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Navy Warfare Development Command To Host Maritime Innovation Symposium

*First of NWDC's "Innovation Series 2012" to drive a
culture of innovation throughout the Fleet*

NORFOLK, Va. – Navy Warfare Development Command's (NWDC) "Innovation Series 2012" will kick-off this year's campaign with a Maritime Innovation Symposium scheduled for March 13-14, 2012, at NWDC on Naval Station Norfolk. Under the theme "Regaining the Innovation Advantage...Awakening Our Creative DNA," the symposium will feature speakers from military, academia and industry to exchange ideas, identify opportunities and challenges, propose ways to move maritime innovation forward, and educate and elevate awareness of innovation across the Fleet.

Adm. John C. Harvey, Jr., Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces, will kick-off the event. Rear Adm. Terry B. Kraft, Commander, Navy Warfare Development Command, will also provide remarks and serve as host.

"Our Navy has a unique history of creativity and adaptability. The challenge now, in a changing world with increasing budget realities, is to regain our innovation advantage," Rear Adm. Kraft stated. "That is the focus of the symposium and our overall 'Innovation Series 2012' campaign: to awaken our culture of innovation in direct support of the warfighter."

Specific topics will include: A historical innovation perspective; identification of barriers and opportunities; U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and industry perspectives; and courses of action to instill innovative attributes across the Fleet. A special flag panel discussion will look at current challenges and solutions to drive innovation in the maritime environment.

Individuals wishing to attend the event can find registration and other logistical information on NWDC's CAC-enabled portal at <https://portal.nwdc.navy.mil/cft/IS/default.aspx>.