DRPM-UxS Delivers Over 25,000 Autonomous and C-UAS Systems to CENTCOM AOR

The Department of War announced today that this year, the Direct Reporting Portfolio Manager for Unmanned Systems (DRPM-UxS) has delivered a massive surge of combat-ready, mass-producible unmanned systems and counter-drone capabilities to U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), providing operational commanders with immediate, cost-effective tactical lethality across the theater.

Through an investment of approximately $782 million this year, DRPM-UxS has fielded:

- Over 1,300 One-Way Attack (OWA) Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), providing precision deep-strike mass.
- Over 100 Unmanned Surface Vessels (USVs) and Unmanned Underwater Vessels (UUVs), expanding maritime reconnaissance and strike lethality; and
- More than 24,000 Counter-Unmanned Aerial Systems (C-UAS), establishing a dense, multi-layered defensive shield to protect forward-deployed forces against adversary drone attacks through its counter unit, Joint Interagency Task Force 401 (JIATF-401).

These deliveries demonstrate the Department’s rapid shift from multi-year developmental pipelines to an agile “Warfighting Acquisition” model. In the hands of American warfighters, these low-cost, attritable systems serve as high-volume alternatives to legacy, multi-million-dollar exquisite munitions—flipping the battlefield cost-exchange ratio firmly in favor of the United States.

“Under Secretary Hegseth’s direction, we are moving at the speed of modern combat to equip our forces with decisive, affordable mass,” said Owen West, CEO of Project Agincourt and DRPM-UxS. “DRPM-UxS was established to cut through red tape and put lethal technology directly into the hands of our frontline troops. The thousands of systems operating across CENTCOM this year are just the beginning. We will out-innovate, out-build, and out-adapt any adversary on the battlefield. The goal is to scale these capabilities across the Joint Force.”

By scaling commercial production lines and deploying modular software baselines, DRPM-UxS is driving a fundamental restructuring of defense procurement. This effort serves as the operational foundation for the Autonomous Warfare Command (AUTOWARCOM), a planned four-star functional combatant command scheduled to stand up by October 1, 2027.

At Secretary Hegseth’s direction, DRPM-UxS will sustain continuous deliveries of low-cost, mass-producible unmanned and autonomous systems to CENTCOM while rapidly expanding fielding pipelines to Pacific Command, European Command, and the broader Joint Force.

From the Department of War, Nov. 4, 2026

Coast Guard offloads over $27 million in cocaine at Port Everglades

MIAMI – U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma’s crew offloaded

approximately 3,622 pounds of cocaine and four detainees, Wednesday, in Port Everglades.

The offload is from two interdictions resulting in the seizure of the illicit narcotics and the apprehension of four detainees in the Caribbean Sea.

Federal agents took custody of the four detainees, pending further investigation.

“This interdiction was due to the coordinated efforts of Joint Interagency Task Force – South, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Coast Guard Southeast District, along with our international partners throughout the Caribbean Sea,” said Lt. John Colucci, commanding officer of William Trump. “I’m incredibly proud of the crew of CGC William Trump in their ability to carry out this high-risk mission in a safe, efficient, and professional manner. Their success directly prevented illicit narcotics from reaching our shores and disrupted the operations of transnational-criminal organizations throughout the western hemisphere.”

The following assets and crews were involved in the interdiction operations:

- Coast Guard Cutter Diligence
- Coast Guard Cutter William Trump
- USS Minneapolis-Saint Paul
- U.S. Coast Guard Tactical Law Enforcement Team – Pacific, LEDET 105
- A Royal Netherlands Navy maritime patrol aircraft
- A U.S. Customs and Border Protection maritime patrol

aircraft

- Joint Interagency Task Force – South
- Southeast District watchstanders

The offload highlights the Coast Guard's continued efforts to interdict illicit narcotics, disrupt transnational criminal organizations and prevent dangerous drugs from reaching American communities.

The U.S. Coast Guard works alongside local, state, federal and international partners to detect, deter and disrupt maritime drug trafficking. Through persistent operations and coordinated law enforcement efforts, Coast Guard crews help protect the nation's maritime borders and prevent illicit narcotics from entering the United States.

Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma is a U.S. Coast Guard cutter responsible for conducting maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, and other missions in support of the Coast Guard's national security and maritime safety objectives.

DVIDS pages for operational imagery: **DVIDS – U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area (dvidshub.net)** and **DVIDS – U.S. Coast Guard Southeast District (dvidshub.net)**

Newsrooms for press releases: **U.S. Coast Guard Atlantic Area (newsroom)** and **U.S. Coast Guard Southeast District (newsroom)**

From U.S. Coast Guard Southeast Public Affairs, Nov. 4, 2026

Curtiss-Wright Awarded $225+ Million to Support US Navy Carrier, Sub Platforms



Curtiss-Wright Corporation today announced it was awarded contracts valued in excess of $225 million by Bechtel Plant Machinery, Inc. (BPMI) to provide advanced propulsion valves, pumps and instrumentation and control systems for the U.S. Navy's Virginia-class nuclear powered attack submarine, Columbia-class submarine and Ford-class aircraft carrier programs. Under the agreement, Curtiss-Wright will supply critical technology to support ongoing ship construction and fleet maintenance activities.

"Curtiss-Wright is proud to provide mission-critical products that enhance the performance, reliability, and readiness of the U.S. Navy's nuclear fleet," said Lynn M. Bamford, Chair and CEO of Curtiss-Wright Corporation. "The Company maintains

a longstanding partnership with the U.S. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program, consistently delivering highly engineered solutions that contribute to our nation’s strong defense capabilities. Furthermore, Curtiss-Wright remains well positioned to benefit from the administration’s continued strong funding for naval shipbuilding supporting the acceleration of production on its most critical platforms.”

Curtiss-Wright is performing this work at its facilities in New York and Pennsylvania within the Company’s Defense Electronics and Naval & Power Segments. Engineering, manufacturing, and testing are currently underway, and will continue through 2030.

For over 60 years, Curtiss-Wright has been a trusted supplier to the U.S. Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program supporting every nuclear-powered submarine and aircraft carrier commissioned by the U.S. Navy. Curtiss-Wright’s portfolio includes advanced propulsion equipment, instrumentation and control systems, pumps, valves, motors, and other mission-critical technologies that improve operational performance, increase reliability, enhance safety, and help reduce lifecycle costs for the Navy’s fleet.

From Curtiss-Wright Corporation, Nov. 4, 2026

Keel Enhances Shipyard Capabilities with New Prep & Paint Facility



YONGES ISLAND, S.C. – Keel Holdings LLC ("Keel"), an advanced manufacturing leader for the U.S. Navy and broader defense applications for naval, land and space, recently hosted the grand opening of the company's new Prep & Paint Facility at its Yonges Island, South Carolina shipyard.

On Thursday, October 29, Keel executives and team members were joined by U.S. military officials, representatives of members of Congress and local leaders to celebrate the new facility. The event included remarks by Keel CEO Brian Carter, Chair of the Charleston County Council Joe Boykin, and U.S. Navy Program Manager of the Submarine Industrial Base Program Office, Captain R. Keith Oswald, as well as a ribbon cutting and facility tours.

"The opening of our state-of-the-art Prep & Paint Facility at Yonges Island marks an important milestone for Keel's investment in, and commitment to, Charleston County and the broader region," said Keel CEO Brian Carter. "What we build at Keel contributes to the safety of our country and helps protect the men and women defending this nation. I'm extremely proud of this facility and the impact it will have on fulfilling our mission and prosperity in the region."

Keel's Prep & Paint Facility is the result of a $43 million

investment in the region, with plans for a total investment of $67 million to support mission-critical defense programs and economic growth. Keel anticipates adding 170 new jobs with this facility.

The Yonges Island Prep & Paint Facility is equipped with the latest blasting and painting technology, provided by BlastOne International, a global supplier to the protective coating and corrosion control industry. The facility also includes a 75’ x 75’ temperature and humidity-controlled booth with a 40’ x 60’ mega door with blasting and painting capability. This is supported by a 75’ x 75’ temperature-controlled paint only booth with a 40’ x 60’ mega door.

