



# **Human Systems in Emerging Domains: *Autonomy, Human Augmentation, and Cyber***

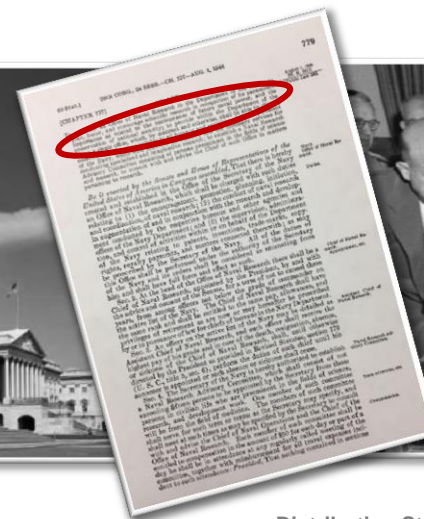
***Dr. Paul Zablocky  
Chief Scientist (Acting)***

**March 14, 2018**

# Lessons from History



*“...plan, foster and encourage scientific research in recognition of its paramount importance as related to the maintenance of future naval power, and the preservation of national security...”*



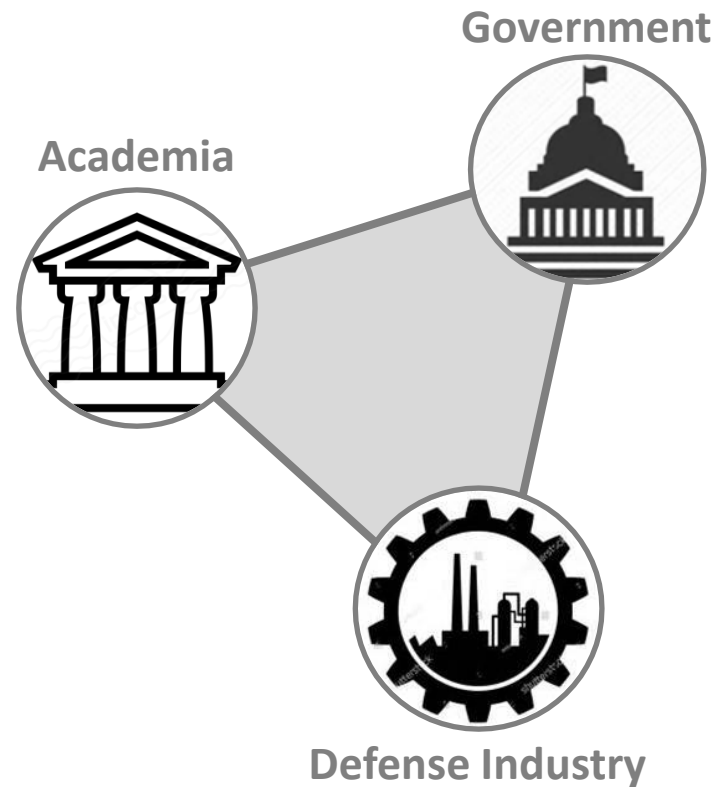
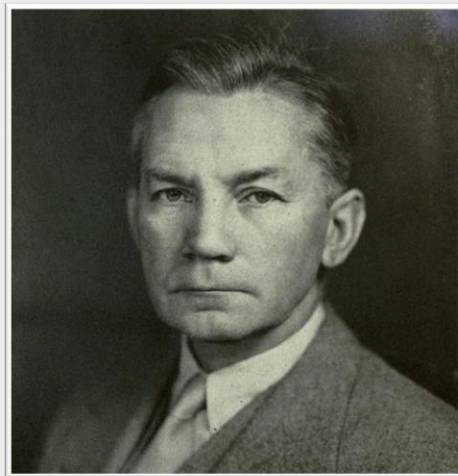


# The Naval Research Model c. 1947

**U.S. Government Driven**

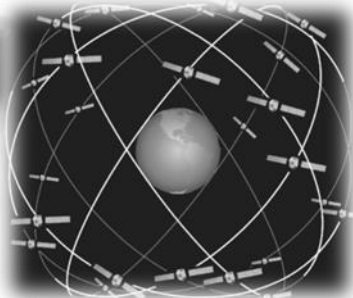
*“It is of the utmost importance to our national security that the Navy prosecute a vigorous and well-rounded program of research and development...”*

– Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal, January 1947

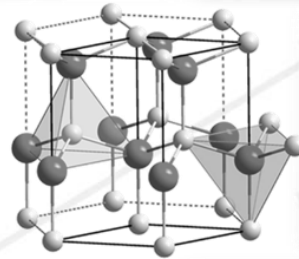


# Cold War Success Stories

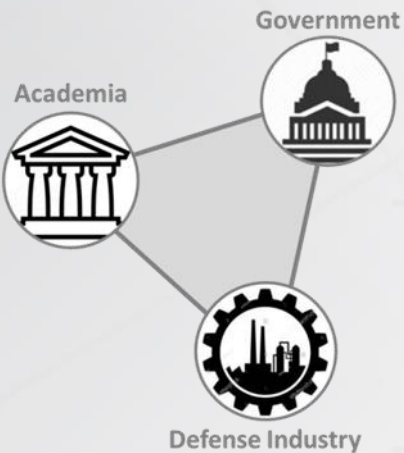
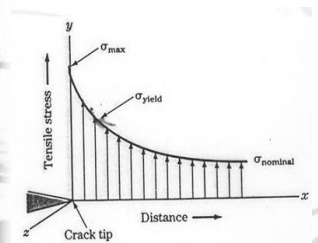
## Satellites



