

Classification (when filled in): UNCLAS

Command Operations Report

This report is **required** by commands listed in **SNDL Parts 1 & 2** and all operational **Task Forces, Groups and Units** temporarily established to meet operational requirements.

The report format is divided into six sections: Command Data, Commander's Assessment, Chronology and Narrative, Supporting Reports, Published Documents, and Photographs. Required information is identified in specific sections of the form. Instructions on submitting this form and the required attachments are at the end.

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: MCM Crew REAPER

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 40165

Name and Rank of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: Liebold First: Wayne M.I.: P Rank: LCDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2010-09-03

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: MINE COUNTERMEASURES / ARABIAN GULF & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): SAN DIEGO, CA

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: MCMRON TWO

Administrative: MCM CLASSRON

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): CTF 52, CTG 52.1,

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

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: N/A

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 14 Enlisted: 82 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact (required entry, complete in full):

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LTJG [REDACTED]

Job Title/Office Code: OPERATIONS OFFICER

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]

Phone number(s): [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: MCM CREW REAPER, FPO AP 96601-0211

2. Commander's Assessment

The Commander's Assessment briefly tells the story of the command's role in national defense and should highlight any general and specific lessons-learned. It should contain the commander's commentary, insights and reflections on the unit's activities. Attention should be directed to significant issues impacting training, operations and mission accomplishment during the reporting period. Descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to major command decisions and results of those decisions are particularly desired. Also desired are accounts of specific contributions of individuals in the command to mission accomplishment. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, particular attention should be given to the commander's estimate of the situation, records of discussions and decisions, descriptions of circumstances and sequence of events leading to operational decisions and results of those decisions. For a unit returning from deployment or participating in a single operation this can normally be a single assessment. For higher-echelon commands or units engaging in multiple operations, a separate assessment for each operation in addition to an overall assessment may be appropriate.

MCM Crew REAPER's role in National Defense is that of a small, focused, crucial piece of a sprawling puzzle. She is one of two rotational crews assigned to USS GLADIATOR, the eleventh AVENGER-class Mine Countermeasures Ship (MCM), forward deployed to the Kingdom of Bahrain. REAPER can be mobilized to hunt, neutralize, sweep, and destroy mines laid anywhere in the Arabian Gulf, especially the strategic chokepoint of the Strait of Hormuz - a shipping gateway that supplies something upwards of eighty per cent of the

world's oil.

3. Chronology and Narrative

Chronology should include dates of movements; local operations and training; exercises and operations (define acronyms and purpose of exercise or operation); installation of new weapons systems or changes; major physical changes to facilities, ship or aircraft; Class A or B mishaps; port visits; unit awards received; reserve augmentation; and other significant operational or administrative events.

01JAN-08JAN: Embarked USS CHAMPION (MCM 4), Drydocking Selective Restricted Availability, BAE Shipyard, San Diego, CA

08JAN: Moored Naval Base San Diego, CA

17FEB-19FEB: METBENCH installation

09MAR-12MAR: Hull Swap, USS DEVASTATOR (MCM 6)

15APR: Ammo Onload Bravo Pier, North Island Naval Air Station

19APR: Exchange of Command onboard CHAMPION to MCM Crew DOMINANT

20APR-26APR: U/W Mine Warfare Limited Team Trainer

28APR-29APR: SAR Certification

03MAY-07MAY: ULTRA-C In Port Phase

10MAY-14MAY: U/W, ULTRA-C

18MAY-21MAY: ULTRA-E

25MAY-28MAY: MOB-E TSTA

01JUN: ATFP Certification

18JUN: Electronic Navigation (ECDIS-N) Certification

18JUN-29JUN: U/W Transit San Diego to Pearl Harbor ISO RIMPAC 2010

30JUN-28JUL: USS DEVASTATOR Participated in RIMPAC 2010

29JUL-09AUG: U/W Transit Pearl Harbor to San Diego

16AUG-19AUG Conducted 3M Certification

01SEP: U/W, Friends and Family Day Cruise

03SEP: Change of Command

10SEP-24SEP: Pre-deployment stand down

26SEP: Deployed to Manama, Bahrain, embarked USS GLADIATOR (MCM 11)

27SEP-31DEC: CNO Selective Restricted Availability, BASREC Shipyard, Bahrain

The short narrative should amplify chronology entries (such as objectives and results of exercises/operations; commander's evaluation of exercises/operations, etc). Entries may refer to an enclosure of this report without additional description if the enclosure sufficiently reports the incident/event.

