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Command Operations Report for 2009

1. Command Data

Command: USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57)

Unit Identification Code: 21428

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer: CAPT Kevin P. Campbell

Date Assumed Command: 05 AUG 2008

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: LAKE CHAMPLAIN's primary mission is to provide air defense to the Aircraft Carrier Strike Group. LAKE CHAMPLAIN can also coordinate and execute operations in Anti-Submarine Warfare, Surface Warfare, Maritime Interdiction, Strike Warfare, and a variety of other warfare areas. LAKE CHAMPLAIN has the capability to embark two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters. The crew trains underway primarily off the coast of Southern California, but training operations have taken her up and down the West Coast, Hawaii and Japan. When deployed, LAKE CHAMPLAIN usually operates in COMSEVENTHFLT or COMFIFTHFLT. Prior to deployment, LAKE CHAMPLAIN remained pier side for upkeep in Naval Station San Diego.

Permanent Location: San Diego, CA

Immediate Superior In Command: Commander, Carrier Strike Group Three

Identify your assigned Task Force: During the 2009 deployment, LAKE CHAMPLAIN reported to COMPHIBRON 5. After her return to homeport, LAKE CHAMPLAIN reported to Carrier Strike Group Three. Additionally, While deployed, LAKE CHAMPLAIN participated with Task Force 151 conducting anti-piracy operations.

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: Two SH-60B Seahawks (Lonewolf 47 and 51).

Number of Personnel Assigned: 334
Officers: 42
Enlisted: 292

Command Point of Contact: LTJG (b) (6)

Job Title/Office Code: Navigator

E-mail (b) (6)

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Command Mailing Address: USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN (CG 57), FPO AP 96671-1177

2. Commander's Assessment

Our leadership and crew accomplished a tremendous amount during the year and have lived up to our own personal motto of "One Team - One Fight - Fighting 57"!

3. Chronology and Narrative

Chronology

DATE	ACTIVITY
20090109	LAKE CHAMPLAIN DEPLOYS WITH BOXER ESG (COMPHIBRON 5). INCHOP C3F.
20090125	INCHOP C7F
20090201	CONDUCTED SURIGAO STRAIT TRANSIT SOUTHBOUND
20090202	CONDUCTED BALABAC STRAIT TRANSIT WESTBOUND
20090205-20090210	INPORT CHANGI, SINGAPORE
20090210	CONDUCTED STRAITS OF MALACCA TRANSIT WESTBOUND
20090219	LAKE CHAMPLAIN ANCHORS IVO GAN ATOLL, MALDIVES.
20090219-20090221	INPORT GAN ATOLL, MALDIVES.
20090227	INCHOP C5F
20090305	LAKE CHAMPLAIN ANCHORS IVO KARACHI, PAKISTAN
20090305-20090314	PARTICIPATED IN "AMAN 09" EXERCISE. CONDUCTED JOINT OPERATIONS HOSTED BY PAKISTANI NAVAL FORCES AND OTHER NAVAL SHIPS FROM AUSTRALIA, CHINA, FRANCE, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SAUDI ARABIA, ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES.
20090317	CONDUCTED STRAITS OF HORMUZ TRANSIT INBOUND
20090318-20090324	CTF152 OPERATIONS IVO CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN ARABIAN GULF. LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTS MARITIME SECURITY OPERATIONS, APPROACH AND ASSIST VISITS AND INTELLIGENCE GATHERING.
20090325-20090408	CTF158 OPERATIONS. LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTED OPLAT DEFENSE FOR ABOT AND KAAOT, VBSS SECURITY SWEEPS, PICKET DEFENSE, SEA MARSHALLING OPS AND SCC/ADC/MIOC/IWC DUTIES.
20090328	PARTICIPATED IN EXERCISE "SMOKING BARREL" (KAAOT). LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTED A TRAINING EXERCISE TO PRACTICE AND HONE COALITION AND IRAQI SKILLS IN EXECUTING OPLAT DEFENSE.
20090411-20090414	INPORT MINA SALMAN, BAHRAIN
20090414-20090501	CTF158 OPERATIONS. LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTED OPLAT DEFENSE FOR ABOT AND KAAOT, VBSS SECURITY SWEEPS, PICKET DEFENSE, SEA MARSHALLING OPS AND SCC/ADC/MIOC/IWC DUTIES.
20090502-20090506	INPORT JEBEL ALI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.
20090507	CONDUCTED STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT OUTBOUND
20090510-20090513	CONDUCTED PRE-SAIL CONFERENCE FOR EXERCISE "INSPIRED UNION"
20090514-20090517	CONDUCTED UNDERWAY PORTION OF EXERCISE "INSPIRED UNION". LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTED MANEUVERING EXERCISES, SIMULATED GO-FAST ATTACK, CROSSDECK HELO LANDINGS, GUNNERY EXERCISES, AIR DEFENSE EXERCISES, VBSS EXERCISES.
20090520-20090605	CTF 51/151 OPERATIONS. LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTED

	COUNTER-PIRACY OPERATIONS PATROLLING, OBSERVING, INTERCEPTING AND APPREHENDING SUSPECTED PIRATE VESSELS.
20090524-20110529	CONDUCTED SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS) MISSION RESCUING 52 SOMALI MIGRANTS AT SEA.
20090526	CONDUCTED STRAIT OF BAB EL MANDEB TRANSIT NORTHBOUND
20090531	INPORT JETEE DU LARGE, DJIBOUTI. OFFLOAD SOMALI MIGRANTS TO DJIBOUTIAN NATIONAL OFFICE TO AID REFUGEES. DEPART JETEE DU LARGE, DJIBOUTI.
20090531	CONDUCTED STRAIT OF BAB EL MANDEB TRANSIT SOUTHBOUND
20090608-20090611	INPORT MUSCAT, OMAN
20090619	INCHOP C7F
20090625-20090626	CONDUCTED STRAIT OF MALACCA TRANSIT EASTBOUND
20090626-20090629	INPORT CHANGI, SINGAPORE
20090704	CONDUCTED BALABAC STRAIT TRANSIT EASTBOUND
20090705	CONDUCTED SURIGAO STRAIT TRANSIT NORTHBOUND
20090708	INPORT APRA HARBOR, GUAM. LAKE CHAMPLAIN REFUELS WHILE INPORT. DEPART APRA HARBOR, GUAM.
20090714	INCHOP C3F
20090717-20090724	INPORT PEARL HARBOR, HI
20090730	RETURN TO NSSD
20090730-20090902	POM STAND-DOWN.
20090801-20090831	CMAV INPORT NSSD.
20090908-20090911	LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTS 3M LTT INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20090917	FASTCRUISE INPORT NSSD.
20090922	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD TO SOCAL OPAREA. RETURN TO NSSD.
20090923-20091006	INPORT NSSD. LAKE CHAMPLAIN RE-ASSIGNED TO COMCARSTRKGRU THREE.
20091001	LAKE CHAMPLAIN ENTERS SUSTAINMENT PHASE. CONDUCTED MOB-D LTT INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091005-20091009	CONDUCTED COMBAT SYSTEMS AND MOB-E LTT.
20091007	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD TO SOCAL OPAREA. RETURN TO NSSD
20091014-20091016	CONDUCTED ATFP LTT AND NSFS TRAINING INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091015	TACTICAL TRAINING GROUP PACIFIC VISITS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
20091019	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD EN ROUTE TO SEAL BEACH, CA. ARRIVE SEAL BEACH.
20091020-20091022	INPORT NWS SEAL BEACH FOR WEAPONS OFF-LOAD.
20091023	UNDERWAY FROM NWS SEAL BEACH EN ROUTE TO NSSD. ARRIVE NSSD.
20091026-20091027	CONDUCTED USW LTT INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091026-20091030	CONDUCTED 3M ASSIST INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091028-20091030	CONDUCTED MOCK ULTRA-S AND HULL CLEANING INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091102-20091105	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD TO SOCAL OPAREA. CONDUCTED MARFIREX AT SEA.
20091106-20091116	INPORT NSSD.
20091116	CONDUCTED VBSS BOARDING EXERCISES INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091117	CONDUCT ULTRA-S AND ATFP TRAINING EXERCISES INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091118-20091119	CONDUCT ULTRA-S AT-SEA AND ECDIS N CERTIFICATION IN SOCAL OPAREA.
20091120	CONDUCTED SAFETY STAND-DOWN INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091207-20091209	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD TO SOCAL OPAREA. CONDUCTED NGFS EXERCISES AT SEA.
20091210-20091231	INPORT NSSD. LAKE CHAMPLAIN ENTERS CMAV.

