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Encl: (1): MCM CREW DOMINANT 2016 BATTLE EFFECTIVENESS AWARD  
SUBMISSION

## **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 DOMINANT/USS CHAMPION (MCM 4)**

Unit Identification Code, per the SNDL: **MCM Crew DOMINANT-40171; USS CHAMPION-21405**

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

Last: **Burgon** First: **Joseph** M.I.: **C** Rank: **LCDR**

Date assumed command: **2016-06-24**

Mission, command employment or area of operations: **To detect, classify, and destroy moored and bottom mines. Utilize video systems, cable cutters, and mine detonating devices to clear vital waterways and keep open sea lines of communication.**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **San Diego, California**

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: **Mine Counter Measures Squadron THREE**

Administrative: **Mine Counter Measures Squadron THREE**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 14      Enlisted: 87      Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact:

**LTJG** [REDACTED]

**Navigator**  
[REDACTED]

## **2. Commanders Assessment:**

MCM Crew DOMINANT in USS CHAMPION (MCM 4) consistently maintained the highest level of operational readiness for all mission tasking, including Maritime Homeland Defense route surveys along the western coast of the United States, RIMPAC 2016, MIW Evaluator training for five MCM crews and Portland Rose Festival Fleet. During RIMPAC, CHAMPION demonstrated the efficacy of SMCM operations and integrated seamlessly with our Canadian counterparts, AMCM assets, and MCMDIV31 Battle Staff to conduct mine hunting and mine neutralization operations alongside Marine Mammal Systems and Explosive Ordinance Disposal teams in restricted waters in vicinity of the Port of San Diego. During the Portland Rose Festival, Fleet Week, CHAMPION was recognized by name by the Secretary of the Navy and 3rd Fleet Commander as the sharpest ship on the waterfront. Crew DOMINANT in CHAMPION continues to raise the bar for sustained superior performance at sea. Awards include:

- MCMRON THREE 2015 Battle Efficiency Award (third consecutive)
- Maritime Warfare Excellence Award (second consecutive)
- Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award (sixth consecutive)
- Command, Control, Communications and Excellence Award (fourth consecutive)
- Logistics Management Excellence Award (second consecutive)
- Ship Safety Excellence Award (second consecutive)
- Marjorie Sterrett Battleship Fund Award
- SECNAV Energy Conservation Award (Gold Level)
- Retention Excellence Award (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive award)

USS CHAMPION continues to be ready to answer all bells, run lines, and kill mines.

## **3. Chronology Narrative:**

**MCM Crew DOMINANT participated in the following exercises/operations/events during CY15:**

**INCONUS:**

- (1) ISCS PLC Upgrade (04 January – 02 February 2016)

- (2) DEI Inspections (25 January - 19 February 2016)
- (3) PINS 4.0 Upgrade (01-12 February 2016)
- (4) TTS/Unit Level Training (22 February – 02 March 2016)
- (5) TSRA 7 (07-19 March 2016)
- (6) SBIR Testing (22-25 March 2016)
- (7) AIM/EMIR (29 March – 04 April 2016)
- (8) RIMPAC FPC (05-09 April 2016)
- (9) Gun Shoot (06-08 April 2016)
- (10) READ E2 (11-13 April 2016)
- (11) Unit Level Training 1MH DTE (11-13 April 2016)
- (12) 1B MPDE Block Change Out (25 April – 14 May 2016)
- (13) SAR 1.4 (03-05 May 2016)
- (14) SAR Plot 1.4 (12-13 May 2016)
- (15) Navigation Check Ride (23-25 May 2016)
- (16) Port Visit Coast Guard Station Alameda (27-31 May 2016)
- (17) Port Visit Astoria (06-08 June 2016)
- (18) Port Visit Portland Fleet Week (08-13 June 2016)
- (19) Port Visit Astoria (13-14 June 2016)
- (20) Change of Command (24 June 2016)
- (21) RIMPAC (05 July – 02 August 2016)
- (22) Gage Cal Certification (02-05 August 2016)
- (23) DEIS (08-27 August 2016)
- (24) Basic Ship Handling Course (08-13 August 2016)