With this new capability, Keel is elevating its service portfolio beyond structural steel module fabrication by incorporating the painting of completed structural modules. This advancement allows Keel to include outfitting and represents a substantial milestone toward Keel’s ultimate objective of becoming the first company in the United States to deliver truly outsourced, fully outfitted submarine modules.

From Keel Holdings, Nov. 3, 2026

U.S. Navy Contracts with CORAS.ai to Advance Program Execution, Readiness, and

Decision Intelligence



MCLEAN, Va. – CORAS.ai, the only IL5/6++ Decision Intelligence Enterprise Platform in the DoW, today announced a contract with the Department of the Navy, Portfolio Acquisition Executive (Aviation) Marine Corps Aviation Adversary and Specialized Aircraft (PMA-226) to deploy its Native Agentic platform and defense orchestrator, GARY.ai in support of critical program and requirements management, schedule and readiness risk, and funding forecasting and execution. CORAS.ai and GARY.ai are fully deployed and have been proven to save work time and schedules by an average of 84% with current DoW customers.

The PMA-226 mission is to acquire and provide full lifecycle readiness for adversary and specialized aircraft and provide contracted air services in support of the naval aviation enterprise. Its portfolio includes the F-5 and F-16, as well as aircraft supporting organizations including the U.S. Naval

Test Pilot School and other missions.

“PMA-226 manages a complex mission, and our role is to be a partner to improve and increase critical program and requirements management,” said Dan Naselius, President and CTO of CORAS.ai. “GARY gives teams a way to radically reduce the manual effort behind routine program tracking like milestone status and requirements, while creating greater visibility into what is changing, where risk is emerging, and to analyze and predict program fiscal year budgets, costs, and spending.”

The CORAS.ai/GARY.ai engagement will reduce manual processes, provide clarity across systems and data, and support Naval Aviation readiness. CORAS.ai will focus on three areas: requirements management, schedule and readiness risk, and funding execution and forecasting. Because CORAS.ai is a COTS tool, it requires no custom software development. Through GARY.ai AppFactory, capabilities can be dynamically generated and adapted to meet evolving mission needs without the lengthy development cycles traditionally associated with building new government applications.

“Defense organizations cannot wait for major integrations or custom software projects before AI begins delivering value,” Naselius added. “The solution is to start with the information teams already have, reduce friction immediately, increase efficiency and clarity, and then build toward increasingly powerful Decision Intelligence.”

This contract expands CORAS.ai’s growing support across the U.S. Navy and defense industrial base, applying Native Agentic AI and Decision Intelligence to complex mission environments where readiness, resources, workforce, and program execution are closely connected.

From CORAS.ai, Nov. 5, 2026

General Atomics Selected to Support Army-Navy Hypersonic Weapons Production Through 2031



SAN DIEGO, Calif. –General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems (GA-EMS) announced today its selection by Leidos to manufacture critical hypersonic components for weapon systems designed to strike time-sensitive, heavily defended targets at

long range. Under the multiyear subcontract, GA-EMS will produce precision-machined parts and cable assemblies for the Common Hypersonic Glide Body (CHGB).

GA-EMS' component manufacturing supports an Army-Navy acquisition effort that brings research, development and production together under one contract. Leidos' Army contract combines the CHGB and Thermal Protection System programs to streamline development and accelerate delivery of hypersonic capabilities. By supplying hardware for the shared glide body, GA-EMS contributes to both Dark Eagle, one of the Army's top modernization priorities, and the Navy's Conventional Prompt Strike program, supporting long-range conventional strike capabilities from land and sea.

GA-EMS previously manufactured prototype glide-body subassemblies and delivered hardware and cables for the successful 2020 CHGB flight test. That experience will guide the company's work under the new subcontract through 2031.

"Our continued collaboration with Leidos reinforces our role as a trusted source of high-quality critical components for hypersonic weapons. This agreement carries forward our prototype manufacturing and flight-test experience into component production through 2031, supporting the fielding of Army and Navy long-range strike capabilities for demanding national security missions," Scott Forney, president of GA-EMS, said.