20091214-20091218	CONDUCTED 3M ASSESSMENT INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20091219-20091231	OBSERVED HOLIDAY LEAVE AND UPKEEP.

NARRATIVE

Under the command of Captain Kevin P. Campbell, LAKE CHAMPLAIN departed her homeport of San Diego, California on 09 Jan and set out on a six-month deployment as a key unit in the USS BOXER Amphibious Readiness Group. LAKE CHAMPLAIN's 2009 deployment would take her through the Western Pacific and ultimately to the C5F operating area where she would fill an important role in support of OPERATION Iraqi Freedom.

While in the Arabian Gulf, LAKE CHAMPLAIN conducted Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) in support of the ongoing United Nations sanctions to stop the flow of illegal oil out of Iraq. LAKE CHAMPLAIN improved interoperability and fostered good relations with coalition forces from Europe and the Arabian Gulf.

Upon completion of her tasking in the Arabian Gulf, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was directed off the coast of Somalia to conduct Maritime Security Operations (MSO) in support of the counterterrorism and security efforts of regional nations. On a routine patrol, one of LAKE CHAMPLAIN's two embarked SH-60B (HSL 45) helicopters discovered a vessel in distress in the Gulf of Aden. Following efforts to save the derelict vessel, the officers and crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN would ultimately rescue 52 Somali men, women and children. The entire crew received international fame and recognition for their humanitarian efforts. The 52 rescued personnel would eventually be resettled in Djibouti on 31 May.

During the 2009 Deployment, LAKE CHAMPLAIN made some of the best port calls available to a Western Pacific deployer. The Officers and Crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN enjoyed visiting Singapore, Gan Atoll, Maldives; Manama, Bahrain; Jebel Ali, UAE; Muscat, Oman and Pearl Harbor Hawaii.

After returning to San Diego on 30 Jul, LAKE CHAMPLAIN entered a 30 day CMAV. However, after a brief POM stand-down, LAKE CHAMPLAIN began preparations for ULTRA S by participating in LTTs in a number of mission areas. The in-port portion of ULTRA-S was conducted on 17 Nov, while the at-sea phase was conducted 18-19 Nov.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN ended the year by conducting her 3M assessment. Thanks to the hard work of the crew, LAKE CHAMPLAIN scored a 93.4%, the highest of any surface ship on the waterfront.

4. Supporting Reports

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5. Published Documents

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- Biography of CDR Frank N. Quiles, Executive Officer, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
- Biography of CMDCM (SW/FMF) Alfred Lamb, Command Master Chief, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

6. Photographs

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2. Commander's Assessment

LAKE CHAMPLAIN trained for and executed a successful deployment that took her through the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian Oceans. En route to the CSF AOR, LAKE CHAMPLAIN navigated via an eastern route which afforded the crew the opportunity to experience missions and sights rarely seen by West Coast Sailors. Along the way, LAKE CHAMPLAIN transited both Panama and Suez Canals.

The crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN demonstrated versatility and professionalism ensuring above all, accomplishment of the mission. As an independent deployer, LAKE CHAMPLAIN played a critical role in deterring narcotics smuggling off the coast of South America. As an Anti-Piracy patroller in the Internationally Recognized Transit Corridor (IRTC), LAKE CHAMPLAIN disrupted three acts of piracy.

Continuing their service as goodwill ambassadors, the crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN participated in community relations events by visiting an orphanage in Greece and a school for disabled children in Bahrain.

