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# Command Operations Report

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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.

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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.

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## 1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **USS CHINOOK (PC 9)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **22143**

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

Last: **Diaz** First: **Nathan** M.I.: **P** Rank: **LCDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2010-07-13**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation New Dawn/ Maritime Security Operations / Central and Northern Arabian Gulf**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **Manama, Bahrain**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Patrol Forces Southwest Asia (PATFORSWA)**

Administrative: **PC Squadron ONE**

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): **CTG 55.6, CTG IM**

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: **3333**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **PC Crew CHARLIE (1JAN-28JAN), PC Crew LIMA (28JAN-13JUL) PC Crew INDIA (13JUL-31DEC)**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 4 Enlisted: 12 Civilian: 0

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: Operations Officer

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

Phone number(s): CONUS: [REDACTED] OCONUS [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: USS CHINOOK (PC 9), FPO AE 09566-1968

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## 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.

**2010 was a year that brought many changes to the the mission of the Coalition Navy in the Northern Arabian Gulf and the Cyclone-Class Patrol Craft. These changes had a**

tremendous impact on the operations, readiness, and mission of CHINOOK. In particular, the preparations for and the commencement of Operation New Dawn played a predominant role in shaping the mission and tasking of CHINOOK in the Arabian Gulf. Additionally, class-wide structural damage found on all Cyclone-Class Patrol Craft, had an equally critical role on the operations of CHINOOK.

In preparation for the transition from Operation Iraqi Freedom to Operation New Dawn, Commander, Task Force Iraqi Maritime (CTF IM) focused on training the Iraqi Navy (IQN) to take on the full range of responsibilities in Iraqi Territorial Waters. These responsibilities ranged from providing assistance to local mariners to maritime infrastructure protection around Al-Basrah Oil Terminal (ABOT) and Khor Al-Amaya Oil Terminal (KAAOT). These responsibilities had been accomplished by the Coalition under Commander Task Force Iraqi Maritime since 2003. On 01 SEP 10, Operation New Dawn commenced and the Iraqi Navy took the leading role in Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters. CHINOOK played a role in this transition when it accomplished the NASSER (Iraqi Patrol Ship 702) Training Program from 2 AUG - 4 AUG. More information on this training program is provided in the enclosed article, " 'New Dawn' Arriving on Iraqi Waterways." In addition to providing training to the IQN, CHINOOK also conducted three patrols in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom / Operation Enduring Freedom.

In August 2010, structural inspections of two CONUS-based PC's, USS SQUALL (PC 7) and USS THUNDERBOLT (PC 12), revealed significant structural damage throughout both ships. The Cyclone-Class Patrol Craft was originally designed with a 15 year life expectancy and provided a minimum design margin for extra hull plating and structural frames due to the high performance design. By 2010, all the PC's had reached the end of their life expectancy with the exception of USCGC Tornado (WPC 14). CHINOOK was directed to complete a structural inspection in September 2010, and the inspection revealed deflected and damaged frames, bulkheads, deck plating and breast hooks. COMNAVSURFLANT and USFFC made the decision to conduct an Emergent Docking Availability for CHINOOK and restore the vessel to its original design specifications prior to any further operations. This decision effectively decreased the operational readiness of CHINOOK until the completion of repairs.

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### 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.

USS CHINOOK (PC 9)  
COMMAND HISTORY 2010  
CHRONOLOGY

01JAN-10JAN, Moored Mina Salman Pier, Manama, Bahrain. Patrol Coastal Crew CHARLIE is embarked. LCDR Thomas G. Chekouras is the Commanding Officer of USS CHINOOK (PC 9).

11JAN, Underway from Mina Salman Pier to Arab Shipbuilding and Repair Yard (ASRY), Bahrain. Commenced maintenance availability at ASRY.

12JAN, Drydocked at ASRY.

20JAN-28JAN, Hull turnover with Patrol Coastal Crew LIMA.

28JAN, LCDR Mark T. Hobdy, Commanding Officer Patrol Coastal Crew LIMA, takes command of USS CHINOOK (PC 9).

02APR, Undocking.

20APR, Crew moves aboard.

26APR, Completed maintenance availability at ASRY. Work completed included HVAC upgrade, replacement of all stern tubes, replacement of all propulsion shafting, and replacement of all propulsion shaft bearings.

27APR, DEI completed on NR2 SSDG.

02MAY, C5RA completed.

03MAY, LOA completed.

04MAY, Dock trials and Fast Cruise.

