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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: **USS CURTS (FFG-38)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **21105**

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

Last: **DAVIS** First: **YVETTE** M.I.: **M** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2007-04-27**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Counter Narcotics Eastern Pacific**

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **COMDESRON 9**

Administrative: **COMDESRON 9**

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): **NONE**

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: **N/A**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **HSL 49**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 24 Enlisted: 190 Civilian: 0

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

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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.

Assigned to the US Naval reserve force, the USS CURTS' primary mission is to escort convoys, underway replenishment groups, carrier strike groups, and expeditionary strike groups. CURTS' gun, anti-submarine warfare systems, embarked helicopters, and high speed capability make her a well balanced platform capable of carrying out a multitude of other missions, including counter-narcotics and counter-terrorism missions. All of these attributes make CURTS a valuable asset in today's multi-threat environment.

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.

2006-01-01 THRU 2006-01-10: INPORT SAN DIEGO/HOLIDAY UPKEEP
2006-01-13 THRU 2006-01-22: UNDERWAY/LOCAL TRAINING
2006-01-23 THRU 2006-02-12: INPORT SAN DIEGO/CMAV
2006-02-12 THRU 2006-02-14: INPORT SAN DIEGO/UPKEEP
2006-02-15 THRU 2006-02-17: UNDERWAY/INPORT TRAINING/FAMILY CRUISE
2006-02-18 THRU 2006-02-26: INPORT SAN DIEGO/UPKEEP
2006-02-27 THRU 2006-03-03: UNDERWAY/WEEK ONE WORKUPS
2006-03-04 THRU 2006-03-05: INPORT/RESERVE DRILL WEEKEND
2006-03-06 THRU 2006-03-08: UNDERWAY/EXERCISE FOXHUNT
2006-03-09 THRU 2006-03-12: INPORT SAN DIEGO/UPKEEP
2006-03-13 THRU 2006-03-16: UNDERWAY/LOCAL TRAINING
2006-03-17 THRU 2006-03-24: INPORT SAN DIEGO/UPKEEP
2006-03-25 THRU 2006-04-16: INPORT SAN DIEGO/POM
2006-04-17 THRU 2006-04-26: INPORT SAN DIEGO/CMAV
2006-04-27: UNDERWAY FOR DEPLOYMENT/IN CHOP CTF40
2006-04-28 THRU 2006-04-30: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-05-01 THRU 2006-05-03: INPORT PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO
2006-05-04 THRU 2006-05-14: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-05-15: INPORT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AND FOOD MANTA, ECUADOR
2006-05-16 THRU 2006-05-26: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-05-27 THRU 2006-05-29: INPORT BALBOA, VNB PANAMA
2006-05-30 THRU 2006-06-09: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-06-10: INPORT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AND FOOD MANTA, ECUADOR
2006-06-11 THRU 2006-06-21: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-06-22 THRU 2006-06-24: INPORT BALBOA, VNB PANAMA
2006-06-26 THRU 2006-07-05: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-07-06: INPORT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AND FOOD MANTA, ECUADOR
2006-07-07 THRU 2006-07-18: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-07-19 THRU 2006-07-27: INPORT BALBOA, VNB PANAMA
2006-07-28 THRU 2006-07-31: UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO MAYPORT, FLORIDA
2006-08-01 THRU 2006-08-14: INPORT MAYPORT, FLORIDA/CMAV
2006-08-15: UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO FREEPORT, BAHAMAS
2006-08-16 THRU 2006-08-18: INPORT FREEPORT, BAHAMAS
2006-08-19 THRU 2006-08-21: UNDERWAY/TRANSIT TO PANAMA
2006-08-22: INPORT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AND FOOD BALBOA, VNB PANAMA
2006-08-23 THRU 2006-09-03: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-09-04: INPORT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AND FOOD MANTA, ECUADOR
2006-09-05 THRU 2006-09-13: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-09-14 THRU 2006-09-17: INPORT LIMA, PERU
2006-09-18 THRU 2006-09-29: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS

2006-09-30: INPORT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AND FOOD MANTA, ECUADOR
2006-10-01 THRU 2006-10-10: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-10-11 THRU 2006-10-14: INPORT BALBOA, VNB PANAMA
2006-10-15 THRU 2006-10-19: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-10-20: INPORT/BRIEF STOP FOR FUEL AND FOOD QUETZAL, GUATEMALA
2006-10-21 THRU 2006-10-26: UNDERWAY/JIATFS CNT OPS
2006-10-27: INPORT SAN DIEGO/RETURN FROM DEPLOYMENT
2006-10-28 THRU 2006-12-03: INPORT SAN DIEGO/POM/LEAVE AND UPKEEP
2006-12-04 THRU 2006-12-08: UNDERWAY/LOCAL TRAINING
2006-12-09 THRU 2006-12-11: INPORT SAN DIEGO
2006-12-12 THRU 2006-12-14: UNDERWAY/LOCAL TRAINING/NIMCSG C2X
2006-12-15 THRU 2006-12-17: INPORT SAN DIEGO
2006-12-18 THRU 2006-12-20: UNDERWAY/LOCAL TRAINING/NIMCSG C2X
2006-12-21 THRU 2006-12-31: INPORT SAN DIEGO/HOLIDAY STANDDOWN

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.

