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Command Operations Report

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: USS CHAFEE (DDG 90)

Unit Identification Code (UIC): 23155

Name, rank, and contact information of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: Braun First: Jacob M.I.: F Rank: CDR

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Date Assumed Command: 2017-08-14

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: THIRD Fleet

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Pearl Harbor, HI

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: DESTROYER SQUADRON 9

Administrative: DESTROYER SQUADRON 9

Identify your assigned Task Force/Group/Unit name(s) and mission(s). Include OPLAN(s) and/or named operations you participated in during Task Force assignment (if applicable):

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): N/A

Type and number of Aircraft/Ships Assigned and Tail Codes/Hull Numbers, if applicable: 2 MH-60R. ER45/ER46.

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 41 Enlisted: 286 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact:

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2. Commander's Assessment

In 2017, CHAFEE achieved excellence in both material readiness and combat readiness, successfully navigating an extended Sustainment Phase including two CMAVs as well as safely and successfully completing a 7 month deployment across 3 areas of responsibilities (AOR). CHAFEE's crew managed to maintain operational excellence while keeping CHAFEE's material condition immaculate.

Aggressive underway repairs were vital during CHAFEE's employment in SCC OPS and COMTUEX. CHAFEE's crew simultaneously maintained tactical proficiency as only they can, certifying in USW during COMTUEX, and successfully completing a myriad of exercises during COMTUEX and deployment in the absence of a dedicated Basic Phase.

CHAFEE, then, deployed independently to 4th Fleet where she bolstered alliances with over 20 South American nations and recovered 800kg of illicit narcotics during her time with JIATF-S.

Following 4th Fleet, CHAFEE proceeded to 7th Fleet where she conducted routine patrols and advanced multinational exercises contributing directly to the stability of the region.

CHAFEE and her crew, time and time again, demonstrated outstanding professionalism and technical expertise solidifying her reputation as the deadliest and most proficient destroyer in the American Fleet.

3. Chronology

1JAN-27JAN: CMAV 7A1
17JAN-27JAN: FST-M
30JAN-3FEB: PRE-AVCERT
30JAN-9FEB: USW 2.2
6FEB-9FEB: CREWCERT

11FEB-17FEB: SCC OPS
21FEB: USW 2.3A
21FEB-24FEB: AVCERT
27FEB-3MAR: AMMO ONLOAD
7MAR: HSM-37 DET 4 ONLOAD
9MAR-26MAR: GRUSAIL
11MAR-16MAR: USW2.3B
17MAR-20MAR: USW2.4
21MAR-23MAR: MSLEX
28MAR-23APR: C2X
8MAY-9JUN: CMAV 7A2
13JUN: DEPLOY C3F
20JUN: INPORT MANZANILLO, MX
21JUN: CHOP C4F
1JUL-4JUL: TEAMWORK SOUTH INPORT VALPARAISO, CHILE
6JUL-12JUL: TEAMWORK SOUTH UNDERWAY
15JUL: INPORT CALLAO, PERU
18JUL-26JUL: UNITAS PAC 2017
27JUL-15AUG: JIATF-S TASKING
3AUG-5AUG: INPORT PANAMA
11AUG-14AUG: INPORT PANAMA
14AUG: CHANGE OF COMMAND
22AUG: INPORT EL SALVADOR
23AUG: CHOP C3F
6SEP: CHOP C7F
11SEP-14SEP: INPORT GUAM
26SEP-30SEP: RRN STRIKE GROUP SOUTH CHINA SEA OPERATIONS
2OCT-6OCT: INPORT HONG KONG
10OCT: FONOP IVO SPRATLEY ISLANDS
17OCT-20OCT: MCSOFEX
21OCT-26OCT: INPORT BUSAN, ROK
27OCT-9NOV: SEA OF JAPAN OPERATIONS
6NOV-7NOV: MIOEX
10NOV-13NOV: TRI-CARRIER STRIKE GROUP OPERATIONS
17NOV-26NOV: ANNUALEX
4DEC-16DEC: VRAV INPORT CHANGI, SINGAPORE
22DEC-27DEC: INPORT LAEM CHABANG, THAILAND

Narrative

CHAFEE began 2017 in Pearl Harbor where she completed an extensive maintenance availability during an extended sustainment phase as she prepared to depart on deployment in June. While inport, she completed multiple certification exercises such as USW 2.2 and 2.3a, AVCERT, and CREWCERT.

During the week of February 11th, CHAFEE participated in an iteration of Submarine Commander's Course where she served as OPFOR.