For all other entries, give the date or period in YYYY-MM-DD format and provide a brief narrative.

All significant events during the reporting period are to be included.

2010JAN01 MCM Crew REAPER was embarked USS CHAMPION (MCM 4), wrapping up a CNO Drydock Selective Restricted Availability at BAE Shipyard, San Diego, CA.

On 2010JAN08, CHAMPION was deadsticked from BAE Shipyard to 32nd St Naval Base, San Diego, CA, having completed an extensive drydocked maintenance period.

On 2010MAR12, MCM Crew REAPER embarked USS Devastator (MCM 6) also at 32nd St Naval Base, San Diego, CA, remaining caretaker for CHAMPION until 2010APR19, when CHAMPION was embarked by MCM Crew DOMINANT.

From 20 to 26APR, Crew REAPER conducted Mine Warfare Limited Team Trainer in preparation for Unit Level Training Certification.

2010APR28-29, MCM Crew REAPER successfully completed SAR Certification. From 03MAY to 21 MAY, MCM Crew REAPER conducted Unit Level Training Certification. After completing TSTA for MOB-E and MIW, MCM Crew REAPER successfully completed their basic training phase on 2010AUG09.

2010JUN18, MCM Crew REAPER was the first MCM crew to successfully certify for electronic navigation using the Voyage Management System (VMS) eliminating the need to plot on paper charts except in emergencies.

DEVASTATOR was selected, along with USS PIONEER (MCM 9), to participate as the US MCM assets in the biannual international exercise RIMPAC 2010. They got underway for the eleven day transit to Pearl Harbor, HI on 2010JUN18. Participating in the exercise, conducting survey and lead-through operations, they returned home 2010AUG09.

2010SEP01, DEVASTATOR got underway for a friends and family day cruise, embarking forty friends and family members for a short underway to demonstrate life aboard a minesweeper.

2010SEP03, LCDR Wayne Liebold assumed command of DEVASTATOR and MCM Crew REAPER from LCDR Christopher Gilbertson.

2010SEP26, MCM Crew REAPER flew out on deployment, arriving in Manama, Bahrain 2010SEP27, and began their turnover of USS GLADIATOR (MCM 11) with MCM Crew SWERVE.

2010SEP27-2010DEC31, MCM Crew REAPER led GLADIATOR through an extensive Availability that included a modification to the MCM class berthing plan to include fifteen enlisted female sailors and three female chief petty officers.

4. Supporting Reports

Supporting Reports are those reports required by other instructions that provide significant data about the command during the calendar year. These reports may be submitted "as is," eliminating the need to duplicate information for this report that is already contained in reports prepared in response to other instructions and requirements. Examples include battle efficiency, safety and other award submissions, major staff or command studies, and end of cruise reports or briefs. For units engaged in or directly supporting combat, significant wartime or peacetime operations (named operations, non-combat evacuation operations, disaster relief or other humanitarian operations, etc.) or major exercises, enclosures may include, but are not limited to:

- a. Situation Reports
- b. Intentions Messages
- c. Operational Reports
- d. Operations Orders/Deployment Orders
- e. Operational Plans
- f. Personal For Messages
- g. After Action Reports
- h. Significant Electronic Message Traffic (outgoing/e-mail/chat)
- i. Battle Damage Assessments
- j. Casualty Reports
- k. End-of-Cruise/Deployment Reports
- l. Intelligence Summaries
- m. Major Exercise Reports

List below the items submitted, indicating the classification of each. Electronic reports should be in a Microsoft Office format (Word, Excel, Power Point, or Access), HTML, PDF, JPG, GIF, or plain text. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Submit electronic reports via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained at the end of this form. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in hardcopy in the same manner as a CD-ROM.

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5. Published Documents

List below the published documents being submitted in either electronic or paper format, indicating the classification of each item. Documents to be submitted include cruise books, change of command programs, commissioning/decommissioning brochures, establishment/disestablishment/deactivation brochures, copy of command's web site, news releases, biography of commander, welcome aboard brochures, newspaper articles, command studies, statistical data, etc.

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