To fulfill the subcontract, GA-EMS draws on its established workforce and manufacturing resources within the domestic defense industrial base. Skilled manufacturing and cable technicians use specialized equipment and high-volume machining capabilities to produce the required hardware. Testing and inspection verify conformance to design specifications and quality requirements.

"Our expertise spans cable assemblies for the Elevon Control

Module and hypersonic glide body, along with precision-machined metal parts and substructures. For our customer, this combination brings continuity across electrical and mechanical manufacturing from a team familiar with the program's exacting requirements. We apply that knowledge to maintain precision and repeatability throughout production," Mike Rucker, vice president of GA-EMS Weapons Programs, said.

From General Atomics Electromagnetic Systems, Nov. 3, 2026

Acting SECNAV Appoints Rear Adm. Jonathan Rucker to Lead PAE Maritime

WASHINGTON – Acting Secretary of the Navy Hung Cao announced today that Rear Adm. Jonathan Rucker has been appointed Portfolio Acquisition Executive (PAE) Maritime. PAE Maritime is the Navy organization responsible for delivering surface ships to the Fleet.

"President Trump has given me a clear mandate: build the Golden Fleet," said Cao. "Admiral Rucker is the right leader at the right time to bring accountability to and accelerate our American shipbuilding system."

Rucker has served as the Director of Design and Construction for Direct Reporting Portfolio Manager, Submarines since April 2026, where he has been responsible for the design and construction of all submarines. Prior to this, Rucker served as the Program Executive Officer (PEO) for Attack Submarines, Program Manager of the COLUMBIA Class Submarine Program and Program Manager of the Unmanned Maritime Systems Program.

As PAE Maritime, Rucker is charged with leading the Navy's surface ship acquisition efforts across the shipbuilding enterprise. He will work with the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities, Navy Warfare Centers, shipyards, and industry partners to move ship programs through requirements, design, construction, delivery, and operational sustainment in the Fleet.

"We owe it to our Sailors and Marines to deliver the ships they need at speed with capability and quality to ensure they maintain our competitive advantage," said Rucker. "I am eager to build the Fleet America needs now."

Rucker brings operational experience and more than two decades of Navy acquisition experience to PAE Maritime. He deployed to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as Chief Engineer in charge of jamming systems supporting counter improvised explosive device efforts. In addition to his leadership positions as PEO and program manager, he served as Lead Ship Coordinator, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton and Military Assistant for the Undersecretary for Defense for Acquisition, Technology, & Logistics.

Rucker holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Duke University, a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Naval Engineer degree and master's degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

From the Chief of Information, Nov. 4, 2026

U.S. Navy’s NATO SEASPARROW Program Marks Delivery of 1,000th ESSM Block 2 Missile



The U.S Navy’s NATO SEASPARROW Program (PMX-312) marked a major production milestone with delivery of the 1,000th Evolved SeaSparrow Missile (ESSM) Block 2 produced for the 12-nation NATO SEASPARROW Consortium.

The NATO SeaSparrow team joins industry partners in Camden, AR, Oct. 28, to celebrate the delivery of the 1,000th Evolved SeaSparrow Missile (ESSM).

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A ship-launched surface-to-air missile, ESSM Block 2 provides critical ship self-defense and local-area defense against advanced airborne and surface threats. The missile delivers a vital layer of protection for ships, Sailors, and maritime operations in increasingly contested environments.

This milestone reflects the continued expansion of ESSM Block 2 production to meet growing U.S. and international demand. The program reached its 500th missile delivery in June 2025, doubling production in just over a year.

“Delivery of the 1,000th ESSM Block 2 missile is a significant achievement for the NATO SEASPARROW Consortium, PMX-312, our industry partners, and, most importantly, the Sailors who rely on these weapons as a critical layer of defense,” said Capt. John Bowman, U.S. Navy PMX-312 program manager. “This milestone demonstrates the enduring value of international cooperation and a resilient industrial base in delivering proven maritime-defense capability at the scale our nations require.”