06MAY, Underway from ASRY to Central Arabian Gulf to conduct Sea Trials. Moored Mina Salman Pier, Manama, Bahrain.

12MAY, DEI completed on NR1 and NR4 MPDE.

13MAY, Underway from Manama, Bahrain to Northern Arabian Gulf.

14MAY-17 May, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

17MAY, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

19MAY, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf.

19MAY-23MAY, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

23MAY, Enroute to Bahrain.

24MAY, Moored Mina Salman Pier, Manama, Bahrain.

03JUN, Underway from Manama, Bahrain to Northern Arabian Gulf.

04JUN-10JUN, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

09JUN, Class charlie fire in NR 1 battery charger. While troubleshooting a ground in the 24V DC system, CHINOOK's electrician discovered low battery voltage in the forward battery banks. In the process of troubleshooting NR 1 battery bank, a class charlie fire occurred in NR1 battery charger. Immediately upon noticing white smoke from the battery charger, CHINOOK's electrician secured power to the battery charger and used three short bursts of CO2 on class charlie fire, extinguishing it. The fire was caused by a degraded power transformer. No personnel injuries or additional damage to surrounding equipment occurred.

10JUN, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

12JUN, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf. Visit by Commander, Task Group Iraqi Maritime.

12JUN-14JUN, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

15JUN, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

17JUN, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf.

18JUN-22JUN, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

23JUN, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

25JUN, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf.

25JUN-27JUN, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

27JUN, Underway from Northern Arabian Gulf to Bahrain.

28JUN, Moored Mina Salman Pier, Manama, Bahrain.

07JUL-11JUL, Hull Turnover of USS CHINOOK (PC 9) with Patrol Coastal Crew JULIET.

08JUL, Events of this day have been submitted in Enclosure (1). CHK OPREP-3 UNIT SITREP 001, DTG 082100ZJUL10.

11JUL, LCDR Nathan P. Diaz, Commanding Officer Patrol Coastal Crew INDIA, takes command of USS CHINOOK (PC 9).

19JUL, Underway from Manama, Bahrain to Northern Arabian Gulf.

20JUL-21JUL, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

21JUL, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

22JUL, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf.

22JUL-27JUL, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

23JUL, Rescue and assistance on M/V Alma Ata. Responding to a distress call on BTB, Patrol Coastal Crew INDIA rendered medical assistance to one mariner who had ingested approximately 4 oz of paint thinner; INDIA's MDR provided immediate treatment and stabilizing the patient.

24JUL, Man overboard training with Al Basra Oil Terminal (ABOT). Moored to ABOT for training. Underway to conduct Maritime Security Operations.

27JUL, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

28JUL, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf.

28JUL-31JUL, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

31JUL, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

01AUG, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf.

02AUG-04AUG, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

04AUG-06AUG, Conducted a joint training exercise with the Iraqi Navy. The training was the culmination event in ensuring the Iraqi Patrol Ship NASSER (702) was prepared to take on the full range of operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf and have a successful initial patrol. The training and cooperation between the two ships gave both sides great experiences and further developed relations between Coalition Forces and the Iraqi Navy. Commander Task Group Iraqi Maritime (CTG IM) commended the sailors of Crew INDIA for their efforts. The training had proven instrumental when NASSER provided Rescue and Assistance to an Iranian dhow, which suffered a catastrophic casualty to its engineering plant.

06AUG, Enroute to and moored Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait.

09AUG, Class charlie fire in cabling from NR3 battery bank. While attempting to start NR 2 main propulsion diesel engine, a class charlie fire occurred in cabling from NR3 battery bank. The EOOW secured power to NR3 battery bank, but fire did not self extinguish. The ERM and repair electrician discharged approximately 2 bottles of CO2 on the class charlie fire, extinguishing it. The fire was caused by a failed starter and starter assembly. No personnel injuries or additional damage to surrounding equipment occurred.

10AUG, Underway from Kuwaiti Naval Base, Kuwait to Northern Arabian Gulf.

10AUG-13AUG, Conducted Maritime Security Operations in Iraqi Territorial Waters in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

11AUG, Interactive Patrol in Northern Arabian Gulf. Boarded seven dhows.

13AUG, Underway from Northern Arabian Gulf to Bahrain.

14AUG, Moored Mina Salman Berth 16, Manama, Bahrain.

15AUG-25SEP10, Changeout of NR1 and NR4 main propulsion diesel engines.

22AUG-09SEP, Maintenance availability.

01SEP, Operation New Dawn commences.

14SEP-16SEP, Structural assessment finds deflected beams and bulkheads which require repair.

