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# **Command Operations Report**

## **1. Command Data**

Command: USS CHUNG-HOON (DDG93)

Unit Identification Code: 23164

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer: Commander

Date Assumed Command: 15 OCT 2008

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Flight IIA, AEGIS, Guided Missile

Destroyer/ Command Third Fleet, Hawaiian Operating Area, Southern California Operating Area

Permanent Location: Pearl Harbor, HI

Immediate Superior in Command: DESRON 31/PHIBRON 5

Identify your assigned Task Force: BOXER Expeditionary Strike Group

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: 2 SH-60B, HSL37, Easy Rider 57 and 64

Number of Personnel Assigned: 277

Officers: 35

Enlisted: 244

Command Point of Contact: ENS [REDACTED]

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## **2. Commander's Assessment**

“Mission accomplishment by professional sailors.” That is how I would characterize 2008 for USS CHUNG-HOON. With many daunting tasks put before her, CHUNG-HOON and here crew faced them head on and finished every task. There were some major challenges that the crew had to overcome, but the bottom line is that CHUNG-HOON arose to every challenge to accomplish the mission... professionally.

The Ship's Readiness Availability (SRA) was our first major challenge of 2008. CHUNG-HOON received many mission critical modifications to include Aft CIWS (Close-In Weapons System) BLK 1B, SHF (Super High Frequency) capability, complete LAN (Local Area Network) upgrade, TTWCS (Tactical Tomahawk Weapons Control System) upgrade, and a new flight deck. The SRA was an intense four months for the crew, but the command was able to install tropical

hours so the crew could spend more time with their families. This schedule was very effective and gave the crew a much deserved break before the training cycle. The command did have to adapt due to manning issues and created sister duty sections too offset the watch rotations. Overall the SRA went smoothly, and CHUNG-HOON was able to overcome the challenges associated with working in an industrial environment with the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. The upgrades received during the SRA have been essential to the operations of CHUNG-HOON throughout 2008.

ULTRA C (Unit Level Training Evaluation – Combat Systems) was CHUNG-HOON's next major milestone. The crew did an outstanding job, and passed the evaluation. Unfortunately, the Combat Systems Training Team had to attend a few training sessions in order to become certified assessors. The CSTT team attended the training and returned, qualified to continue training sailors. With no time to rest, ULTRA E (Engineering) began the next week. Finding a failure in the redundancy in one of the plant generators, the evaluators stopped the assessment, and failed CHUNG-HOON's engineering plant and scheduled a remediation in early August. ULTRA C and ULTRA E were mild setbacks for CHUNG-HOON, however, the crew was able to correct the discrepancies quickly. The key that was taken away from these evaluations is the need to return to a steady strain of training that keeps the crew operating at peak performance all the time.

During the month of July, CHUNG-HOON was involved in RIMPAC, a three week exercise off the coast of Hawaii, involving over seven different navies from around the Pacific. CHUNG HOON again performed superbly, joining a multi-national surface action group (SAG) with the Australian and Canadian Navies. CHUNG-HOON was able to demonstrate her proficiency at undersea, surface and air warfare, as well as boarding operations, and even completed multiple Replenishments at Sea with the HMAS SUCCESS. RIMPAC was a great training and learning opportunity for CHUNG-HOON. Being able to operate with vessels from Allied nations and learn how they conduct operations was fantastic. There was, however, a lot of downtime during the underway that could have been filled with other operations or the underway could have been shortened by a few day to conserve resources. The formation photograph to finish off the exercise was an excellent display of the multi-national effort put forth in accomplishing this 30 day exercise.

The time had come in late September for CHUNG-HOON and her sailors to say good-bye to family and friends and the sandy shores of Hawaii and set sail for the awaiting BOXER ESG. CHUNG-HOON hit the ground running and performed spectacularly in every event during ESG Integration (ESG INT), Force Protection Exercise (FPEX), and Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMTUEX). ESG INT provided the newly formed ESG time to form good working relationships and set the standard for the upcoming exercises and deployment. The FPEX was an outstanding exercise that stretched the duty sections of CHUNG-HOON and created the most real world scenario that most of the crew had never seen. CHUNG-HOON became better equipped to detect and handle terrorist activity as a result of this exercise. A lot of resources were used in the exercise, but they definitely benefited the crew's stance on force protection. COMTUEX was our final stage in the pre-deployment work-ups. The ship was again stretched to perform all the tasks required. The assets made available during COMTUEX created a very "real" training environment that made training together as an ESG more realistic. From the small boats around the "oil platforms" to the air assets used in the air defense exercises, to the ships and crews used as boarding platforms, every asset provided a new and unique area to improve the skills of each watch stander. CHUNG-HOON sailors showed the BOXER ESG that we are a professional ship and that every strike group should want a ship like CHUNG-HOON leading the formation.

