# National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) Munitions Executive Summit February 10, 2005



Mr. David C Schulte Executive Director, Naval Ordnance Safety & Security Activity Deputy for Weapons Safety



## **Munitions Challenges**

- Insensitive Munitions
- Quality of Aging Inventory
- Flexible Response
- New Challenges



## Today's Munitions Challenges Insensitive Munitions

A program to minimize collateral damage to personnel, weapon platforms and logistics systems

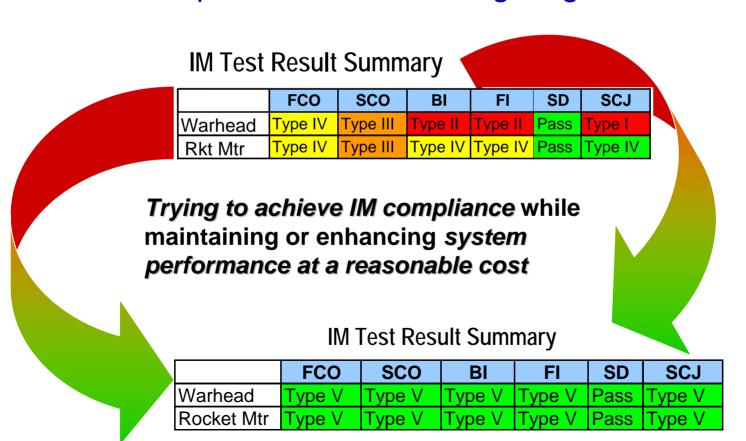
....only one aspect of Ordnance Safety

IM Compliant Weapons offer a significant level of force protection



## Today's Munitions Challenges Insensitive Munitions

#### Safe Weapons In A Joint Warfighting Environment





## The Future of IM Combat safe insensitive munitions



ONR S&T Program

Architectural Innovation

Satisfy global Warfighter needs

**Today, Largely Mass Detonating** 

**CSIM, Non-Mass Detonating** 

- ☐ IM Objective: Render ordnance less vulnerable to accidental initiation as determined by IM Threat Hazard Assessment
- ☐ <u>Scope</u>: Weapon system and platform interfaces, tested to MIL-STD-2105
- ☐ <u>Objective</u>: Ordnance safe in the warfighting environment. Determine how CSIM can support warfighting efficiencies.
- □ <u>Scope</u>: Considers the entire warfighting system including logistics. Considers weapons in their ready service configuration.



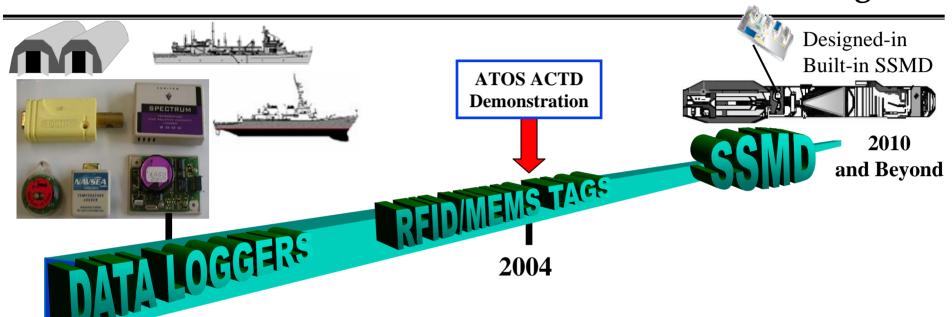
## **Aging Inventory**

- ◆ Average age ~25 yrs, oldest ~60 yrs
  - Diverse Munitions Types
  - Effects of Age & Environment on Safety, Reliability and Performance?
- Threats
  - Long Deployments in Adverse Environments
  - Increased Asymmetrical (e.g., USS Cole) Exposure



## **Aging Inventory**

Vision: Enhanced Knowledge



Goal: Science Based Knowledge of 100% of the Inventory, 100% of the Time, via 100% Non Destructive Means



### Flexible Response

Collaborative Efforts

New Capabilities From Existing Inventory

#### Adapting to The Fleet's Needs



## Flexible Response

#### Joint Collaboration by the Services and Industry

## THERMOBARIC HELLFIRE





#### **SMAW-NE**



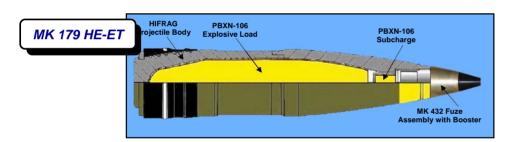


### Flexible Response

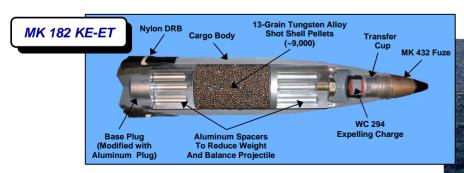
#### **New Capabilities From Existing Inventory**