Early in 2006, CURTS was extremely busy preparing for deployment. In January the ship conducted CMAV for much needed repairs and parts. In February the ship conducted Week One Work Up with its Helicopter Detachment, HSL 49. Also, CURTS sent 18 personnel to Visit Board Search and Seizure School in preparation for deployment.

In March, the ship conducted Week Two Work Ups with HSL 49 and started its pre-deployment standdown. In conjunction with this standdown was a CMAV to repair any last minute equipment before deployment.

On 27 April 2006, the ship departed for deployment. CURTS in-chopped to CTF 40 and embarked a Coast Guard Detachment to support a counter narco-terrorism deployment to the Eastern Pacific.

During the deployment, CURTS participated in several COMREL (Community Relations Events) Projects. The accomplishments of these COMRELS are listed below in the Published Document section.

CURTS deployment was extremely successful. The ship handled and detained over 45 detainees. CURTS also handled and transferred over 3 tons of contraband.

The ship returned from deployment on 27 October and went into a post deployment standdown period until 29 November. For the rest of the year, CURTS participated in the Nimitz Strike Group C2X and Scientist to Sea.

CURTS earned honors as a 2006 Battle Efficiency Award Winner.

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
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- 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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USS CURTS MAKES PORT VISIT TO LIMA, PERU - 14-19 SEPTEMBER 2006
Callao, Peru – The USS CURTS (FFG-38) pulled into Lima, Peru on 14 September 2006, commencing a four-day port visit to the country. During their visit, the CURTS participated in several foreign relations activities, including a Community Relations

(COMREL) event, a Project Handclasp donation and a dinner reception with the Peruvian Navy and US Embassy.

The USS CURTS hosted a dinner reception with the US Embassy and Peruvian Navy on 14 September at the restaurant La Rosa Nautica . The reception afforded an opportunity for the officers of the CURTS to liaison with key personnel from both organizations, thus building and strengthening diplomatic relations with Peruvian regional maritime forces. During the reception, Commander DeBow, Commanding Officer, USS CURTS, presented numerous gifts to the Peruvian Navy, including an encased American Flag that was flown onboard USS CURTS. Accepting receipt of the gifts on behalf of the Peruvian Navy were CALM Manuel Perez and CALM Raul Vasquez.

On 15 September 2006, 19 sailors from the USS CURTS (FFG-38) volunteered to clean and re-paint a local boys and girls club in Callao, Peru. Brother Thomas Helm Center is a social concern center that promotes the fundamental development of children and teenagers who are in situations of extreme poverty and street risk. Established 11 years ago to serve as a safe haven for the youth of Callao, The Brother Thomas Helm Center uses a non-formal education program to strengthen the character of the children as well as to reintroduce them back into the school system. Over 150 children, ranging from ages seven to eighteen, take refuge in the center.

A Project Handclasp donation was also made on 15 September. Numerous humanitarian assistance items were donated to the Asociacion Stella Maris, a charity organization that works closely with the Peruvian Navy and US Embassy. The Handclasp goods were transported by CURTS from San Diego and included medical and hygiene supplies, as well as athletic equipment. Boatswain Mate First Class [REDACTED], who helped spearhead both the COMREL and Project Handclasp events, had this to say about his experience, "Interacting with these children, who have been exposed to grave circumstances, is a very rewarding experience. Helping clean up the school and donating goods to Asociacion Stella Maris will make a big difference in the lives of the children in Peru".

USS CURTS (FFG-38), home ported in San Diego, California, along with its embarked SH-60B helicopter detachment, HSL-49, is deployed under the operational control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command as part of a Joint/Inter-Agency Task force conducting counter-narcotics trafficking operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. This was the seventh Community Relations Event for the USS CURTS during its sixth month deployment to the Eastern Pacific.

USS CURTS MAKES PORT CALL TO FREEPORT, BAHAMAS - 16-19 AUGUST 2006
Freeport, Bahamas – On 16 August 2006, the USS CURTS (FFG-38) pulled into Freeport, Bahamas to begin a four-day visit to the island. The port call served as both a liberty port for the sailors onboard CURTS as well as an opportunity to strengthen ties between the United States and their Caribbean neighbors. Several events were scheduled during their stay, including the CURTS' sixth Community Relations Event (COMREL) while deployed to the SOUTHCOM AOR.

On 17 August 2006, 13 volunteers from the USS CURTS and its helicopter detachment, Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 49 (HSL-49), set out to lend their services to two local schools at Eight Mile Rock, a small community located just outside the city of Freeport. Half the volunteers re-painted two bathrooms at Eight Mile Rock High, while the others helped clean the school grounds at Martin Town Primary.