## Gallium Nitride



## Fracture Mechanics



## Ballistic Missile Submarine



# Today's Challenge

Accelerating Pace  
of Technological  
Change

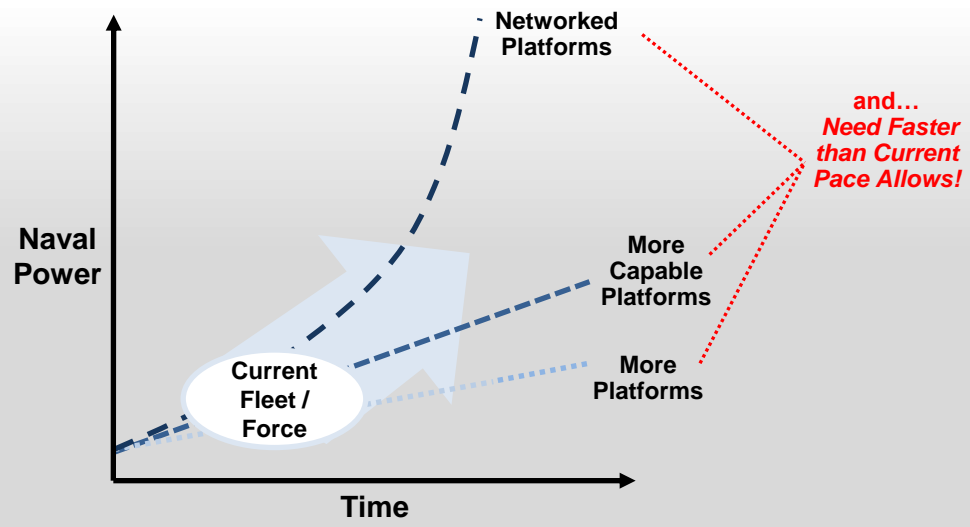
Commoditization  
and Proliferation  
of Information

State and Non-State  
Complexity

Shifting  
Economic Power



# U.S. Naval Superiority is NOT Guaranteed



***Renewed Urgency in R&D is Needed to Win***



# The Naval Research Ecosystem c. 2018

*Global Commercial Market Driven*



# Naval Research Response



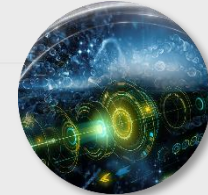
## FRAMEWORK PRIORITIES



***Augmented Warfighter***



***Integrated & Distributed Forces***



***Operational Endurance***



***Scalable Lethality***



***Sensing & Sense-Making***

***“...the tempo of modern war has reached the point where this Nation will probably never again have an opportunity to arm itself successfully after the start of hostilities....” – Forrestal***



# Research & Development Priorities

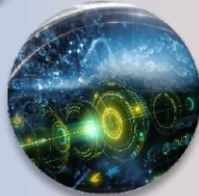
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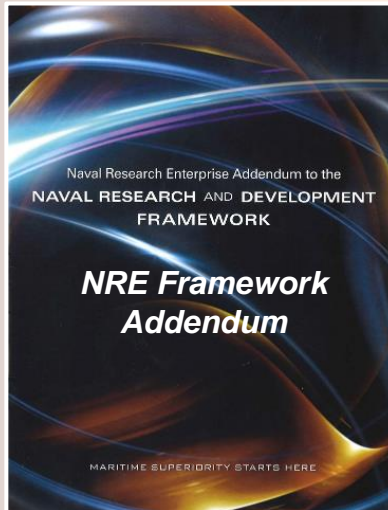
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**Five Framework Priorities that are Strategic and Warfighter-Focused...**