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20100120	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 3 TO SEA. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 3.
20100125-20100129	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 3 TO SEA. CONDUCT RAPTOR TRACKEX. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 7.
20100208-20100212	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 7 TO SEA. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 3.
20100216-20100219	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 3 TO SEA. CONDUCTED DLQs. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 3.
20100301-20100304	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 3 TO BRAVO REFUELING PIER. UNDERWAY FROM BRAVO PIER TO SEA. CONDUCTED DLQ AT SEA. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 7.
20100305-20100331	CMAV IN-PORT SAN DIEGO
20100315-20100319	CMTT ASSESSMENT IN-PORT SAN DIEGO
20100329-20100402	CMTQ IN-PORT SAN DIEGO
20100330-20100331	CPT-TT ITT IN-PORT SAN DIEGO
20100407	DEADSTICK FROM NSSD PIER 7 TO BAE SYSTEMS PIER 1. START OF CNO AVAILABILITY.
20100426-20100430	MOB-E LTT IN PORT SAN DIEGO
20100517-20100521	MOB-E LTT (CONDUCTED MOCK LOA) AND DC LTT MATERIAL CHECKS
20100524-20100525	3M ADMIN LTT
20100526-20100527	VBSS LTT
20100602-20100604	LIGHT OFF ASSESSMENT
20100607	FAST CRUISE AT BAE PIER 1
20100608	AVIATION LTT
20100609	FAST CRUISE AT BAE PIER 1 AND SAFE TO OPERATE VERIFICATION (STOV)
20100610	END AVAILABILITY
20100614	UNDERWAY FROM BAE PIER 1 FOR SEA TRIALS. RETURN TO NSSD BAE PIER 1.
20100616	UNDERWAY FROM BAE PIER 1 RETURN TO NSSD PIER 7

20100617	3M LTT
20100622-20100623	SAR LTT
20100624-20100625	ATFP LTT
20100701-201007-02	SAR CERT
20100706-20100709	USW LTT
20100707-20100708	VBSS LTT
20100712-20100716	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 7 TO SEA. CONDUCTED MOB-S, MOB-N LTT AND HELO DAY TO COMPLETE AVIATION CERTIFICATION. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 2.
20100719-20100723	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 2 TO SEA. CONDUCTED WEEK ONE WORKUPS (WOWUs) WITH HSL DETACHMENT. PARTICIPATED IN CORTRAMID 2010 INTRODUCING MIDSHIPMEN TO SHIPBOARD LIFE. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 2.
20100726	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 2 TO NWS SEAL BEACH.
20100726-20100730	INPORT NWS SEAL BEACH. WEAPONS ONLOAD.
20100730	UNDERWAY FROM NWS SEAL BEACH. RETURN TO NSSD PIER
20100805-20100806	ATFP LTT
20100809-20100813	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 3 TO SEA. PARTICIPATED IN COMPOSITE TRAINING UNIT EXERCISE.
20100816	ULTRA-S IN-PORT
20100819-20100820	ULTRA-S (AT SEA). UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 8 TO ANCHORAGE. UNDERWAY FROM ANCHORAGE TO SEA.
20100827	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 8 TO SEA. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 8.
20100830-20100902	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 8 TO SEA. ARRIVE BRAVO REFUELING PIER. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 8.
20100907-20100910	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 8 FOR SOCIAL OPAREA EXERCISE. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 8.
20100913-20100930	POM
20101004	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 8 TO SEA. RETURN TO NSSD PIER 2.
20101005	CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. CAPT MARK S. JOHNSON ASSUMES COMMAND OF USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
20101006	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 2. LAKE CHAMPLAIN DEPARTS FOR 7 MONTH DEPLOYMENT. CONDUCTED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS HENRY J. KAISER.
20101010-20101020	LAKE CHAMPLAIN INVOLVED IN PROSECUTION OF SELF PROPELLED FULLY SUBMERSIBLE (SPFS) NARCOTIC SMUGGLER.
20101012	INCHOP C4F
20101020-20101021	INPORT RODMAN, PANAMA. LAKE CHAMPLAIN REFUELS WHILE INPORT.
20101021	TRANSITED PANAMA CANAL NORTHBOUND
20101025	INCHOP C6F
20101031-20101101	INPORT PONTA DELGADA, PORTUGAL. LAKE CHAMPLAIN REFUELS WHILE INPORT.
20101103	TRANSITED STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR EASTBOUND.
20101107-20101110	INPORT SOUDA BAY, GREECE.
20101112	TRANSITED SUEZ CANAL SOUTHBOUND. INCHOP C5F. LAKE CHAMPLAIN REMAINED OPCON TO C5F FOR THE DURATION OF 2010. LAKE CHAMPLAIN TACON TO CTF 151 AS COUNTER-PIRACY PATROLLER.
20101113	TRANSITED STRAIT OF BAB-AL-MANDEB SOUTHBOUND.
20101115	CONDUCTED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS PATUXENT.