Later, on March 9th, she departed for Group Sail/COMPTUEX. During this 60 day exercise, CHAFEE participated in a myriad of training evolutions with the USS NIMITZ Strike Group including a missile exercise during which she fired one SM-2 missile, a Force Protection Exercise conducted inport San Diego with the rest of the strike group, and recertifying in Undersea Warfare.

Upon her return to Pearl Harbor, CHAFEE entered CMAV 7A2, a maintenance availability during which she finalized repairs prior to departing for her 3rd, 4th, and 7th Fleet deployment.

CHAFEE deployed from Pearl Harbor Pier B-10 on 13 June 2017 at 0900. She then transited the Pacific en route to Manzanillo, Mexico where she refueled and her crewed enjoyed an evening in town. From Manzanillo, CHAFEE sailed south towards Valparaiso, Chile where she would participate in Teamwork South with the Chilean Navy.

Teamwork South involved multiple ASW exercises, a photoex, and multiple 5in gun shoots. CHAFEE engaged in a junior officer exchange to bolster the U.S.-Chile alliance, and held a 4th of July celebration on her flight deck for senior Chilean officers and the U.S. Ambassador to Chile.

Following Teamwork South, CHAFEE headed north to Peru where she engaged in UNITAS Pacific, a multinational exercise involving over 20 nations. CHAFEE conducted two photoexes, two 5in gun shoots, and a SINKEX with her MH-60R helicopters. CHAFEE expended over 200 rounds of 5in ordnance over the course of Teamwork South and UNITAS PACIFIC.

CHAFEE, then, proceeded farther north where she undertook Joint Interagency Task Force-South (JIATF-S) tasking. Along with the U.S. Coast Guard, Ecuadorian Navy, Mexican Navy, and Columbian Navy, CHAFEE conducted patrols in search of illicit narcotics. CHAFEE recovered 800kg of illegal narcotics from smugglers in waters off the coast of Ecuador.

Following her JIATF-S tasking, CHAFEE proceeded to Panama where she conducted a change of command ceremony. CDR Jacob F. Braun relieved CDR Brian D. Fremming as the Commanding Officer of USS CHAFEE on 14 August 2017 at 1000.

With CDR Braun in command, CHAFEE proceeded to Guam where she conducted an ammo onload.

Upon departing Guam, CHAFEE proceeded to the South China Sea where she joined the USS RONALD REAGAN Strike Group for routine patrols. Along with the rest of the Strike Group, CHAFEE visited Hong Kong from October 2nd through the 6th.

After departing Hong Kong, CHAFEE conducted a Freedom of Navigation Operation in the vicinity of the Spratley Islands.

CHAFEE next task was to execute her role in Maritime Counter Special Operations Forces Exercise during which she coordinated with Korean forces to train to deny enemy Special Forces the use of the sea.

From October 21st to the 26th, CHAFEE was inport Busan, Republic of Korea. This afforded CHAFEE's crew a break from the high optempo of 7th Fleet operations.

After departing Busan, CHAFEE proceed to the Sea of Japan where she weathered a typhoon before commencing a Maritime Interdiction Operations Exercise with the Korean and Australian Navies. During this exercise, CHAFEE and her counterparts practiced querying vessels of interest and Visit, Board, Search, and Seizure operations.

CHAFEE, then, proceeded south where she took part in TRI-CARRIER OPS with the USS NIMITZ, USS RONALD REAGAN, and USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT Strike Groups. This

massive exercise demonstrated American seapower in 7th Fleet and served to exhibit the nation's resolve to maintaining stability in the region.

CHAFEE proceeded from TRI-CARRIER OPS to Changi, Singapore where she underwent mid-deployment repairs over a 14-day VRAV.

Following the VRAV, CHAFEE conducted routine patrols of the South China Sea en route to Pattaya, Thailand. CHAFEE's crew celebrated Christmas ashore in Thailand where they indulged in the rich culture diverse cuisine.

CHAFEE left Pattaya on December 27th, and rang in the New Year at sea, on her way home from a successful 7 month deployment.

4. Supporting Reports

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5. Published Documents

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6. Photographs

1. Commanding Officer
 2. Executive Officer
 3. Command Master Chief
 4. 5in Gunnery Exercise during Teamwork South
 5. CHAFEE at Anchor in Callao, Peru
 6. CHAFEE participating in PHOTOEX in Sea of Japan
 7. CHAFEE conducting flight ops with ER45
 8. CHAFEE conducting flight ops with US Army Blackhawk during JIATF-S tasking
 9. CDR Braun, Commanding Officer, shooting 40mm grenade launcher from Aft Missile Deck
 10. CHAFEE inport Pearl Harbor, HI prior to deployment
 11. CHAFEE conducting underway replenishment with USNS Wally Schirra
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