**...Translates to Six Technology-Focused Integrated Research Portfolios**



*Amphibious Expeditionary Maneuver*



*Information, Cyber & Spectrum Superiority*



*Undersea Battlespace & Maritime Domain Access*



*Mission Capable, Persistent & Survivable Sea Platforms*



*Warfighter Supremacy*



*Aviation, Force Projection & Integrated Defense*



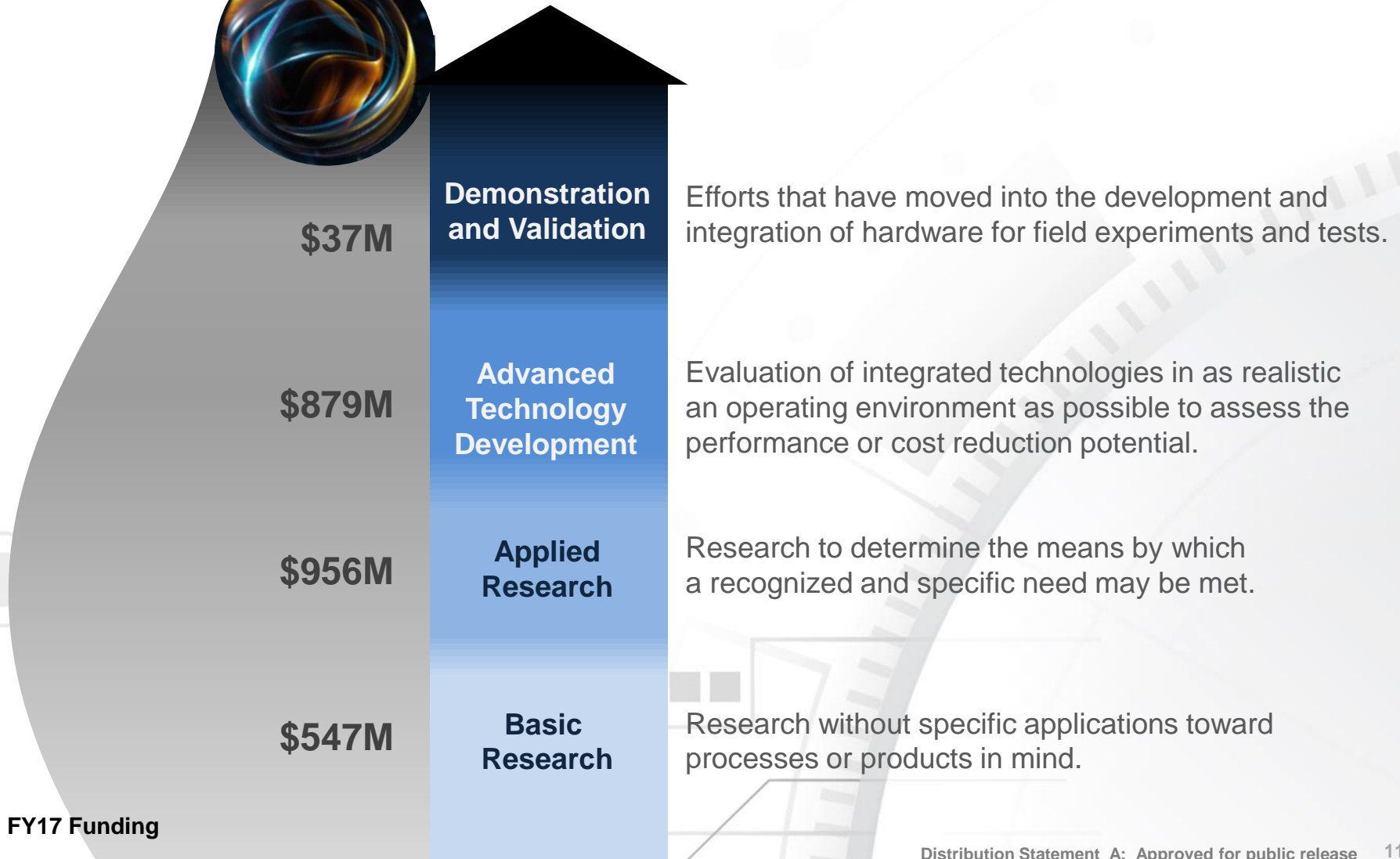
# 55 Enduring Research Responsibilities

- EXPEDITIONARY FIRES AND LETHALITY
- EXPEDITIONARY C4ISR
- HYBRID THREAT DEFEAT
- **HUMAN PERFORMANCE AND PROTECTION**
- AMPHIBIOUS MOBILITY
- LOGISTICS, SUSTAINMENT AND MAINTENANCE
- EXPEDITIONARY POWER AND ENERGY
- **LIGHTENING THE LOAD**
- **ACCELERATED LEARNING/DECISION-MAKING**
- **INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS**
- DIRECTED ENERGY (DE) & COUNTER DE
- AERODYNAMICS
- FLIGHT DYNAMICS & CONTROL
- PROPULSION
- STRUCTURES AND MATERIALS
- ENERGETIC MATERIALS
- HYPERSONICS
- AUTONOMY
- **ADVANCED RF ELECTRONICS & MATERIALS**
- COMMUNICATIONS AND NETWORKING
- **COMPUTATIONAL METHODS FOR DECISION MAKING**
- **DATA SCIENCE AND ANALYTICS**
- **ELECTRONIC WARFARE**
- SENSORS AND SENSOR PROCESSING
- MACHINE LEARNING, REASONING AND INTELLIGENCE
- RESOURCE OPTIMIZATION
- PRECISION NAVIGATION & TIMEKEEPING
- **UNDERSEA MEDICINE**
- BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
- BIOROBOTICS
- **CAPABLE MANPOWER**
- **COMMAND DECISION MAKING**
- **FORCE HEALTH PROTECTION**
- **HUMAN-ROBOT INTERACTION**
- **NOISE-INDUCED HEARING LOSS**
- **TRAINING AND SIMULATION**
- ARCTIC AND GLOBAL PREDICTION
- LITTORAL GEOSCIENCES AND OPTICS
- MARINE MAMMALS AND BIOLOGY
- MARINE METEOROLOGY
- MARITIME SENSING
- OCEAN ACOUSTICS
- OCEAN ENGINEERING & MARINE SYSTEMS
- PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY
- RESEARCH FACILITIES
- SPACE ENVIRONMENT
- UNDERSEA SIGNAL PROCESSING
- NAVAL ENGINEERING
- ADVANCED NAVAL POWER SYSTEMS
- ADVANCED SURVIVABLE SEA PLATFORMS
- UNMANNED SEA PLATFORMS, AUTONOMY AND POWER
- ADVANCED NAVAL MATERIALS
- UNDERSEA WEAPONS, COUNTER-WEAPONS AND ENERGETICS
- SEA PLATFORM ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
- CORROSION CONTROL



# Getting to Capability

*The ONR Portfolio is Broad Yet Singularly Focused on Delivering Continued Naval Superiority*