- (25) 3M LTT (23-26 August 2016)
- (26) LA Fleet Week (31 August - 07 September 2016)
- (27) Supply 1.2 (06-09 September 2016)
- (28) DEIs (12 September- 01 October 2016)
- (29) CMAV (12 September - 01 October 2016)
- (30) MOB-N LTT (22-24 September 2016)
- (31) 3M MCA (26-30 September 2016)
- (32) MOB-N LTT (03-05 October 2016)
- (33) HAWK EX 17-1 (04-07 October 2016)
- (34) MAGSIG ISIC Inspection (26-28 October 2016)
- (35) ECID-N Certification (14 November 2016)
- (36) MCM Evaluator Training (14-21 November 2016)
- (37) CMAV (28 November – 31 December 2016)

#### **4. Narrative:**

See Encl (1): MCM CREW DOMINANT 2016 BATTLE EFFECTIVENESS AWARD SUBMISSION.

#### **5. Supporting Reports:**

See Encl (1): MCM CREW DOMINANT 2016 BATTLE EFFECTIVENESS AWARD SUBMISSION.

#### **6. Published Documents:**

Command Web Page URL: <http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/MCM4/Pages/default.aspx>



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8 Nov 16

From: Commanding Officer, MCM Crew DOMINANT

To: Commander, Mine Countermeasures Squadron THREE

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Ref: (a) COMNAVSURFPAC/COMNAVSURFLANTINST 1650.3C

(b) COMNAVSURFPAC/COMNAVSURFLANTINST 3502.3

- Encl: (1) Maritime Warfare Excellence Award (BLACK-E) Submission  
(2) Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award (RED-E) Submission  
(3) Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence Warfare Excellence Award (GREEN-E) Submission  
(4) Logistics Management Excellence Award (BLUE-E) Submission  
(5) Ship Safety Excellence Award (YELLOW-E) Submission

1. In accordance with reference (a), MCM Crew DOMINANT is eligible for and requests consideration for the calendar year 2016 "BATTLE E" award. The following eligibility criteria are provided:

- a. Eligible for five of five Command Excellence Awards for 2016.
- b. Crew DOMINANT, while in sustainment phase, certified SAR and will certify in Supply Management in 2016.
- c. Crew DOMINANT successfully completed a 3M Mid-Cycle Assessment in September.
- d. Crew DOMINANT had no adjudicated Class "A" mishaps due to negligence.
- e. Crew DOMINANT did not conduct an INSURV or TYCOM MCI in 2016.
- f. MCM Crew DOMINANT did not conduct any Integrated/Advanced Phase Certification events in 2016.
- g. MCM Crew DOMINANT consistently demonstrated a high level of safety awareness and Operational Risk Management (ORM) in all phases of shipboard operations throughout 2016. Major events included AIMS/EMR range operations, two astern refueling, 5 sea and anchor evolutions in support of the Portland Rose Festival Fleet Week, and RIMPAC 2016 which was executed in restricted waters with no major safety discrepancies or mishaps.
- h. MCM Crew DOMINANT is current in its Maintenance and Material Management (3M) certification.

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i. MCM Crew DOMINANT is current in all mission area certifications.

2. MCM Crew DOMINANT participated in the following exercises/operations/events during CY16:

a. INCONUS:

- (1) SPS-73 Installation / CMAV (5 January - 2 February 2016)
- (2) DEI Inspections (25 January - 19 February 2016)
- (3) NSFS/SRF-B (25 January - 5 February 2016)
- (4) PINS 4.0 Install (1 - 12 February 2016)
- (5) ISIC Program Review (2 - 19 February 2016)
- (6) U/W TTS Testing and ULT (22 February - 2 March 2016)
- (7) TSRA 7 (7 - 18 March 2016)
- (8) SBIR Testing at 2MH (22 - 24 March 2016)
- (9) AIMS/EMR (29 March - 3 April 2016)
- (10) SISCAL Visit (11 - 22 April 2016)
- (11) 1A MPDE Block Change Out (25 April - 13 May 2016)
- (12) SAR Plot School (2 - 6 May 2016)
- (13) RADNAV (11 - 12 May 2016)
- (14) 2M CERT (10 May 2016)
- (15) Basic Shipboard FF (12 May 2016)
- (16) PFA (18 - 19 May 2016)
- (17) SAR CERT (23 May 2016)
- (18) MEDALEX (24 - 26 May 2016)
- (19) U/W SF (24 - 26 May 2016)