Raytheon, an RTX business, serves as the prime contractor for ESSM Block 2 production. The company works with the U.S. Navy, Consortium nations, and a multinational industrial base to produce and deliver missiles in support of operational requirements.

Established in 1968, the NATO SEASPARROW Project is one of NATO’s longest-running cooperative weapons programs. Its 12 member nations—Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Türkiye, and the United States—collaborate to develop, produce, and sustain interoperable ship self-defense capabilities.

Managed by PAE Munitions’ PMX-312, ESSM Block 2 builds on that legacy by providing participating navies a modern maritime air-defense capability designed to counter evolving threats.

About PAE Munitions

Portfolio Acquisition Executive (PAE) Munitions is a Department of the Navy organization responsible for the development, procurement, and delivery of naval munitions and strike capabilities. By unifying key weapons programs and aligning the weapons industrial base, PAE Munitions provides

enterprise-level integration to accelerate production, increase capacity, and ensure the Fleet is equipped with the munitions needed to project power and win.

From PAE Munitions, Nov. 2, 2026

HII and Thales Successfully Demonstrate Expeditionary PathMaster's Autonomous End-to-End MCM



POCASSET, Mass. – HII, America's largest military shipbuilder and the global leader in autonomous seapower, and Thales, a global leader in advanced technologies, have successfully

demonstrated an end-to-end autonomous mine countermeasure capability.

This demonstration leveraged Thales' Expeditionary Pathmaster, an open and modular expeditionary mine countermeasure architecture designed to integrate autonomous platforms, sensors, mission management systems and effectors from multiple providers into a unified operational framework.

Through this architecture, HII's REMUS 620 unmanned underwater vehicle (UUV), alongside sensors, mission management tools and neutralization capabilities from multiple providers, was integrated into a single end-to-end operational workflow spanning mine detection, classification and neutralization.

The demonstration was conducted using Thales' Expeditionary Portable Operation Center (ePOC), a rapidly deployable command and control system designed to support expeditionary mine warfare operations. Acting as the operational hub, the ePOC hosted Thales' Mission Management System and sonar data analysis software, integrated with HII's REMUS 620 UUV, HII's Odyssey mission management solution and Thales' Advanced Acoustic Concepts' ANGLER mine neutralization capability.

The REMUS 620 is HII's next-generation medium-class UUV, designed for long-range, multi-day operations with a modular, open architecture that enables the integration of mission-specific payloads and sensors. HII's Odyssey Mission command and control enable mission planning and management, while supporting increasingly collaborative operations across unmanned platforms.

Together, these technologies demonstrated a complete "Find, Fix, Finish" mission chain of mine countermeasure operations:

- **FIND**: HII REMUS 620 UUV, integrated with the Thales SAMDIS 600 multi-aspect sonar, autonomously searches the undersea environment to detect potential mine threats,

controlled by HII's command and control (C2) software which interfaces with the Thales ePOC.

- **FIX**: Detected contacts were analyzed using Thales' software, which combines high-resolution multi-aspect sonar imagery with AI-enabled Automatic Target Recognition (ATR) capabilities, enabling operators to classify and localize mine-like objects, thus building the tactical picture required for operational decision-making.
- **FINISH**: Thales AAC's ANGLER underwater effector and Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) concluded the mission chain by completing rapid re-acquisition of the mine-like objects, visual identification of the mine threat, ultimately providing the means to engage and neutralize the identified mine.

All mission assets were successfully coordinated through the Expeditionary PathMaster environment, leveraging Thales' mission management system within ePOC to provide operators with a unified operational picture and consistent command and control throughout the mission.

The demonstration included the automated launch and recovery of the REMUS UUV, equipped with Thales' SAMDIS 600 Multi-Aspect Synthetic Aperture Sonar, using HII's Sea Launcher system.

The exercise also highlighted Expeditionary PathMaster's open architecture, which enabled Thales to integrate HII's autonomous underwater systems and ANGLER's neutralization capability into a common, NATO-compliant mission environment. This approach allows allied navies to combine capabilities from multiple suppliers while maintaining operational coherence.