20101121	CONDUCTED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS BIG HORN.
20101123	CONDUCTED STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT INBOUND.
20101124-20101130	INPORT MANAMA, BAHRAIN.
20101201	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ OUTBOUND.
20101202	CONDUCTED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS RAINIER.
20101204	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ INBOUND.
20101205-20101214	INPORT JEBEL ALI, UAE. WHILE INPORT LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTS REPAIRS TO DAMAGED SHAFT.
20101215	TRANSITED STRAIT OF HORMUZ OUTBOUND.
20101216	CONDUCTED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS RAINIER.
20101221	CONDUCTED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS RAINIER.
20101226	CONDUCTED UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT WITH USNS RAINIER. CONDUCTED COUNTER-PIRACY OPERATIONS IN IRTC / GULF OF ARABIA.

NARRATIVE

USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN conducted her first underway period of the year on 20 January. After a few days in-port, she set out for sea again in order to conduct RAPTOR TRACKEX in the SOCIAL OPAREA.

February was a quiet month for the crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN. She was underway two times, maintaining DLQ proficiency by working with aviation units at sea.

A majority of March was spent in-port San Diego. LAKE CHAMPLAIN spent the down time conducting a CMAV.

On 07 April, LAKE CHAMPLAIN dead-sticked from NSSD to BAE Systems Pier 1 to begin her 2 month CNO Availability. While at home, the crew maintained proficiency by conducting a MOB-E LTT from 26-30 April.

Although in-port repairs continued during the month of May, critical training was held as well. LTTs continued in MOB-E, DC (Material checks), 3M Admin and VBSS.

Light Off Assessment (LOA) and an Aviation LTT took place from 2-4 June. In order to prepare the crew for a return to sea, two fast cruises were held while at BAE. Finishing her Availability on 10 June, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN conducted successful sea trials a few days later. LTTs continued through the month as ATG assessed LAKE CHAMPLAIN in 3M, SAR and ATPF.

Preparations for deployment geared up considerably in the month of July. SAR Certification took place from 01-02 July. LTTs also continued in ASW and VBSS. Underway from 12-16 July, LAKE CHAMPLAIN conducted LTTs at sea in MOB-S and MOB-N and continued Aviation Certification by holding Helo Day. On 19 July, Week One Workups (WOWUs) began and ran in conjunction with CORTRAMID 2010, where Midshipmen were offered the chance to experience life at sea firsthand. The month ended with a visit to NWS Seal Beach for a Weapons Onload.

August was another busy month as LAKE CHAMPLAIN held an LTT in ATRP and participated in COMPTUEX from 09-13 August. ULTRA-S was completed mid-month.

Stand-down was held during September during which the crew of USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN spent time with family and friends.

As LAKE CHAMPLAIN made her final preparations for the 2010 deployment, the officers and crew took a break to honor the departure of one shipmate and the arrival of yet another. On 05 October, CAPT Kevin P. Campbell was properly relieved by CAPT Mark S. Johnson as Commanding Officer, in LAKE CHAMPLAIN. One day later, the crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN said their good-byes to family and friends and departed on what would be a 7 month deployment. En route to Panama, LAKE CHAMPLAIN engaged in 10 days of operations in pursuit of a suspected Self-Propelled Fully Submersible Narcotics Smuggler (SPFS).