Upon completion of COMPTUEX, CHUNG-HOON began the seven day transit back to Pearl Harbor, HI. The crew continued to train and run drills during the transit to maximize the family time once back in homeport. The crew enjoyed a small Thanksgiving stand down and then began an abbreviated CMAV period to prepare the ship for her deployment. Much of the crew enjoyed the extended leave periods for the holidays, many returning to the mainland. Every sailor returned home safely, ready to deploy just a few short weeks later. CHUNG-HOON and her sailors strive for excellence and demand professionalism, whether at work or at home, CHUNG-HOON sailors accomplish their missions... professionally. Imua E Na Koa Kai!

### 3. Chronology and Narrative

#### Chronology

DATES	ACTIVITY
27DEC07-10JAN08	Second Holiday Stand down Period
16JAN-06APR08	CNO Availability
	Major upgrades include: Aft CIWS BLK 1B, SHF capability, Complete LAN upgrade, removal of RMS screen, TTWCS Tomahawk upgrade, and complete overhauls to the messdecks and wardroom
10-11APR08	Weapons Onload at West Loch Naval Base
14-15APR08	Post SRA Sea Trials
16-18APR08	Aviation Certification
21-25 APR08	C5RA
12-13MAY08	Weapons Onload at West Loch Naval Base
14-20MAY08	Unit Level Training in MIDPAC OPAREA
21-23MAY08	FSTU
26-30MAY08	Spring PRT
02-06JUN08	ULTRA C
09-13JUN08	ULTRA E
16-29JUN08	Trident Warrior Support Platform
22JUN-1JUL08	Kitty Hawk Escort Duties in MIDPAC OPAREA
02JUL08	Weapons Onload at West Loch Naval Base
02-05JUL08	RIMPAC Sporting and Social Events
08-30JUL08	RIMPAC Operations with in MIDPAC OPAREA
24JUL08	Vertically Launched ASROC Launch
31JUL08	RIMPAC Sporting and Social Events
01-08AUG08	MIDPAC OPAREA for ULTRA E Remediation
18-22AUG08	Week One Work-Ups with HSL 37 in MIDPAC OPAREA
26AUG08	EKMS ISIC Inspection
25AUG-16SEP08	CMAV 8A3
01-05SEP08	CMTQ Certification
16SEP08	CHN Chief Pinning Ceremony
17-19SEP08	NSFS 5" Gun Certification FIREX (85%)
22-26SEP08	3M Certification
26SEP-03OCT08	Enroute San Diego, CA

03-07OCT08	Inport San Diego, CA
07-17OCT08	ESG Integration with BOXER ESG, SOCAL OPAREA
15OCT08	Change of Command Ceremony
17-28OCT08	Inport San Diego for FST-WC and FPEX
28OCT-15NOV08	COMPTUEX, JTFEX
15-21NOV08	Transit back to Pearl Harbor
21NOV-01DEC08	Inport Pearl Harbor
01-03DEC08	Weapons Onload at West Loch Naval Base
03DEC08-15JAN09	Inport Pearl Harbor
07DEC09	Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony
15DEC08	CHUNG-HOON Command Holiday Party
16DEC08	Holiday Safety Stand-down
17DEC08-14JAN09	Pre-Deployment CMAV
17-29DEC08	First Holiday Leave Period
29DEC08	Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Bakula Commissioning Ceremony
29DEC08-11JAN09	Second Holiday Leave Period

## NARRATIVE

USS CHUNG-HOON began 2008 halfway through their holiday leave and stand down period. Immediately following the stand down, however, the Sea Warriors at DDG 93 began their extensive CNO Availability with the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. Between January and April of 2008 CHUNG-HOON sat tied starboard side to pier B18 in Pearl Harbor, HI. The CNO Availability provided CHUNG-HOON with a whole gamut of new technology, along with some much needed rest as she had just returned in October 2007 from her second deployment in two and a half years. CHUNG-HOON's installations include: Aft CIWS (Close-In Weapons System) BLK 1B, SHF (Super High Frequency) capability, Complete LAN (Local Area Network) upgrade, TTWCS (Tactical Tomahawk Weapons Control System) Tomahawk upgrade, a new flight deck, and complete overhauls to the messdecks and wardroom. Post Availability Sea Trials and Aviation Certification greeted the newly renovated destroyer upon completion. CHUNG-HOON sailors quickly regained their sea legs and performed superbly to pass the Sea Trial and Aviation Certification.

CHUNG-HOON continued unit level training in the Hawaii Operating Area in preparations for the start of the training cycle. ULTRA C was the first hurdle to present itself. CHUNG-HOON's Combat Systems personnel did a superb job; unfortunately, CHUNG-HOON's training teams had to retrain with ATG in order to pass. The following week Ultra E proved to be another tough battle for engineering, as CHUNG-HOON failed to get underway due to a failure in the redundancy in one of her generators. Despite these minor set backs, CHUNG-HOON was immediately given the task of carrier escort of USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) on her journey from Yokosuka, Japan to Bremerton, WA where she was to be decommissioned. CHUNG-HOON smartly executed her duties and returned home to Pearl Harbor.