"Bringing "Find, Fix and Finish" together demonstrates what is possible when proven unmanned platforms, advanced sensors,

autonomy and effectors are designed to operate as an integrated system," said Duane Fotheringham, president of HII's Unmanned Systems group. "This demonstration advances our work with Thales from sensor integration to a complete mine countermeasure mission capability. Together, we are giving naval forces a path to conduct these demanding missions faster, at greater scale and with sailors farther from the mine threat."

Building on HII and Thales' successful 2025 integration and field exercise of the SAMDIS 600 sonar aboard the REMUS 620, the latest demonstration expanded beyond sensor integration and underwater performance to encompass mission management, AI-assisted exploitation and mine neutralization within a unified system.

Sébastien Guérémy, vice-president, Underwater Systems, Thales stated, "This demonstration alongside HII, a leading American partner, illustrates Thales' ability to work with the best international players to address the critical challenges of mine warfare. Thales' mine countermeasures solutions, such as Expeditionary PathMaster, has again proven that it can integrate autonomous platforms, advanced sensors, mission management and neutralization systems into a single AI-powered operational framework."

As threats and mission requirements evolve, this demonstration underscores HII and Thales' shared commitment to modular, interoperable and autonomous solutions that allow naval customers to rapidly integrate new sensors, platforms, autonomy and effectors.

From HII, Nov. 3, 2026

USS Gridley Returns to Everett After Seven-Months of Operations



EVERETT, Wash. – Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Gridley (DDG 101) returned home to Naval Station Everett, Oct. 9, 2026, after a seven-month deployment to the U.S. 4th Fleet area of operations.

Gridley departed Everett with Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Nimitz (CVN 68), March 9, 2026. The destroyer served as an escort for Nimitz's transit and participation in Operation Southern Seas 2026, oversaw the carrier's successful transition into the U.S. 2nd Fleet area of operations, and continued operating under the direction of Joint Task Force-Western Hemisphere as a part of Operation Southern Spear aimed at countering narcotics trafficking and distribution in the

Caribbean and Eastern Pacific Ocean.

Supporting Southern Seas 2026, Gridley escorted Nimitz during portions of the carrier's final sail around South America as the carrier strike group supported engagement objectives throughout the region. Gridley participated in bilateral events with partner nations to enhance capability, improve interoperability, and strengthen maritime partnerships through joint, multinational, and interagency exchanges and cooperation.

"I am extremely proud of the Gridley crew and all they accomplished during this surge deployment to the 4th Fleet area of operations." said Cmdr. Magdalena Keel, commanding officer of Gridley. "Their efforts were vital to advancing bilateral relationships with 18 nations in South America. Through forward presence and demonstrated warfighting readiness, they were vital to countering designated terrorist organizations."

While in U.S. 4th Fleet, Gridley and Nimitz conducted a transit of the Strait of Magellan, the first such by a U.S. warship in two years. Gridley conducted its first ever transit of the Panama Canal, and made port visits to Panama, Chile, Brazil, Puerto Rico, and Ecuador. Ashore, Gridley Sailors participated in community relations projects aimed at bolstering alliances with regional partners and host navies.

The ship traveled approximately 90,000 nautical miles, conducted over 50 special evolutions, executed one maritime counter-narcotics interdiction, and engaged with 18 allied navies and partner nations from the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. The embarked Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 73 detachment completed nearly 490 flight operational hours providing integral support to regional counternarcotics efforts during the deployment. Gridley also conducted joint helicopter operations with three allied navies, enhancing interoperability during Operation

Southern Seas 2026.

An integral part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, U.S. 3rd Fleet leads naval forces in the region and provides the realistic, relevant training necessary to execute our Navy’s role across the full spectrum of military operations – from combat operations to humanitarian assistance and disaster response. U.S. 3rd Fleet works together with allies and partners to advance freedom of navigation and overflight, the rule of law, and other principles that underpin security for the region.

From Courtesy Story, U.S. 3rd Fleet, Nov. 3, 2026