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NSWC Indian Head Expeditionary Exploitation Unit One establishes stand-alone command

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Cmdr. Matthew Myers, EXU-1's inaugural commanding officer, receives his Command at Sea Insignia denoting his new status as a commanding officer.

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INDIAN HEAD, Md. – The Vice Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Bill Moran presided over a ceremony establishing Expeditionary Exploitation Unit ONE, EXU-1, as a stand-alone command onboard Naval Support Facility Indian Head today.


"We are here today to establish [EXU-1] as an official Navy command. This means we have trust, faith and confidence in you [Cmdr. Myers], as well as the men and women under your command who we entrust to get the job done." Moran said. "It also reminds us why we participate in freedom and democracy, why we bear true faith and allegiance. I salute you all and I am honored to be part of this ceremony."


Established in 2006 as a detachment under what is now known as the Naval Surface Warfare Center Indian Head Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technology Division, the detachment's growth, increased responsibilities, proven capability and actionable contributions to combatant commanders and partner nations on battlefields across the globe led to the Secretary of the Navy's approval in March 2017 to establish EXU-1 as an Echelon V Command, culminating in today's formal establishment ceremony. The ceremony also included the official disestablishment of the detachment.


"In this ceremony, EXU-1 will become not just a one-of-a-kind command within NAVSEA – or within the Navy – but, within the entirety of the Department of Defense. It is indeed rare; it is indeed valuable," said NSWC Indian Head EOD Technology Division Commanding Officer Capt. Scott Kraft.


Cmdr. Matthew Myers, EXU-1's inaugural commanding officer, will lead the command's current mission to


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