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2014 Command Operations Report for USS CHINOOK (PC 9)

1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: USS CHINOOK (PC9)

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

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

Last: Buford First: William M.I.: S Rank: LCDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2014-07-28

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Maritime Security Operations/5th Fleet
AOR

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Commander, Destroyer Squadron 50

Administrative: Patrol Coastal 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): CTF 55 / CTF 152

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): None

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: None

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): None

Number of Personnel Assigned (as of 31 Dec 2014):

Officers: 4 Enlisted: 25 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: Executive Officer
E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]
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Command Mailing Address: USS CHINOOK, FPO AE 09566-1968

2. Commander's Assessment

USS CHINOOK performed a variety of tasking in support of Partnership-Strength-Presence operations in the 5th Fleet AOR. The two most common missions for CHINOOK were Maritime Security Operations, primarily Approach and Assist visits conducted while working for the Coalition Task Force 152 within the Arabian Gulf. CHINOOK also performed several Special Mission Ship escort and overwatch operations, which took her out into the Gulf of Oman.

In addition to these primary missions, CHINOOK took part in several exercises designed to strengthen ties with allied nations and expand and exercise naval capacity, including Falcon Defender, JADEx, Eagle Trident II, and IMCMEX. CHINOOK also took part in several less formal interoperability training exercises at sea, designed to prove and practice basic supporting procedures between platforms, including towing and refueling with a variety of small craft from Coastal Riverine and Special Warfare units.

During 2014, CHINOOK also transitioned from rotating crews to a permanent crew, homeported in Manama, Bahrain. Patrol Coastal Crew Juliet formally transitioned to USS CHINOOK in the spring, with all new reports receiving permanent change of station orders to the ship homeported in Manama, Bahrain vice the rotational crew homeported in Little Creek, VA. EN2 John Bell will be the final remaining member of PCCJ to depart in September of 2015. Although the elimination of crew rotation and hull swapping allow for increased ownership and greater continuity for maintenance and upkeep, one year tour length based on Department of Defense limitations for the Central Command AOR posed new challenges for training and proficiency with limited time for the new crewmembers to learn the unique idiosyncrasies of the Coastal Patrol ship.

Throughout 2014, CHINOOK met every challenge and task, sailing per schedule and completing every assigned mission, accruing in the process more underway time than any other Coastal Patrol ship in theater. CHINOOK achieved scores averaging above 90% during Basic Phase Training, with similar success during Advanced Phase Training Exercise.

3. Chronology

01 JAN – 03 JAN In port Kuwaiti Naval Base

03 JAN – 10 JAN	Underway for CTF-152 NAG Operations
10 JAN – 16 JAN	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain
16 JAN – 22 JAN	Underway for CTF-152 Operations
22 JAN – 24 JAN	Underway for Falcon Defender Exercise
24 JAN – 26 JAN	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain
26 JAN – 03 FEB	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain for Certification Validation
03 FEB – 10 FEB	Underway for CTF-152 Operations
10 FEB – 14 FEB	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain
14 FEB – 23 FEB	Underway for CTF-152 Operations
23 FEB – 25 FEB	In port Mina Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
25 FEB – 02 MAR	Underway for CTF-152 Operations
02 MAR – 05 MAR	Underway for JADDEX
05 MAR – 25 APR	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain for 4A2 CMAV
25 APR	Underway for Crew Proficiency
25 APR – 02 MAY	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain
02 MAY – 10 MAY	Underway for CTF-152 Operations
10 MAY – 12 MAY	In port Kuwaiti Naval Base
12 MAY – 14 MAY	Underway for Eagle Trident II
14 MAY – 21 MAY	Underway for CTF-152 Operations
21 MAY – 30 MAY	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain
01 JUN – 20 JUL	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain for Basic Phase
20 JUL – 23 JUL	Underway for APTEX
23 JUL – 24 AUG	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain for 4A3 CMAV

28 JUL	Change of Command Ceremony – LCDR Ardis C. Shannon relieved by LCDR William S. Buford
24 AUG – 04 SEP	Underway for CTF-152 Operations
04 SEP	Underway for War Fighter Training
04 SEP – 07 SEP	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain
07 SEP – 10 SEP	Underway for APTEX
10 SEP – 14 SEP	In port Mina Salman, Bahrain
14 SEP – 16 SEP	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
15 SEP	Strait of Hormuz Transit
16 SEP – 17 SEP	In port Fujairah, United Arab Emirates
17 SEP – 23 SEP	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
23 SEP	In port Fujairah, United Arab Emirates
24 SEP – 25 SEP	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
24 SEP	Strait of Hormuz Transit
25 SEP – 01 OCT	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
01 OCT – 04 OCT	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
04 OCT – 10 OCT	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
10 OCT – 16 OCT	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
11 OCT	Strait of Hormuz Transit
15 OCT	Strait of Hormuz Transit
16 OCT – 17 OCT	Inport Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
17 OCT – 24 OCT	Underway for CTF565 Tasking – Operation Silver Moon
22 OCT	Strait of Hormuz Transit

24 OCT – 31 OCT	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
31 OCT – 02 NOV	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
02 NOV – 04 NOV	Inport Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
04 NOV – 11 NOV	Underway for IMCMEX
11 NOV – 13 NOV	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
13 NOV – 20 NOV	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
14 NOV	Strait of Hormuz Transit
18 NOV	Strait of Hormuz Transit
20 NOV – 25 NOV	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
25 NOV – 27 NOV	Underway for CTF152 Tasking
27 NOV – 02 DEC	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
02 DEC – 11 DEC	Underway for CTF55 Tasking
03 DEC	Strait of Hormuz Transit
09 DEC	Strait of Hormuz Transit
11 DEC – 16 DEC	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
16 DEC – 23 DEC	Underway for CTF152 Tasking
23 DEC – 31 DEC	Inport Mina Salman, Bahrain
28 DEC – 31 DEC	5A1 CMAV

Narrative

USS CHINOOK (PC 9) has had a busy and successful year. Having completed and excelled during both a Certification Validation as well as Basic Phase training events, in the first half of the year, CHINOOK conducted multiple underways in support of CTF152 tasking as well as participating in Joint Air Defense Exercises, Falcon Defender 14, and Eagle Trident II.

Following the change of command in July, CHINOOK conducted a continuous maintenance availability while pierside at NSA Bahrain. Upon completion of maintenance, CHINOOK was underway for 152 Operations, Advanced Phase Training Exercise, and Special Mission Ship overwatch duties.

The remainder of the year was spent in a combination of 152 Operations and Interoperability Training, along with participation in November's International Mine Countermeasures Exercise. These operations afforded CHINOOK port visit opportunities in Fujairah and Jebel Ali in the United Arab Emirates.

Returning to Bahrain on the 22nd of December, CHINOOK ended out the year returning to a continuous maintenance availability.

4. Supporting Reports (Refer to specific guide for Ship/Shore/Aviation or Fleet Command)

None.

5. Published Documents

None

6. Photographs

- a. **Commanding Officer Quarterdeck Photo – Newport, RI May 2014**
 - b. **Executive Officer – LTJG Reinheimer**
 - c. **USS CHINOOK – at sea**
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