On 20 OCT, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN made her first port call of 2010 visiting Balboa, Panama. After taking on fuel, the crew enjoyed an evening out in town. The following afternoon, LAKE CHAMPLAIN made her way north through the Panama Canal. After 10 days at sea and a long journey across the Atlantic, LAKE CHAMPLAIN arrived in Ponta Delgada, Portugal on the island of Sao Miguel in the Azores on 31 October. Although the port visit was primarily to take on fuel, the officers and crew were afforded the opportunity to enjoy a night in the Azores.

Continuing her eastbound journey, LAKE CHAMPLAIN transited the Strait of Gibraltar 03 November. She made her way across the Mediterranean Sea and arrived in Crete, the largest of the Greek Islands on 07 November. During her three day port visit, the crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN participated in a Community Relations Project (COMREL), took advantage of tours to historic sites and enjoyed the hospitality of the locals.

Underway on 10 November, LAKE CHAMPLAIN continued across the Mediterranean Sea until reaching the coast of Egypt. On 12 November, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN made the southern transit through the Suez Canal into the Red Sea. LAKE CHAMPLAIN was placed under the Tactical Control of C5F and CTF 151 and would remain so for the remainder of 2010.

While in theater, LAKE CHAMPLAIN vigilantly served in the Internationally Recognized Transit Corridor (IRTC) conducting counter-piracy patrols. She would ultimately embark a Law Enforcement Detachment and Emergency Response Medical Team.

Transiting the Strait of Hormuz on 23 November, LAKE CHAMPLAIN celebrated Thanksgiving in port Manama, Bahrain. Underway on the 30th, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was back at work patrolling the IRTC when a casualty to the Port Shaft forced the crew to return to port for repairs. LAKE CHAMPLAIN arrived in Jebel Ali, UAE on 05 DEC and would remain there until repairs were complete nine days later. Never the one to be kept out of the fight, the shipyard and the crew had LAKE CHAMPLAIN operational in no-time.

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- Biography of CMDCM Anthony Rivera, Command Master Chief, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
- "Lake Champlain Transits Panama Canal", NAVY.mil, 24OCT11, http://www.navy.mil/search/display.asp?story_id=56788

6. Photographs

Photographs Attached include:

- USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN on deployment in C5F AOR