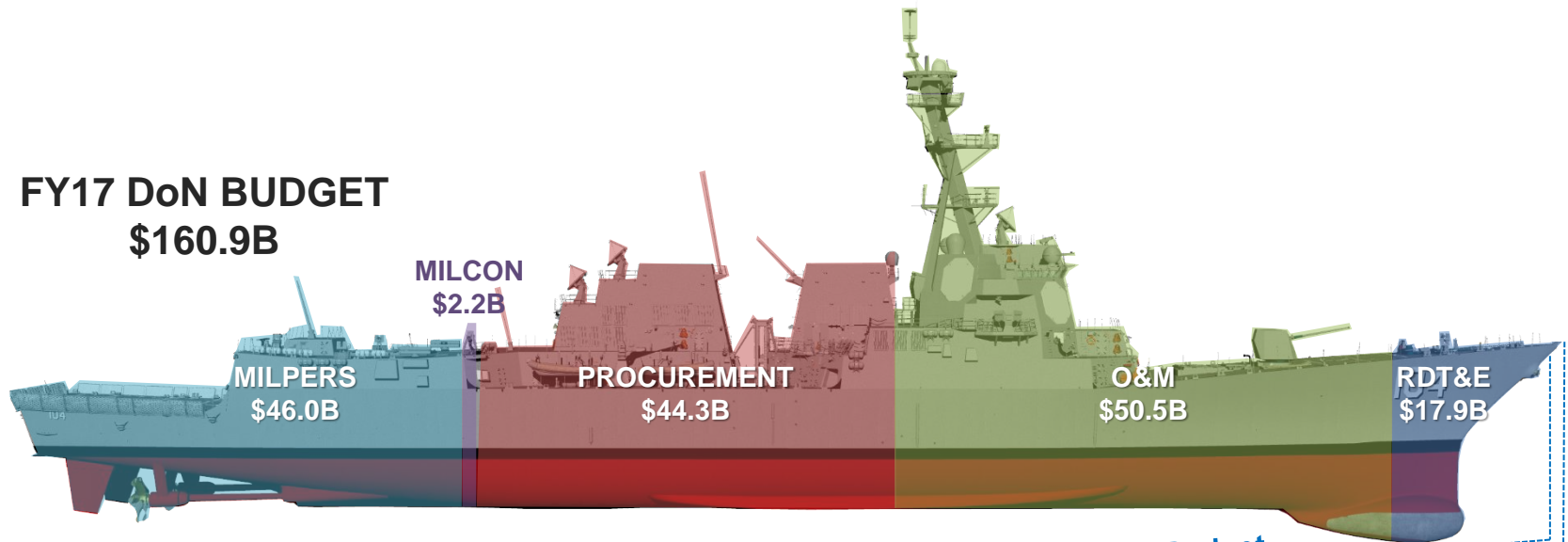


FY17 Funding



# The Portfolio Investment Relative to FY17 Navy Budget

**FY17 DoN BUDGET**  
**\$160.9B**



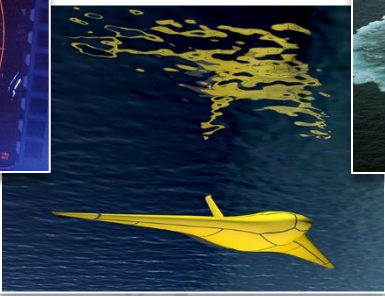
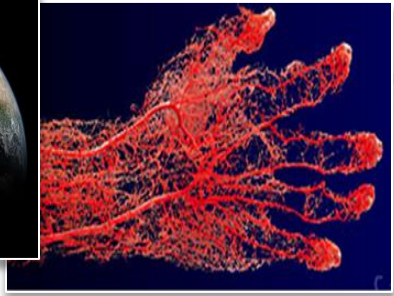
Naval Research Enterprise Allotted \$2.42B of FY17 RDT&E Budget

Basic Research \$547M	Applied Research \$956M	Advanced Technology Development \$879M
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Demonstration  
and Validation  
\$37M



# The Naval Research Enterprise



**4,000+ People**  
**23 Locations**  
**\$2.1B / year**  
**>1,000 Partners**



**ONR HQ**

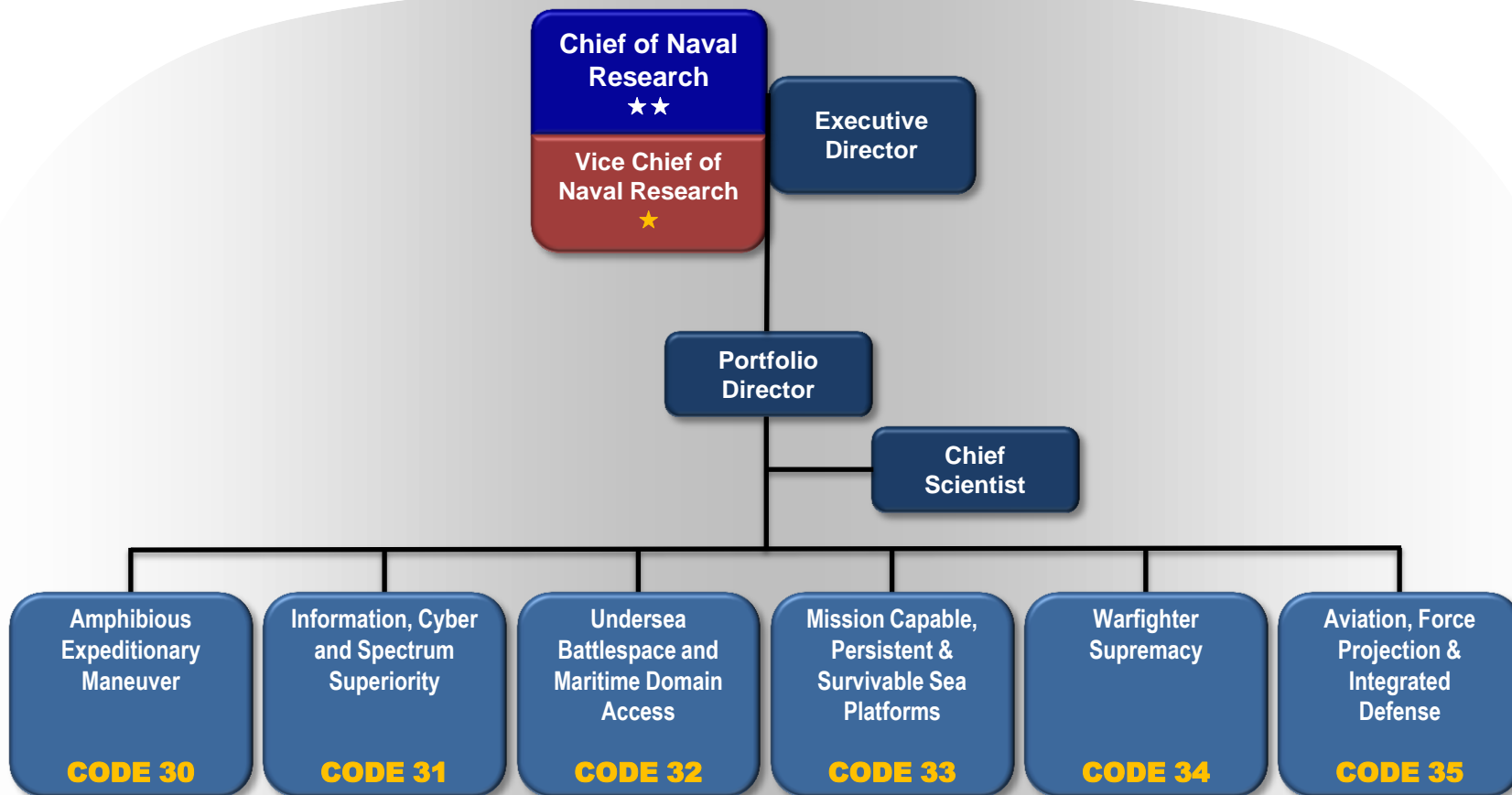
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NRL**



