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COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. COMMAND DATA

Name: USS BULKELEY (DDG84)

UIC: 22992

Commanding Officer: JOHN, LUCAS, CDR USN

Date assumed Command: 2018-08-17

Areas of operations: North Atlantic Ocean
Virginia Exercise Areas (VACAPES)
Cherry Point Exercise Areas (CPOA)
Jacksonville Exercise Areas (JAXOA)
Mediterranean Sea
Red Sea
Gulf of Aden
Bay of Biscay
Baltic Sea

Home Port: Norfolk, VA

01 Jan 18 - 31 Dec 18: DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO EIGHT

Task Force/Group/Unit names and missions:

USS BULKELEY was assigned to COMDESRON TWO EIGHT under CARRIER STRIKE GROUP EIGHT (CSG-8) from 01 Jan 18 - 18 Apr 18.

USS BULKELEY was assigned to CTF 61 from 18 Apr 18 - 10 Jun 18.

USS BULKELEY was assigned to CTF 65 from 10 Jun 18 - 07 Nov 18.

USS BULKELEY was assigned to COMDESRON TWO EIGHT under CARRIER STRIKE GROUP EIGHT (CSG-8) from 07 Nov 18 - 31 Dec 18.

USS Bulkeley's Operational Chain of Command was as follows:

01 Jan 18 - 18 Apr 18: CTF80

18 Apr 18 - 10 Jun 18: CTF61

10 Jun 18 - 07 Nov 18: CTF65

07 Nov 18 - 31 Dec 18: CTF80

USS BULKELEY'S Mission Sets and Exercises were as follows:

01 Feb 18 - 28 Feb 18: Composite Training Unit Exercise

Commands under Operational Control: N/A

Aircraft assigned: Detachment HSM 72 Detachment 2. Two SH-60R'S.

Units deployed on board: Air Detachment HSM 72.2 embarked temporarily from 01 Feb 18 - 27 Feb 18 for BULKELEY'S C2X. HSM 72 then embarked again from 08 Apr 18 to 10 Nov 18 in support of BULKELEY's 2018 Deployment.

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 36

Enlisted: 289

Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact:

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2. Commander's Assessment

2018 saw USS BULKELEY hard at work. A challenging and extremely varied deployment has brought out the very best in both the Ship and Ship's Company. Spending much of 2018 at sea, BULKELEY excelled in all spheres of operation; from honing our warfare and mariner skills during C2X with CSG8, to deploying to the high North Atlantic serving as Sixth Fleet's Local ASW Commander in support of Sixth Fleet and NATO ASW operations. Our work with USS HARRY S. TRUMAN and CSG8 brought us to the eastern Mediterranean Sea in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. Supporting that operation brought great pride to the crew and allowed for well-earned port visits in Piraeus (Athens) Greece and Palma, Spain. Our tasking shifted when our superbly equipped and expertly trained onboard ASW team helped designate us as

the strike group's tip of the spear and allowed us to travel to the highest latitudes of the Atlantic and cross into the Arctic Circle. Earning our place in the Order of the Blue Nose as a crew made us one of the few ships in the fleet to have done that in many decades. We faced unique challenges operating the High North as the fleet's local ASW commander. The resiliency of the crew was put to the test as we had to direct and work with other US and NATO assets to conduct a challenging ASW operation in a very dynamic climate. The spoils of such a challenging operational environment were well worth it as we were able to enjoy visits to Tromso, Norway, Faslane, Scotland, and Azores, Portugal.

There was no prouder moment for me than taking USS BULKELEY into NORFOLK NAVAL BASE for the last time with all personnel accounted for; the crew's dedicated effort was second to none. As we look towards 2019 and a 15 month dry-dock modernization period, I have no doubt USS BULKELEY will excel again and return to the fleet as the most advanced warship on the waterfront!

