U.S. Navy Biometrics: An Overview



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Why Biometrics?

Military operations

- Physical Security / Force Protection
- Real-time tactical & strategic decisions during battlefield & interdiction operations
- Disaster / humanitarian relief

Business Functions

- Physical and logical access controls
- Privilege management
 - Health care, benefits, finance, time and attendance, etc.







- Efficiently enroll, verify and identify individuals encountered in the conduct of operations
- Rapidly compare identity info to watchlists
- Rapidly record various types of information associated with an individual
- Rapidly recall, update and manage 'trusted' information associated with individuals
- Rapidly assess credibility of witness/INTEL source
- Share information
- Operate in austere, expeditionary environments
- Operate remotely/non-intrusively against noncooperative subjects





Navy Ashore

- Entry Control Point (OPNAV N4/CNIC, NAVFAC & SPAWAR)
- Navy Afloat
 - EMIO Capabilities Enhancement (OPNAV N6, PMW-160 & SPAWAR)
 - Identity Dominance System (OPNAV N8, PMS-480 & NSWC)
- Navy Law Enforcement/Counter Intel/Intel
 - Forensics (NCIS)
 - Exploitation (ONI)
- Navy RDT&E
 - Face Recognition Technology (ONR)
 - Fusion (ONR)
 - Biometrics to Human Networks (ONR)
 - Forensics (N-PSEAG)





Navy Ashore Thrusts

Entry Control Point

- Deployment of biometrics-enabled entry control will be based on Required Operational Capabilities (ROC) priorities
- Awaiting OSD policy. Main issues:
 - Databases
 - Interface hardware & software
 - * Local vs. central data storage
 - Trusted travelers



• Physical Security Equipment Action Group (PSEAG) is building a Joint common interface via which all Services can access required government databases, using COTS at entry points



Navy Afloat Thrusts

Maritime Interdiction Operation (MIO)

- Stop-Gap solution acquired via Rapid Deployment Capability
- NAVCENT issued policy for Biometrics collection
- Long-term requirements described in the Identity Dominance System CDD
- Wireless Shipboard System being developed
 - For communication between boarded vessel and Navy ship







- Team DON (USN/USMC/NCIS) is creating and deploying Joint Expeditionary Forensics Facilities for CENTCOM
 - Latent Print
 - * Firearms
 - * DNA



Naval RDT&E Thrusts

- Office of Naval Research (basic & applied research)
 - Pattern Recognition
 - Face Recognition Technology
 - Human Activity Recognition
 - Biometrics from Intelligent Video Surveillance
 - Human ID at Distance, including Maritime Domain
 - Face biometrics from video
 - Face/activity recognition to Human Networks
 - Night biometric technologies
- Navy Physical Security Equipment Action Group (advanced development, prototype and demonstration)
 - Mobile and modular forensics lab design
 - Forensics training kits for war fighters (in partnership with TSWG Forensics & Training Subgroups)
 - Battlefield Evidence Information Management System (BEIMS)



Future Needs

- Continued improvement in face recognition for outdoor, night and non-cooperative subjects
- Data fusion of multi-biometrics (face, iris, hand, motion)
- Biometric-quality face data from surveillance video
 - Automatically correct images to optimize matching algorithms
- Face and iris biometrics at greater ranges
 - Correct for air turbulence, moisture and motion blur
 - Nominal 300 M face, 20 M iris
- Biometrics to Actionable Intelligence
 - Accurate classification of human networks enabled by the fusion of data from all possible identity specific technologies
 - Biometrics
 - Tagging, tracking and location
 - Symbols of choice (email address, phone number, address, name...)