**ONR Global**



# ONR Headquarters

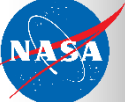


*Managing the Portfolio*



# Naval Research Laboratory

- *The Navy's Corporate Laboratory*
- *World Class Research Team*
- *Basic and Applied Research and Advanced Technology Development for Anticipated Navy and Marine Corps Needs*



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Directly Funded Work



Research Focus Areas



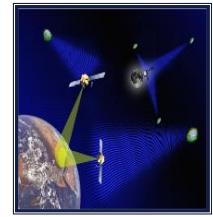
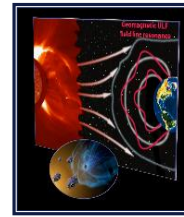
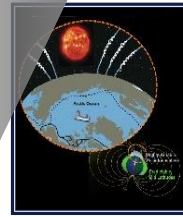
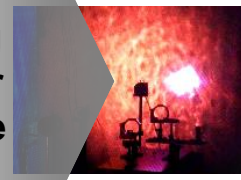
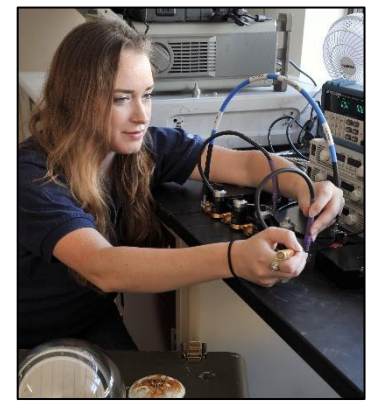
NRL Basic & Applied Research

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Integrated Research Portfolio

## NRL Products & Prototypes



Delivering Warfighter Advantage



# ONR Global

## Washington, D.C. Region / ONR HQ

### ONR Global Arlington

Executive Officer  
 International S&T Engagement Advisors  
 FCC/C10F ★★ ★  
 N81 ★★ ★

### San Diego

C3F ★★ ★  
 AIRFOR ★★ ★  
 SURFOR ★★ ★  
 I MEF ★★ ★  
 UWDC ★  
 SMWDC ★

### Mayport

C4F ★★

### Camp LeJeune

II MEF ★★ ★

### Norfolk

FLTFOR ★★ ★  
 SUBFOR ★★ ★  
 MARFORCOM ★★ ★  
 NAVIFOR ★★ ★  
 SPECWAR ★★  
 NECC ★  
 NWDC ★

### Hawaii

PACOM ★★ ★  
 PACFLT ★★ ★  
 MARFORPAC ★★ ★

### ONR Global Santiago

Science Director

### ONR Global São Paulo

Science Directors

## ONR Global Headquarters London

Commanding Officer  
 Technical Director  
 Science Directors

### ONR Global Prague

Science Director

### Bahrain

NAVCENT/C5F ★★ ★

### Naples

NAVAF/NAVEUR/  
 C6F ★★ ★

### India

### ONR Global Singapore

Science Directors

### ONR Global Tokyo

Science Directors

### Yokosuka

C7F ★★ ★

### Okinawa

III MEF ★★ ★



Science Advisors

- ★ Joint Command
- ★ Navy Command
- ★ Marine Corps Command



Science Directors

- London
- Prague
- Tokyo
- Santiago
- Singapore
- Sao Paulo

**ONR's Global Offices are the Bridge to International Partnership;  
 Naval R&D Diplomacy in More than 60 Countries**



# Complex Operating Environment



# Contested Urban Environment

## Area Description

- Complex terrains:
- Crowded and cluttered physical, human, communication, and informational environment
  - Physical compartmentalization and additional dimensions
  - Proliferation of observation and fires technologies
  - Threat obscuration

## Technical Approach

- Urban fires and weapons
- Urban mobility
- Urban communication
- Threat sensing, detection, and prevention
- Urban survivability