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Chronology

DATE	ACTIVITY
20110101-20110311	LAKE CHAMPLAIN BEGAN NEW YEAR WHILE ON DEPLOYMENT TACON TO CTF 51. WHILE IN THEATER, LKC CONDUCTED PATROLS OF THE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TRANSIT CORRIDOR.
20110106	CONDUCTED SAFETY OF LIFE AT SEA (SOLAS) MISSION RESCUING 49 SOMALI MIGRANTS AT SEA. PROVIDED FOOD AND CLOTHING WHILE AWAITING RELEASE TO THE UNITED NATIONS
20110206	INPORT DJIBOUTI. LAKE CHAMPLAIN OFFLOADED 49 MIGRANTS TO ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES.
20110216	CONDUCTED STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT INBOUND
20110218-20110225	INPORT MINA SALMAN, BAHRAIN
20110221	LAKE CHAMPLAIN HOSTED US CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION LED BY CONGRESSMAN JOE WILSON (R-SOUTH CAROLINA).
20110226	CONDUCTED STRAIT OF HORMUZ TRANSIT OUTBOUND
20110302	LAKE CHAMPLAIN PARTICIPATED IN FOCUSED OPERATION SCIMITAR ORYX 2011. THIS OPERATION WAS AIMED AT DISRUPTING TERRORIST-LINKED SMUGGLING OPERATIONS OFF THE MAKRAN COAST (PAKISTAN)
20110308-20110312	LAKE CHAMPLAIN PARTICIPATED IN EXERCISE AMAN 11. CONDUCTED JOINT OPERATIONS HOSTED BY PAKISTANI NAVAL FORCES ALSO INCLUDING SHIPS FROM AUSTRALIA, CHINA, FRANCE, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SAUDI ARABIA, ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES. EVENTS INCLUDE MULTI-SHIP FORMATIONS, GUNNERY EXERCISES, AIR WARFARE EXERCISES, CROSS DECK HELICOPTER LANDINGS, SEARCH AND RESCUE DRILLS AND COORDINATED VBSS OPERATIONS.
20110318-20110322	INPORT PORT VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES
2011040	CONDUCTED NORTHBOUND TRANSIT OF STRAIT OF BAB EL MANDEB
20110404	CONDUCTED NORTHBOUND TRANSIT OF SUEZ CANAL. INCHOP C5F.
20110407	PARTICIPATED IN CASEX WITH ITALIAN NAVAL SHIPS. PRACTICED LOCALIZATION AND PROSECUTION OF SUBMARINE WITH MARPAT ASSETS.
20110407-20110410	ANCHORED IVO TARANTO, ITALY. WHILE INPORT, LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTS COMREL AT BETTOLO MIDDLE SCHOOL PAINTING PORTIONS OF THE SCHOOL, HANDING OUT PROJECT HANDCLASP SUPPLIES AND PLAYING SPORTS WITH LOCAL CHILDREN.
20110415	CONDUCTED WESTBOUND TRANSIT OF STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR (STROG)
20110416	LAKE CHAMPLAIN CONDUCTED BSF IN PONTA DELGADA, PORTUGAL
20110419	INCHOP C4F
20110425	CONDUCTED PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT SOUTHBOUND.
20110426-20110427	INPORT VASCO NUNEZ DE BALBOA, PANAMA. LKC REFUELED WHILE INPORT.
20110430	INCHOP C3F
20110506	RETURNED FROM DEPLOYMENT TO NSSD PIER 2.
20110506-20110530	POM STAND-DOWN
20110509-20110529	CMAV INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20110601	FASTCRUISE INPORT SAN DIEGO.
20110603	DEPARTED NSSD PIER 2 EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON
20110608	CONDUCTED COLUMBIA RIVER BAR TRANSIT. ARRIVED IN ASTORIA, OREGON.
20110608	INPORT ASTORIA, OREGON. PARTICIPATED IN SOCIAL EVENT WITH LOCAL CHAPTER OF ELKS LODGE.

20110609	UNDERWAY FROM ASTORIA, OREGON. TRANSITED COLUMBIA AND WILLAMETTE RIVERS EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON.
20110609	INPORT TOM MCCALL PARK, PORTLAND, OR FOR PORTLAND ROSE FESTIVAL.
20110613	UNDERWAY FROM TOM MCCALL PARK, PORTLAND, OR EN ROUTE TO SAN DIEGO CA.
20110617	RETURNED TO NSSD PIER 10.
20110620	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 10 EN ROUTE TO NWS SEAL BEACH. ARRIVED NWS SEAL BEACH.
20110620-20110624	INPORT NWS SEAL BEACH FOR WEAPONS OFFLOAD.
20110624	UNDERWAY FROM NWS SEAL BEACH EN ROUTE TO SAN DIEGO, CA. ARRIVED AT NSSD PIER 10.
20110629	UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 10 TO SOCIAL OPAREA FOR FAMILY DAY CRUISE. RETURNED TO NSSD PIER 10.
20110728-20111231	DEADSTICK UNDERWAY FROM NSSD PIER 10 TO BAE PIER 3. LAKE CHAMPLAIN COMMENCED OVERHAUL FOR CRUISER MODIFICATION
20110902	LKC BREASTED OUT FROM BAE PIER 3 TO FACILITATE REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT.
20091218-20091231	OBSERVED HOLIDAY LEAVE AND. UPKEEP.

NARRATIVE

Under the command of Captain Mark S. Johnson, LAKE CHAMPLAIN celebrated the new year in the C5F AOR conducting anti-piracy operations in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. While in theater, LAKE CHAMPLAIN reported to CTF 51 and patrolled the Internationally Recognized Transit Corridor and the Makran coast. During her time in and around the IRTC, LAKE CHAMPLAIN actively engaged in three disruptions of pirate activity.

