FDNF (CENTCOM + INDOPACOM)
  - LCS PoR = 15x IND & 6x FRE -> AvDets resourced only to those hulls



## Extending MH-60

- **SLAP: Service Life Assessment Program** “How long can MH-60 continue flying”
  - MH-60S Complete, MH-60R just starting.
- **SLEP: Service Life Extension Program.** “How to keep MH-60 flying”.
  - Funded effort for MH-60S to increase airframe service life by 2000 Flight Hours per SLEP Kit.
- **SLM: Service Life Modernization.** “How to keep MH-60 relevant and capable.”
  - Proposed Effort, MOSA

# SLM Executive Summary



*MH-60 SEAHAWK*

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**SLM will modernize the aircraft architecture and resolve multiple obsolescence issues to deliver a supportable and cost-effective platform that can rapidly respond to emerging threats.**

- Aircraft architecture - Essentially the "brain and central nervous system" of the aircraft - think main computer (brains for the mission or flight) and the digital backbone (spinal cord) that connects everything
- Multiple Obsolescence - Includes integration of AFCC, EGIs, Radar Altimeter, etc.
- Supportable - Need a system with current technology that can carry the platform out to 2050 (digital not analog systems)
- Cost effective - By separating our mission and flight critical networks we can reduce the required testing/development cycles which will reduce cost - making upgrades more affordable
- Rapidly responding to emerging threats/fleet requirements- - Open architecture that enable a "plug and play" concept (think apps on your iphone) will allows us to quickly introduce upgrades/changes/new capabilities without having to change system architecture each time we do



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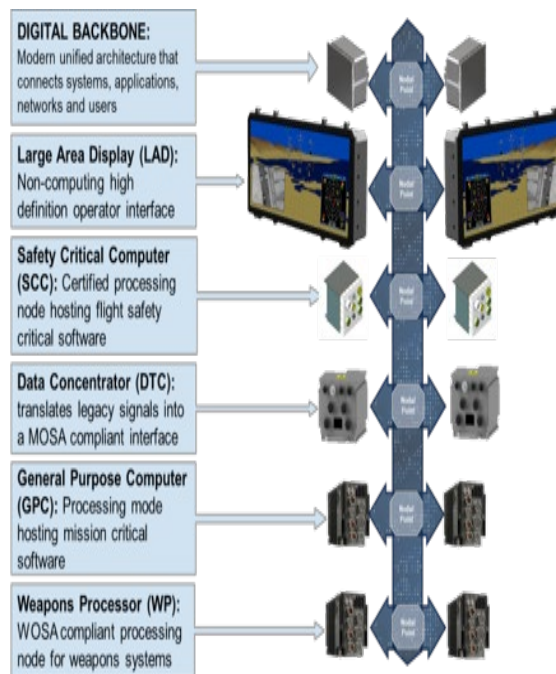


# MH-60 Service Life Modernization Issue

## H-60 Service Life Modernization

### H-60 Obsolescence Issues

- Interdependent obsolete WRAs
  - AFCC, EGI, RAD ALT, Displays
- Significant test requirements
  - Mixed configurations for backwards compatibility
  - Extensive A/C performance and flight safety
  - Duplicative testing if integrated separately
- FMS Production Shutdown
  - New FMS cases accelerating domestic obsolescence issues
  - NRE needed before new case signs to be cost/schedule competitive
- Capability Gaps
  - Capabilities reduced competitiveness
  - Significantly evolved threat environment