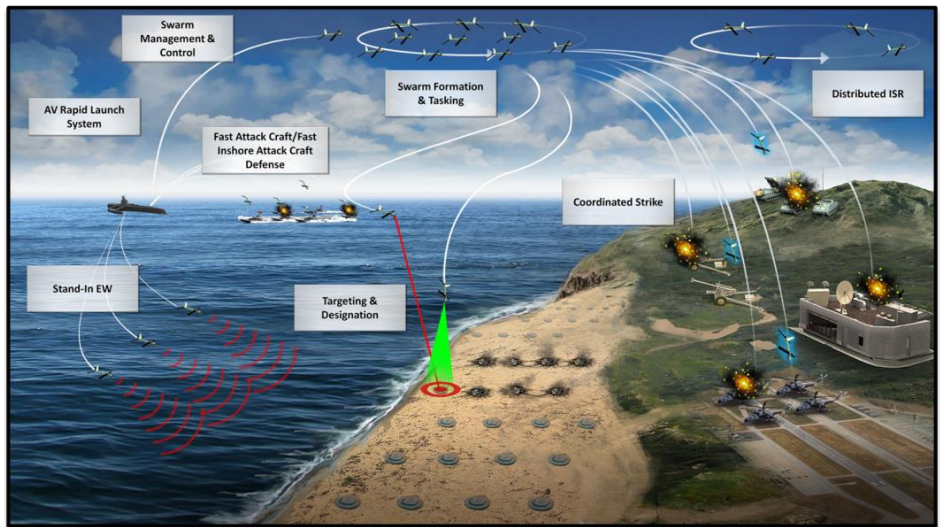
# Cooperative Autonomy

## Area Description

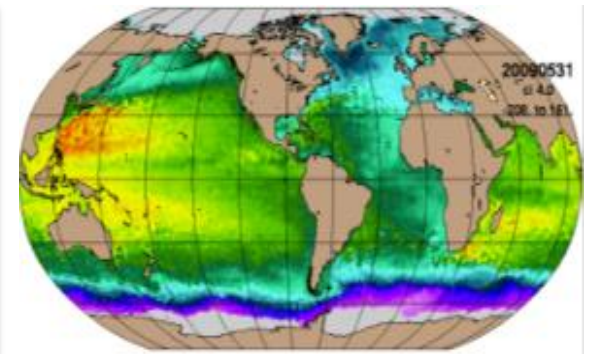
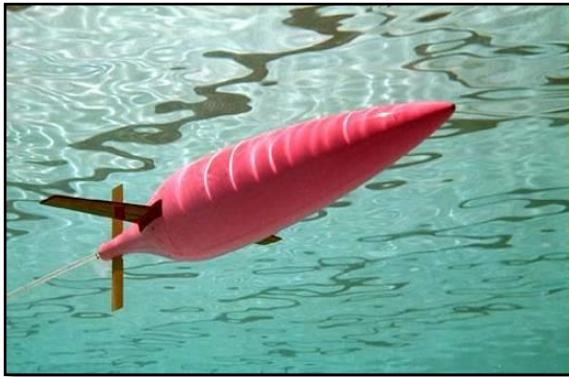
- Extend reach, increase mass and quantity, and augment the capability of expeditionary forces
- Allow penetration of environments too dangerous for manned systems
- Retain capability despite combat losses with automatic and flexible unmanned adjustment
- Disperse capabilities associated with traditional capital assets

## Technical Approach

- Low cost ground, air, and amphibious autonomous systems
- Distributed, collaborative, coordinated and cognitive autonomy
- Autonomous sensing, obstacle detection and path planning
- Unmanned C4 and control theory
- Manned-unmanned teaming



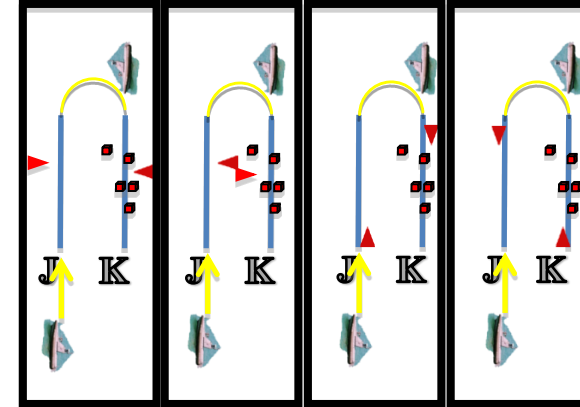
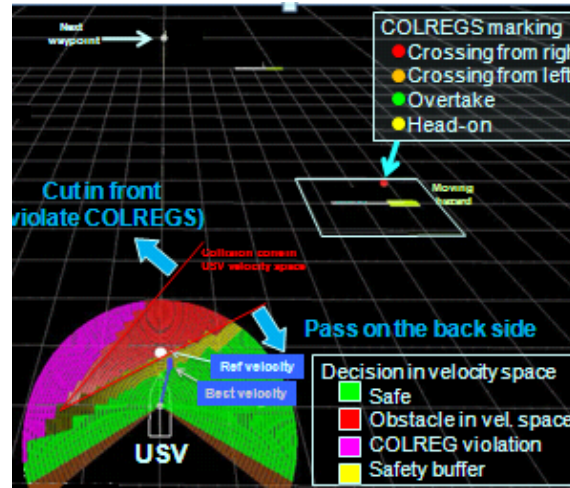
# Undersea Autonomous Systems



## Goals

- Mobile autonomous environmental sensing
- Predictive capabilities
- Adapt systems to environmental variability