3. CHRONOLOGY

01/01 - 01/08 NOB, 2ND HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD
01/08 - 01/21 NOB, HST FST-GC, MITES, CYBER 2.4
01/22 - 01/28 NOB, AFLOAT CULTURAL WORKSHOP & HST NUWTAC-2
01/29 - 01/31 NOB, CSG-8 FAST CRUISE & NFCS COURSE
02/01 - 02/19 VACAPES/JAXOA, HST C2X
02/20 - 02/22 MAYPORT FL, TACAN REPAIR
02/23 - 02/25 VACAPES/JAXOA, HST C2X
02/26 - 02/26 MAYPORT FL, BSF
02/27 - 03/01 VACAPES, HST C2X
03/02 - 03/09 NOB, CMAV 8A4
03/10 - 03/19 NOB, CMAV 8A4 & 1ST PRE DEPLOYMENT LEAVE PERIOD
03/20 - 02/29 NOB, CMAV 8A4 & 2ND PRE DEPLOYMENT LEAVE PERIOD
03/30 - 04/03 NOB, CMAV 8A4
04/03 - 04/10 NOB, AFLOAT STUDY GROUP, IN-PORT REFUELING
04/11 - 04/18 NOB, VACAPES, ATLANTIC OCEAN U/W DEPLOYMENT, TRANSLANT
04/18 - 04/24 ATLANTIC OCEAN, MEDITERRANEAN SEA, TRANSLANT, C6F AOR
04/24 - 04/28 PALMA, SPAIN, PVST, COMREL
04/28 - 05/23 EAST MEDITERRANEAN SEA, OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE
05/23 - 05/27 PIREAUS, GREECE, PVST, COMREL
05/27 - 06/01 MEDITERRANEAN SEA, TRANSIT
06/01 - 06/02 MEDITERRANEAN SEA, STROG TRANSIT, ROTA, SPAIN, PVST
06/02 - 06/09 NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, C6F AOR, TRANSIT, BLUE NOSE CEREMONY
06/09 - 06/13 TROMSO, NORWAY, PVST
06/13 - 07/25 NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, C6F ASW OPERATIONS
07/21 - 07/25 AZORES, PONTA DELGADO, PORTUGAL, PVST, COMREL
07/25 - 07/29 ATLANTIC OCEAN, C6F ASW OPERATIONS

07/29 - 08/04 ROTA, SPAIN, PVST, COMREL
08/04 - 08/13 NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, C6F ASW OPERATIONS
08/13 - 08/18 FASLANE, SCOTLAND, PVST, CHANGE OF COMMAND
08/18 - 08/31 NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, C6F ASW OPERATIONS, BLUE NOSE
CEREMONY
09/01 - 09/11 ATLANTIC OCEAN, C6F OPERATIONS
09/12 - 09/13 STROG TRANSIT, MEDITERRANEAN SEA, C6F OPERATIONS
09/13 - 09/16 EAST MEDITERRANEAN SEA, C6F OPERATIONS
09/16 - 09/17 MARMARIS, TURKEY, BSF
09/17 - 09/30 EAST MEDITERRANEAN SEA, C6F OPERATIONS
10/01 - 10/04 SOUDA BAY, GREECE, PVST
10/05 - 10/25 MEDITERRANEAN SEA, C6F OPERATIONS
10/26 - 10/30 STROG TRANSIT, ROTA, SPAIN, PVST
10/31 - 11/05 ATLANTIC OCEAN, TRANSIT, FFSC RTHP
11/05 - 11/06 AZORES, PONTA DELGADO, PORTUGAL, PVST
11/06 - 11/10 ATLANTIC OCEAN, TRANSIT, CHOP TO CTF80
11/10 RETURN TO NOB NORFOLK, END OF DEPLOYMENT
11/10 - 11/20 NOB, POM UPKEEP LV 1 PERIOD, 9A1 CMAV
11/21 - 12/02 NOB, POM UPKEEP LV 2 PERIOD, 9A1 CMAV
12/03 - 12/07 NOB, COMMAND PRT, COMMAND HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS PARTY
12/10 - 12/14 YORKTOWN, VA, AMMO OFFLOAD
12/15 - 12/27 NOB, HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD 1
12/28 - 12/31 NOB, HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD 2, 9A2 CMAV

4. Published Documents

Website: WWW.BULKELEY.NAVY.MIL

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