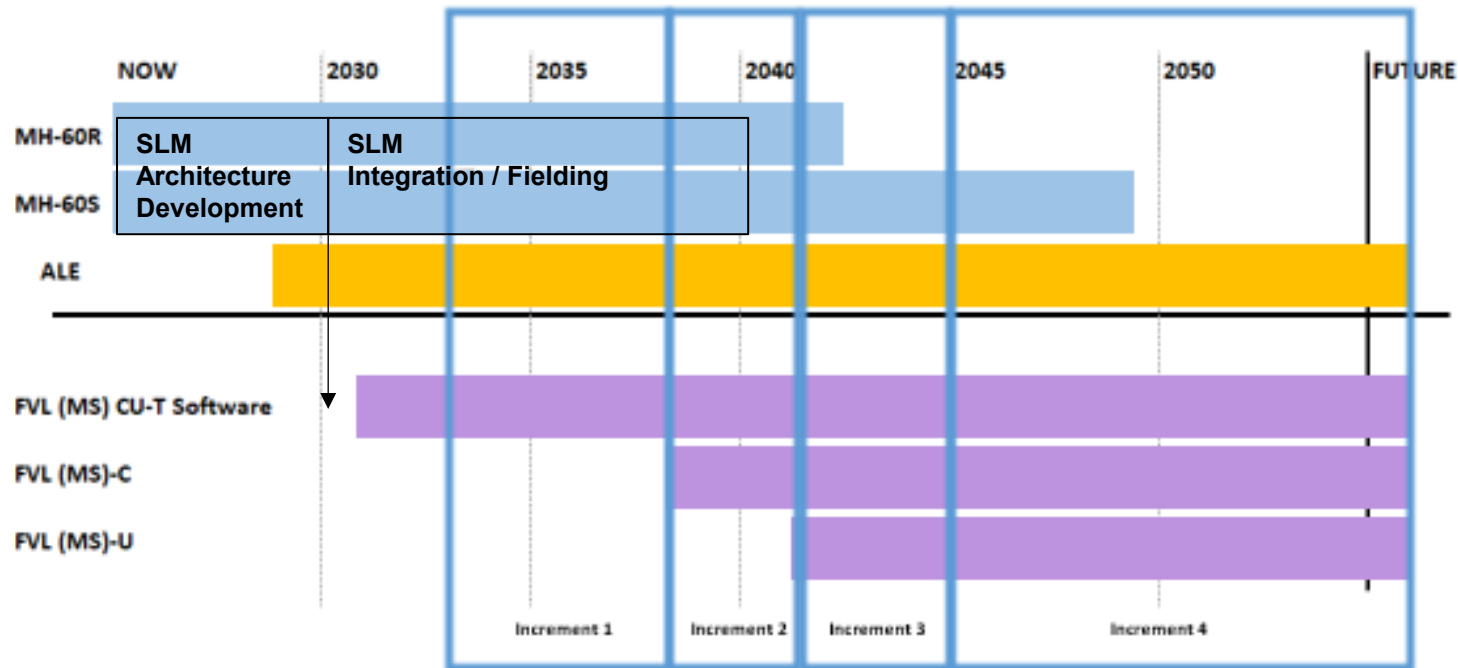
MH-60 Service Life Modernization Open System Architecture (OSA)

### Opportunities

- Bundle NRE Efforts (Cost/Schedule)
  - Integrated Test Approach
- Leverage Army Developmental Programs
  - FLRAA
  - H-60 Modernization
- Incorporate FVL Common Architecture
  - Separation of flight safety and mission systems
  - Mutually beneficial integration of modern sensors
- Open Architecture and Time Sensitive Network
  - Decrease dependency on OEM integration of new capabilities/upgrades
  - Modernized architecture for pacing technology advances
- Capitalize on cooperative funding



# (U) FVL(MS) & SLM Incremental Approach



## (U) Potential FVL (MS) Incremental Approach:

- (U) Increment 1: ALE + Crewed – Uncrewed Teaming (CU-T) Software + Core Mission Software
- (U) Increment 2: ALE + CU-T Software + Air Vehicle
- (U) Increment 3: ALE + Air Vehicle + Semi-Autonomous Uncrewed Software
- (U) Increment 4: ALE + Air Vehicle + Fully-Autonomous Uncrewed Software

**PROPOSED APPROACH, NOT AN APPROVED ACQUISITION STRATEGY**



# FVL (MS) - Capability Gaps

- **Identified Capability Gaps:** Based on the FVL (MS) Capabilities Based Assessment (CBA), the Future Surface Combatant Force ICD and the 2019 FVL (MS) ICD, capability gaps were identified for the following missions:

| Capability  | Capability Description   |
|---|--|
| Air Warfare (AW)  | Host and employ systems and /or payloads that contribute to AW missions  |
| Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW)                                      | Carry and employ weapons that can defeat undersea targets including submarines and UUVs  |
| Command and Control (C2)  | Support C2 missions with beyond line-of-sight communications   |
| Conduct Logistics   | Support logistics missions with inter-ship transfers of cargo and passengers   |
| Conduct Patient Movement  | Recover personnel from point of injury or other location where suitable landing is not available, facilitate en route care for patients, and transport personnel to medical facilities |
| Electronic Warfare (EW)   | Passively detect, identify, and geolocate simple and complex RF emitters with sufficient AOU to support off-board targeting for ship and air-launched standoff weapons                 |
| Embark on Aviation and Air-Capable Ships                          | Capable of sustained embarked operations underway at sea on Navy's current and proposed major surface combatants and air capable ships   |
| Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance, and Targeting (ISR&T) | Host and employ systems and /or payloads in support of persistent ISR&T missions   |
| Mine Countermeasures (MCM)  | Host and employ systems and/or payloads in support of MCM missions intended to achieve area coverage objectives and neutralize mines   |
| Search and Rescue (SAR)   | Execute SAR missions in support of Naval and joint force operations  |
| Signature Control   | Capable of monitoring, managing and minimizing physical and electromagnetic spectrum signatures  |
| Special Operations Forces (SOF) Support                           | Support infiltration and exfiltration of SOF   |
| Surface Warfare (SUW)   | Defeat small boat threats and target surface combatants at OTH ranges  |



## Additional Quick Topics

- **MQ-8C Firescout Sundown**
- **Air Launched Effects**
- **C-UAS**
- **Questions?**