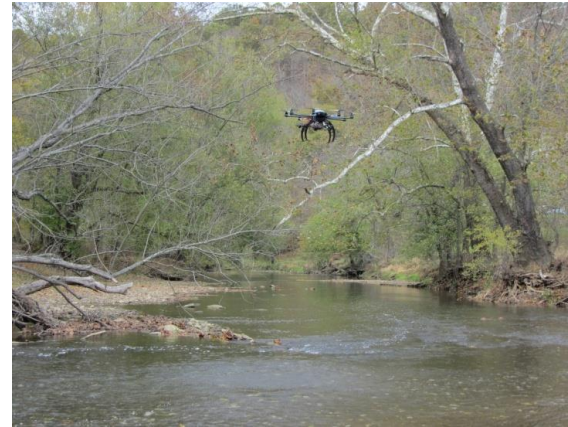
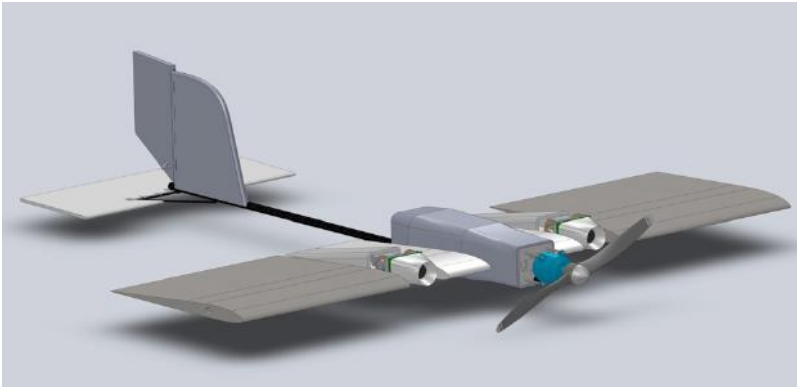
# Autonomous Surface Vehicles



## Goals

- Perform complex tasks in a complex environment, without human intervention
- Respond effectively to dynamic situations
- Perceive environment, internal and external

# Aerial Autonomous Systems



## Goals

- Safe operation in the maritime/shipboard environment
- Effective collaboration with humans
- Increased role with greatly reduced need for human intervention

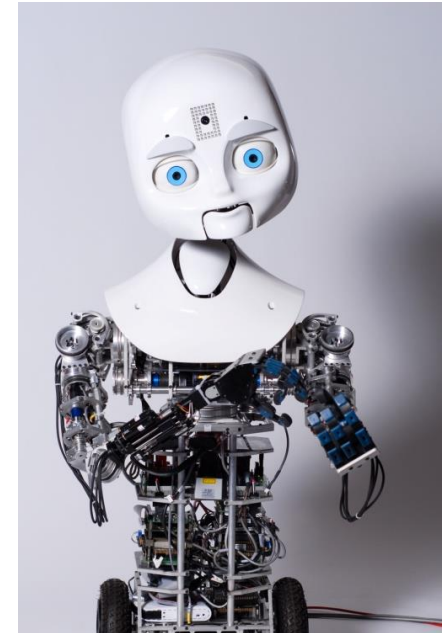
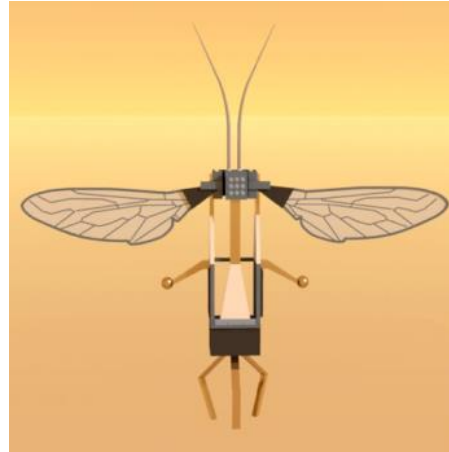
# Expeditionary Autonomy



## Goals

- Affordable platform agnostic modular Autonomy kits for current and future fleet vehicles
- Seamless & natural visual and verbal human-robot interaction
- Multi-platform collaboration

# Novel Systems



## Goals

- Multi domain platforms
- Fundamental understanding of the hydrodynamics of high efficiency bio-inspired underwater propulsion
- Compact, low-power perception and mapping for nano-UAVs
- Muscle-like actuators and multifunction material control surfaces (undersea and air)





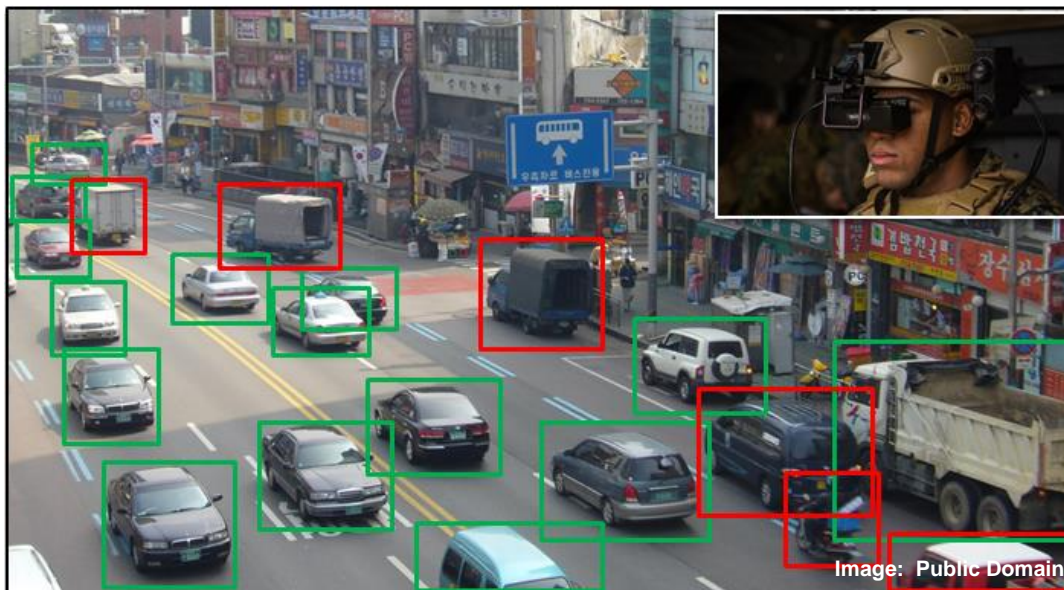
# Cognitive Advantage and Artificial Intelligence