## 5"/54 Caliber HE-ET & KE-ET Ammunition

### ROCKEYE Leaflet Dispenser











### Future Challenges / Capabilities

- Tailored Effects On Target
- Directed Energy Munitions
- Supersonic & Hypersonic Munitions

Addressing Our Future Needs Smartly & Affordably

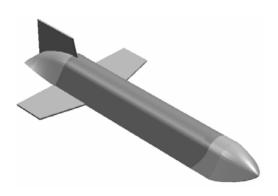


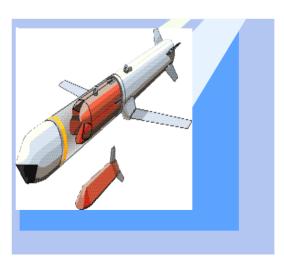
# Future Challenges / Capabilities Tailored Effects On Target

- Multi-function Ordnance
- Dial a Yield Payload
- Reduced Collateral Damage





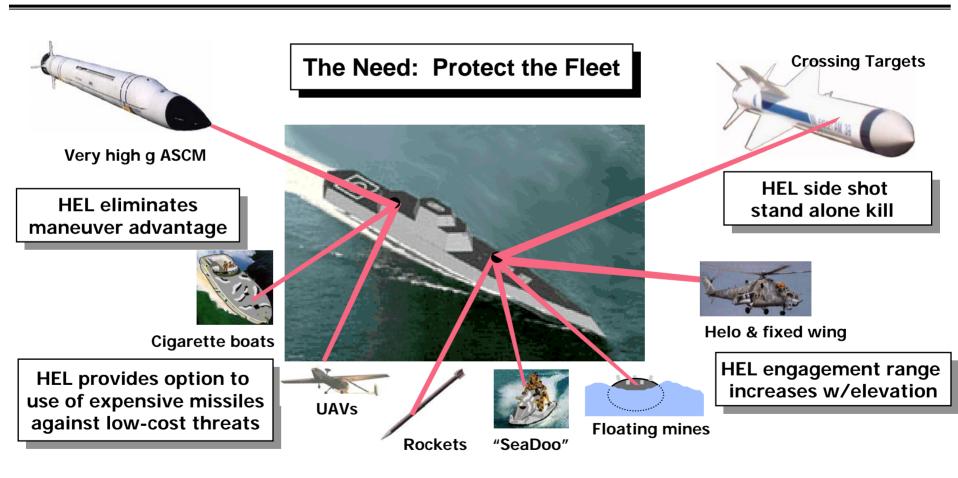






## Future Challenges / Capabilities

#### **Directed Energy Munitions**



Renewed interest laser technology

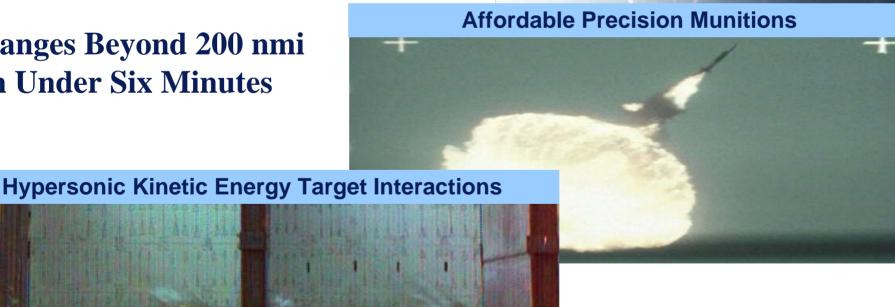


## **Future Challenges / Capabilities** Supersonic & Hypersonic Guided Projectiles

**Increased Lethality While Reducing Dependence on Hazardous HE** 

EM Gun Launch @ Mach 6

Ranges Beyond 200 nmi **In Under Six Minutes** 





### Summary

- Munitions challenges can be achieved
- We must be able to adapt to a continually changing environment
- Addressing the fleets needs with limited funds
- Investment in our Technological Base is crucial

Continue To Provide Affordable Technology To Our Capital Asset (Our People)