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- (20) I/P San Francisco (26 May - 1 June 2016)
- (21) U/W Astoria (1 - 6 June 2016)
- (22) I/P Astoria (6 - 8 June 2016)
- (23) I/P Portland (8 - 13 June 2016)
- (24) I/P Astoria (13 - 15 June 2016)
- (25) U/W SD (15 - 20 June 2016)
- (26) RIMPAC (5 - 29 July 2016)
- (27) Basic Ship Handling (8 - 12 August 2016)
- (28) DEIS (8 - 26 August 2016)
- (29) 3M LTT (17 - 19 August 2016)
- (30) 3M LTT (23 - 25 August 2016)
- (31) LA Fleet Week (1 - 6 September 2016)
- (32) CMAV and DEIS (12 - 30 September 2016) \*limited participation\*
- (33) SUP 1.2 (5 - 8 September 2016)
- (34) ERAT (12 - 16 September 2016)
- (35) MOB-N LTT (22 - 23 September 2016)
- (36) 3M MCA (26 - 30 September 2016)
- (37) HAWK-EX/MOB-N LTT (3-7 October 2016)
- (38) LAN Repair (11 - 31 October 2016)
- (39) READ E-1 (31 October - 11 November 2016)
- (40) EXPSAF 1.1/1.2 (7 - 11 November 2016)
- (41) U/W ULT (14 - 18 November 2016)
- (42) CMAV (21 November - 31 December 2016)

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(43) SUP 1.4 (5 - 9 December 2016)

3. MCM Crew DOMINANT requests consideration of the following additional information from CY16:

- a. 94 U/W days, including a short-notice 2,400 NM out-of-area voyage to Coast Guard Island and the Portland Rose Festival.
- b. Sweep gear deployed 7 times (including single O and double O sweeps) to cut an inert training shape in support of RIMPAC 2016.
- c. Deployed SLQ-48 Mine Neutralization Vehicle 160 times, including over 90 flights in support of RIMPAC 2016.
- d. Conducted MIW Evaluator training on 3 separate occasions raising proficiency for the entire THIRD Fleet MCM Force.
- e. SECNAV Energy Award (Gold Level).
- f. Participated with HM-15 in HAWKEX 17-1, giving us both an additional opportunity to work with another mine countermeasures platform.
- g. Supported Los Angeles Fleet Week requirements from homeport San Diego. Subsequently fixed major engineering casualties to be able to participate in the San Diego Parade of Ships one week later.

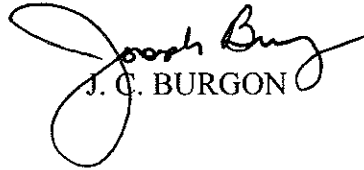
4. CO's comments:

- a. Enclosures (1) through (5) demonstrate that MCM Crew DOMINANT meets all requirements and has clearly distinguished herself for the 2016 Battle Effectiveness Award, the Maritime Excellence Award (BLACK-E), the Engineering Excellence Award (RED-E), the Logistics Management Award (BLUE-E), the Command and Control Excellence Award (GREEN-E) and the CNSP Ship Safety Excellence Award (YELLOW-E).
- b. MCM Crew DOMINANT consistently performed at the highest level through CY 2016. With Navy pride, dedication to duty, and sustained superior performance at sea during extended underway operations, the ship and her crew met every demand placed on her while preparing for and successfully executing challenge after challenge.
- c. Operationally, DOMINANT answered the challenge every time. This includes a successful RIMPAC 2016 only 2 weeks after getting back from a resoundingly successful deployment to Portland Rose Festival. DOMINANT has also been providing the THIRD Fleet training platform for SMCM proficiency and MIW Evaluator training for three ships. DOMINANT answered the call on every occasion, and exceeded expectations including over 3,500 nautical miles of safe steaming.



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d. Crew DOMINANT continued to maintain a keen stewardship of CHAMPION and demonstrated both engineering excellence and combat effectiveness. Crew DOMINANT remains the ship others are compared to by displaying hard-earned operational readiness, engineering proficiency, supply readiness, and ship self-sufficiency. Through consistent excellence, DOMINANT has displayed measurably high levels of proficiency in all warfare areas. Continuing a legacy of superior combat readiness, this crew stands ready for the most challenging missions. MCM Crew DOMINANT is richly deserving of consideration for the CY 2016 Battle Effectiveness Award.



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