On 06 Jan, while patrolling the Gulf of Aden, one of USS SHOUP's SH-60B Helicopters discovered a vessel in distress. After LAKE CHAMPLAIN responded on scene, her crew attempted to repair the vessel but the damaged skiff was ultimately deemed unsafe. As a result, the 49 Somali men, women and children were brought aboard LAKE CHAMPLAIN while awaiting resettlement. LAKE CHAMPLAIN's passengers would remain onboard for a total of 32 days and were ultimately resettled in Ethiopia.

While in-port Bahrain, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was honored to host a delegation consisting of 5 members of the US Congress. Onboard, LAKE CHAMPLAIN's guests enjoyed a special lunch with the crew and were provided with a personalized tour of the Navy's finest cruiser.

Playing a critical role in Focused Operation Scimitar Oryx, LAKE CHAMPLAIN steamed off Pakistan's Makran coast for 3 days conducting operations aimed at disrupting terrorist-linked smuggling operations.

Afterwards, LAKE CHAMPLAIN represented the US Navy in an exercise hosted by the Pakistani Navy named AMAN 11. During the international exercise, LKC conducted joint operations with ships from all over the world including Australia, China, France, Indonesia, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Italy and the United States. LAKE CHAMPLAIN sailors attended a reception in Karachi, where LKC culinary specialists provided their fellow mariners with an outstanding spread showcasing the best of American Cuisine. During the at-sea phase of the exercise, LAKE CHAMPLAIN's crew distinguished themselves as true maritime professionals, participating in multi-ship formations, gunnery exercises, air warfare exercises, cross deck helicopter landings, search and rescue drills and coordinated Visit Board Search and Seizure operations.

As LAKE CHAMPLAIN made her return journey home, she made some of the best port calls available to a Westcoast Deployer. The officers and crew of LAKE

CHAMPLAIN enjoyed visiting Port Victoria, Seychelles; Taranto, Italy; and Balboa, Panama.

After returning home to San Diego on 06 May, the officers and crew of LAKE CHAMPLAIN enjoyed some time with their families and friends during a post overseas movement stand-down. Shortly afterward, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was bound for the coast of Oregon to participate in the 2011 Portland Rose Festival. Arriving in Astoria, Oregon on 8 Jun, the crew enjoyed a pleasant evening with local residents at a social event organized by Astoria's Elk Lodge. Underway the next morning, LAKE CHAMPLAIN embarked 523 guests and made the scenic trip up the Columbia and Willamette Rivers en route to Portland.

The crew enjoyed Portland and the sights and festivities associated with the Rose City's finest celebration. Off-hours, LAKE CHAMPLAIN's crew participated in the Rose Festival Coronation, the Grand Floral Parade and a number of receptions held by local residents. In addition, LAKE CHAMPLAIN was honored to host a reception on behalf of Commander, US THIRD Fleet. The party was a hit with military and civilian guests alike, and offered LAKE CHAMPLAIN's guests a unique opportunity to mingle with the servicemen and women that defend their seas.

No Rose Festival would be complete without offering locals unique tours and LAKE CHAMPLAIN did not disappoint. All in all, the crew conducted approximately 70 tours providing more than 1,000 citizens the opportunity to experience Navy life firsthand.

Upon her return to Naval Station San Diego, LAKE CHAMPLAIN would reach another major milestone in her life, as she commenced an overhaul designed to modernize the equipment onboard. LAKE CHAMPLAIN arrived at the San Diego BAE shipyards on 28 Jul. The overhaul included significant upgrades to LAKE CHAMPLAIN's internal communications, weapons systems and sensors and the creation of a new physical fitness room.

4. Supporting Reports

No supporting documents were added to ensure the classification of this report to remain: UNCLASSIFIED.

5. Published Documents

Documents Attached to file include:

- Biography of CAPT Mark S. Johnson, Commanding Officer, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
- Biography of LCDR Paul R. Austin, Executive Officer, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
- Biography of CMDCM (SW) Anthony Rivera, Command Master Chief, USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.
- Combined Maritime Forces Article dated 16 Mar 11

6. Photographs

Photographs Attached include:

- Tour of the Bridge during Aman 11
- Aman 11 Reception
- Counter-Piracy Operations in the IRTC


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