Compact Vertical Gun System (CVGS) for Submarines and Surface Ships

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Agenda

- Why a CVGS?
- Objective and Payoffs
- Concept of Operations
- Key Features
- Armament and Ammunition Magazine Subsystems
- Development Plan
- Summary

Mission Need

- Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) Doctrine today dictates:
 - ➤ Voluminous
 - ➤ Timely
 - ► Accurate
 - ► Deep
- Highly Survivable
 Fires for Amphibious Forces Ashore
 Submarine Fleet seeks New Missions in Post-Cold War World

Alternative Solutions

 Material Solution Required
 New Start Advanced Gun System (AGS) ...meets the need but takes time to introduce
 Missiles and Rockets such as Tomahawk, LASM, and NTACMS ...can do the job but are costly against area targets

 PIP using Gun Technology ...available and cost-effective solution for point and area targets

CVGS Objective and Payoffs

 Objective: Develop a fully-automated, high rate-of-fire Gun System for Application on Existing and Future Small Ships and Submarines

- Payoffs
 - New Role for Existing Ships and Boats
 - Timely, Accurate, Voluminous Fires from a Stealth Platform
 - Firepower Equivalency of 24-Gun, 155mm M198 Howitzer Battalion

CVGS Concept of Operation

 Submerged Submarine in littoral waters receives target list / call-for-fire

 Goes to Periscope Depth or Surfaces ...delivers guided munitions at 10 rounds per minute within 30 seconds of receipt of call-for-fire

 Submerges and remains on station for next callfor-fire or rendezvous with supply ship to replenish at sea

CVGS Major Subsystems

 Armament Ammunition Magazine C4ISR Module Structure Auxiliary Equipment (Platform Specific) Guided Munitions and **Conventional Propelling** Charges



CVGS Features

- 5-inch Armament
- 200 # projectile /
 45 # propelling charge
- 303 projectile / 231 propelling charges
- 130,000 # System Weight
- Fully-Automated Design
- Fires Guided Munitions
- Fires while Submerged
- Strikedown at Sea
- Bolt-in, Bolt-out System
 (D-5 Missile Tube or SSES "A" or "B" Module)
- Adaptable to Other Calibers



CVGS Armament Subsystem

- 98-caliber, two-piece, smoothbore, plated Tube (89-caliber projectile travel)
- Interrupted Thread Breech ...simultaneous loading of projectile and propelling charge
- Conventional, concentric recoil system
- Active cooling system for tube and recoil
- Laser ignition system
- Forced air Scavenger System
- Muzzle Closing System

CVGS Armament Attributes

| Attribute | 130 # Projectile | 200 # Projectile |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Max Chamber Pressure | 55 Ksi | 55 Ksi |
| Muzzle Velocity | 3060 fps | 2425 fps |
| Muzzle Energy | 25 MJ | 25 MJ |
| Max Projectile Loading | 7000 g's | 4800 g's |
| Recoil Stroke | 42 inches | 42 inches |
| Max Recoil Loading | 270,000 lbs | 300,000 lbs |
| Gun Impulse | 19,900 lb-sec | 22,614 lb-sec |
| Drag Induced Tube Bending | 0.2 inch | 0.2 inch |
| Heat Load per Shot | 4780 BTUs | 5000 BTUs |

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CVGS Ammunition Handling System

- Carsousel-based Storage System
 Separate, tiered storage of projectiles and propelling charges
 Supports 10 rounds per minute rate-of-fire
 Optional External Storage Racks to Increase Ammunition carrying capacity
- Elevator provided to transfer ammunition from bottom racks to ready-storage rack
- Automated ammunition strikedown at Sea



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Development Plan



Summary

• Proposed CVGS provides: ➤ Stealth Low-cost Accurate, Voluminous, and Timely **NSFS** for Amphibious Forces Provides New Role for Small Surface Ships and Submarines in Early-Entry Operations Infuses Existing Technology ... lowest risk Adaptable to Other Calibers