While in port for only a few days prior to RIMPAC 08, three of her sailors took first place in the sailing regatta and one sailor took first in the female weightlifting competition. CHUNG-HOON again set sail in the Hawaiian OPAREA, this time to conduct multi-national exercises with

six other nations during RIMPAC 08. CHUNG-HOON spent the month of July with HMAS ANZAC, HMAS SUCCESS, and HMCS REGINA. Major events included many Air Defense, Sub-surface and surface exercises in which CHUNG-HOON sailors learned to work hand-in-hand with other navies. Some of the sailors from each ship were also able to cross-deck and see first hand how each nation operates. CHUNG-HOON was also given the privilege of firing a Vertically Launched ASROC on the firing range off the coast of Kauai, HI. RIMPAC 08 ended with a three day mini-war and a fantastic forty vessel formation aerial photograph.

The fun didn't stop there for DDG 93 and her crew. Following RIMPAC 08, HSL37 conducted Week One Work-ups in preparation for her upcoming trip to San Diego for deployment work-ups. A short three week CMAV period followed Week One Work-ups. Then CHUNG-HOON's Strike team passed a very intense CMTQ certification in early September. On the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, CDR Aiken pinned four of CHUNG-HOON's own Chief Petty Officers in a ceremony on the flight deck.

The next two hurdles that lay before CHUNG-HOON were a Naval Gun Fire Support certification and a 3M certification, both crucial to her training cycle. The CHUNG-HOON sailors were ready, however, achieving an 85% on the NGFS certification (best on the water front), and 94% overall on her 3M certification. These tasks were completed just in time, because the day after 3M certification was complete, CHUNG-HOON sailed off to San Diego to begin work-ups with USS BOXER (LHD 4) and company in preparation for their upcoming deployment. After a weekend to rest from the transit, the crew again sailed out into the vast Pacific to conduct Expeditionary Strike Group Integration with USS BOXER ESG. This is where all the training paid off. During the 10 day event CHUNG-HOON conducted Air Defense exercises, Undersea Warfare exercises, Visit, Board, Search and Seizure exercises, and counter-intelligence exercises just to name a few. Mostly, this was a time for the strike group to learn how to operate together. There were many growing pains for all ships involved, but by the end, the strike group was work well and was ready to move on to the evaluation phase, Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). However, before returning to San Diego, USS CHUNG-HOON conducted a Change of Command ceremony. CDR Michael A. McCartney relieved CDR James A. Aiken as Commanding Officer, USS CHUNG-HOON on October 15, 2008 on the missile deck of USS CHUNG-HOON. The in port period between training and evaluation phases was very busy for the strike group. Integrated combat scenarios filled the week, finishing up with a three day coordinated force protection exercise, in which the entire strike group was tested on their ability to react to and counter a cornucopia of terrorist activities.

Leaving San Diego for the last time before heading to Hawaii, CHUNG-HOON was even able to practice using Paiea (the ship's RHIB) for security pulling in and out of foreign harbors. COMTUEX was a fast paced, action packed evaluation. CHUNG-HOON, however, was ready for the task, completing every event with purpose and expertise. Whether it was launching the RHIB or the helicopter, or hunting submarines, or defending USS BOXER from an onslaught of surface combatants, CHUNG-HOON acted quickly and with purpose, and accomplished every mission. From COMPTUEX, CHUNG-HOON rolled straight into Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) with the USS JOHN C. STENNIS Strike Group. The final Battle Problem was centered on the coordinated efforts of an Expeditionary Strike Group (BOXER ESG) and a Carrier Strike Group (STENNIS CSG). The two strike groups had to quickly learn to overcome hardships and work together to accomplish the mission and win the final Battle Problem. CHUNG-HOON and her

crew provided great support for the Problem and the two strike groups were approved by the Navy to proceed on to prepare for the rapidly approaching deployment.

On her way home CHUNG-HOON and her crew continued to conduct unit level exercises to stay proficient in the areas she was just tested on. Arriving in Pearl just shy of two months in San Diego, the crew was met with smiles and waves of family members on the pier. It was now time to finish last minute details and spend time with loved ones before her deployment in early January 2009. CHUNG-HOON's MWR put on a fantastic holiday party at the Hole Koa Hotel in Waikiki on December 15, and December 16 started the first Holiday Leave period and he pre-deployment CMAV, with a turnover day on December 29.

## **4. Supporting Reports**

No supporting documents were added to ensure the classification of this report to remain: UNCLASSIFIED.

## **5. Published Documents**

Documents Attached to file include:

- Welcome Aboard Pamphlet (Newest Revision)
- Biography of Commander
- Public Affairs Articles (2)

## **6. Photographs**

Photographs Attached include:

- Commanding Officer
- Recent ship photograph