## Area Description

- Meld machine intelligence and human decision making  
Ground warrior advanced decision support
- Enhance warfighter sensing, cognitive speed, and decision superiority
- True, rapid, all-source data fusion
- Knowledge products delivered to the warfighter with real world context

## Technical Approach

- Data science and analytics
- Image classification
- On-board processing
- Augmented Reality
- Visual attention models





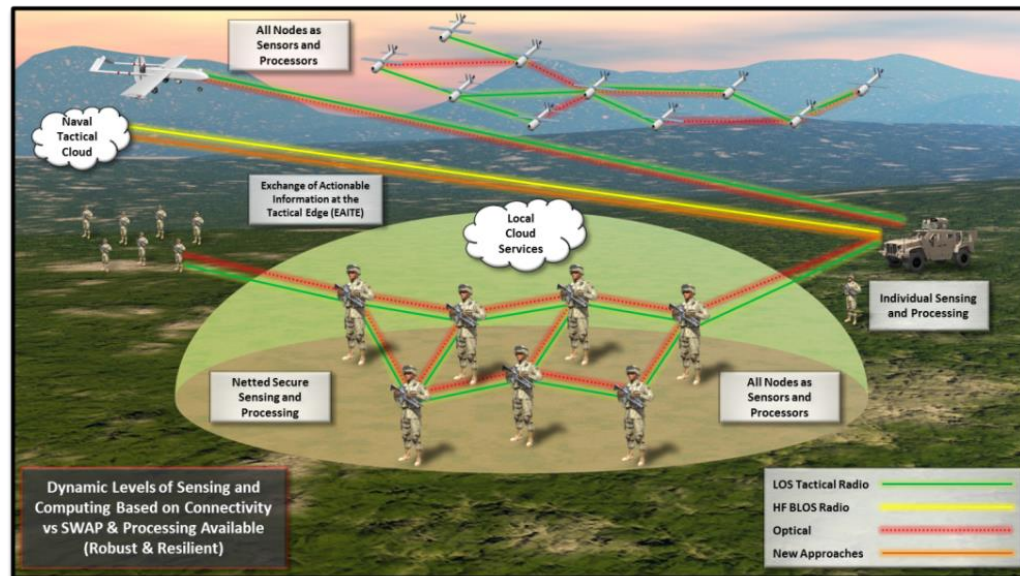
# Expeditionary Communications and Cyber

## Area Description

- Resilient, robust, and secure communications
- Cyber and information warfare capability
- Electromagnetic signature control and influence
- Rapidly changing network conditions amidst battle of signatures and physical movement
- Exploits close physical proximity while mitigating connectivity shortfalls

## Technical Approach

- Networked and local computational availability
- Non-GPS precision, navigation, timing
- Antennas and propagation
- Communications and information theory
- Communications signal processing





# Signature Visualization



2/6 S-2 in Bn COC at FEX II (Dec 2016)



USC ICT Aerial Terrain Line of sight Analysis System

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-spEV8dkuOY>



# Opportunities

ONR BAA Announcement # N00014-18-S-B002



BROAD AGENCY ANNOUNCEMENT (BAA)

Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle (ARV)  
Advanced Technology Development  
Future Naval Capability (FNC)

ONR Special Notice N00014-18-R-SN05

Special Notice N00014-18-R-SN05  
Special Program Announcement for 2018 Office of Naval Research  
Basic Research Opportunity:  
“Advancing Artificial Intelligence for the Naval Domain”

## I. INTRODUCTION

This announcement describes a research thrust entitled “Advancing Artificial Intelligence for the Naval Domain” to be launched under the Fiscal Year (FY) 18 Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology, N00014-18-S-B001, which can be found at <https://www.onr.navy.mil/en/Contracts-Grants/Funding-Opportunities/Broad-Agency-Announcements>

The research opportunity described in this announcement falls under the following sections of the BAA: Appendix 1 “Program Description,”

- Section I entitled “Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare & Combating Terrorism (Code 30); specific thrusts and focused research area:
  - Paragraph E. “ONR 30 Decision Support, AI, Machine Learning and

## Advancing Artificial Intelligence for the Naval Domain – 22 March

## Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle. Full Proposals- April 2

## Long Range BAA



# Staying In Touch

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Office of Naval Research website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Technology Locator, Careers, and Events, along with a search box. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for ONR Global, Marine Corps Warfighting Lab, Naval Research Laboratory, and Naval Research Advisory Committee. The main content area features a large banner with the text: "The Office of Naval Research (ONR) coordinates, executes, and promotes the science and technology programs of the United States Navy and Marine Corps." Below the banner are five numbered boxes representing different research areas: 30 Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare and Combating Terrorism, 31 Command, Control Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (C4ISR), 32 Ocean Battlespace Sensing, 33 Sea Warfare & Weapons, 34 Warfighter Performance, and 35 Naval Air Warfare and Weapons. The page is organized into several columns: Directorates (03R Office of Research, 03T Office of Technology), New Autonomous Flight Technology (with a press release link), Quick Links (with links to download frameworks, watch presentations, read magazines, and explore funding), Departments (30-35), New Mapping Software (with a press release link), and ONR Networks Around the Globe (with a world map).

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