22SEP, Ammo offload.

26SEP, Underway (dead stick) from Mina Salman to ASRY. Commenced Emergent Docking Maintenance Availability on USS CHINOOK (PC 9) to support structural repairs.

01OCT, Crew moved ashore.

07OCT, Drydocked at ASRY.

02NOV-04NOV, Small arms gun shoot with USCG.

09NOV, ATFP Drills at USCG Ship-in-the-Box at Mina Salman Pier, Manama, Bahrain.

16NOV, VBSS Drills at USCG Ship-in-the-Box at Mina Salman Pier, Manama, Bahrain.

26NOV, Underway on USS SCOUT (MCM 8) to support Navigation Training and Precision Anchorage.

29DEC - 31DEC, Hull turnover with Patrol Coastal Crew JULIET.

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.

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## 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.

- (1) CHK OPREP-3 UNIT SITREP 001, DTG 082100ZJUL10 (Secret)
  - (2) PATROL SUMMARY 13MAY - 24MAY10, DTG 271100ZMAY10 (Secret)
  - (3) PATROL SUMMARY 03JUN - 28JUN10, DTG 011600ZJUL (Secret)
  - (4) PATROL SUMMARY 19JUL10 - 14AUG10, DTG 141619ZAUG10 (Secret)
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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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(1) "New Dawn" Arriving in Iraqi Waterways by LT John H Rogers, 4 OCT 10, retrieved on 19 DEC 10 <http://www.cusnc.navy.mil/articles/2010/117.html>

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## 6. Photographs

List below official photographs and any other command-generated media being submitted in either electronic or paper format. Photographs to be submitted include: official photo of commanding officer; recent photo of ship, aircraft, or facility; and photos of historic events associated with the command. Photographs submitted electronically should be in JPG, TIFF or GIF format. It is unnecessary to convert non-electronic documents to electronic format. Photographs in electronic format are to be submitted via e-mail or on CD-ROM as explained below. Enclosures that do not exist in electronic format should be listed below and submitted in the same manner as the CD-ROM. Also include any photographs covering operational strikes, battle damage (especially that sustained by own ship, aircraft, facilities or equipment), or other relevant photos relating to combat or deployment operations.

**(1) CHINOOK Docking Photo.pdf - CHINOOK docks at ASRY Marine Railway NR1 in preparations for structural repairs. Pictured (from left to right): LTJG Mathew Rechkemmer, GM1(SW) Sergio Alicea, BM2(SW) James Worley, CS1(SW/AW) London Woods, OS1(SW) Curtis Fletcher. 7 OCT 10.**

**(2) CHINOOK Docking Photo 2.pdf - CHINOOK docks at ASRY Marine Railway NR1 in preparations for structural repairs. 7 OCT 10.**

**(3) CHINOOK NASSER Boat Ops.pdf - CHINOOK sailors conduct small boat coxswain and stern ramp training with sailors from NASSER (Iraqi Patrol Ship 702). Pictured: Bow Hook: EN1(SW) Blaine Lenzner, Coxswain: BM3(SW) Brandon Ward, Right of Coxswain: BMC(SW/AW) James Stout, Linehandler: QM1(SW) Gilbert Agliam, POIC: BM2(SW) James Worsley. 5 AUG 10.**

**(4) CHINOOK NASSER Weapons.pdf - Sailors from NASSER (Iraqi Patrol Ship 702) conduct live fire weapons training on CHINOOK. Pictured: LTJG Mathew Rechkemmer. 5 AUG 10.**

**(5) CHINOOK NASSER Weapons 2.pdf - GM1(SW) Sergio Alicea conducts weapons familiarization training with sailors from NASSER (Iraqi Patrol Ship 702). 5 AUG 10.**

**(7) CHINOOK Boat Ops.pdf - CHINOOK Sailors conduct Boat Operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pictured: POIC:**

**BM2(SW) James Worsley, STBD Linehandler BM3(SW) Brandon Ward, PORT Linehandler GM1(SW) Sergio Alicea, Bow Hook: EN3(SW) Joshua Bates, Coxswain (U/I): IT2(SW) Anthony Burgess, Right of Coxswain U/I: BMC(SW/AW) James Stout, 2 AUG 10.**

**(8) CHINOOK Boat Ops 2.pdf - CHINOOK and CHINOOK's RHIB transit from KAOOT to ABOT. Pictured (left to Right): BMC(SW/AW) James Stout, BM3(SW) Brandon Ward. 2 AUG 10.**

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