Both schools were extremely grateful for the aid the volunteers provided. The Bahamas were hit last year by a massive hurricane that left the island torn and battered. Martin Town Primary was actually forced to close the school and hold classes at a local church for several months. One year later, rebuilding efforts are still in effect. ENS ██████████, the Navigator and Public Affairs Officer onboard CURTS had this to say about the COMREL event. "To be able to come to the Bahamas and help the people rebuild their lives is a great honor. Looking around at the hurricane damage one year later, I can only image the hardship the people of the Bahamas had to endure."

The CURTS also participated in several other events to improve community relations with the people of the Caribbean. The Commanding Officer of the USS CURTS, Commander William DeBow, met and participated in a forum with Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ellison Greenslade and other various local law enforcement authorities to strengthen relations between the US and Bahamas. Also, the local police department hosted a softball game between CURTS sailors and policemen.

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USS CURTS SAILORS HELP CLEAN UP LOCAL IN MAYPORT, FLORIDA

Mayport, Florida – On 1 August 2006, volunteers from the USS CURTS set out to assist teachers at Finnegan Elementary School inventory new schoolbooks for the upcoming school year. Finnegan Elementary consists of primarily Department of Defense (DOD) students and the start of the new school year was only seven days away. CURTS volunteers helped in cleaning and servicing the property as well as inventorying over 1200 new school books.

When the ten volunteers arrived at the elementary school, they were greeted by several teachers and served a delicious breakfast consisting of coffee, juice, muffins and yogurt. Once breakfast was done, the volunteers quickly set out to inventory the numerous textbooks. The volunteers inventoried the books by placing the school stamp on several pages and loading the books onto carts. The books were then taken to various classrooms throughout the school.

After all the books were stamped and taken to their respective classroom, the volunteers set out to clean the school grounds. The volunteers quickly learned that a large tree had recently broke and fallen in front of the school. The volunteers quickly cut the fallen tree into several smaller parts and carried them to the dumpster in the back of the school. The project was coordinated through Elementary School Principle, Mr. Pinter. Mr. Pinter, along with the teachers, were extremely grateful for all the hard work and efforts the volunteers gave, allowing them to spend more time preparing lessons and activities for the new semester.

The USS CURTS pulled into Mayport, Florida for a two-week availability to conduct repairs and maintenance. USS CURTS (FFG-38), homeported in San Diego, California, along with its embarked SH-60B helicopter detachment from Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron Light 49 (HSL-49), is deployed under the operational control of U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command as part of a Joint/Inter-Agency Task force conducting counter-narcotics trafficking operations in the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific. This was the ship's fifth COMREL event of their deployment.

USS CURTS SAILORS VOLUNTEER TO HELP REPAIR LOCAL SCHOOL IN EL CHORRILLO, PANAMA

El Chorrillo, Panama. On 20 July 2006, sailors from the USS CURTS volunteered to help repair and clean Escuela Estados Unidos de America, an elementary school located in the city of El Chorrillo, Panama. Volunteers helped in repairing the ceiling, repainting walls and cleaning both inside and outside the school. Last year, the school was actually two separate learning facilities, Escuela Estados Unidos de America and Escuela Presidente Valdez. The mission for the volunteers was to repair the dilapidated classrooms of Escuela Presidente Valdez so the two schools could merge into one, Escuela Estados Unidos de America.

When the twenty-six volunteers from the CURTS arrived at the school early Thursday morning, they knew they were going to be busy. From cleaning dirt and dust from the classrooms to repairing the ceiling, volunteers worked non-stop throughout the day to get the school back in shape for the children. After only a few hours, the CURTS sailors had made a vast improvement to the school, which serves 764 students and has 42 teachers. Numerous trash bags had been filled with dirt and trash and, thanks to the handyman and carpeting skills of many of the volunteers, little more than half of the roof had been repaired.

“Having to be away from my family, I could not think of a better and more productive way to spend my off-time than helping people in need. I have a whole new sight of appreciation for the things I have and am able to share with my family”, says MA1(SW) [REDACTED] who spearheaded this Community Relations Event (COMREL). MA1(SW) [REDACTED] has been an active leader in community relations events and continues to motivate others onboard to participate.

MA1(SW) [REDACTED] worked with Mrs. Walleska Wagner to help set up the event. Mrs. Wagner recently relieved Mrs. Martina Hand at the US Embassy in Panama as the People-to-People Coordinator. Lunch was once again provided by the Association of Veteran Spouses, lead by Mrs. Mariela Lord. US Naval Forces Southern Command provided both the tools and supplies used to repair and clean the schoolhouse. Many of the schools in Panama depend on the help of others to support education programs. Working with a limited budget, schools just don't have the access to funds to properly facilitate their buildings. The sailors onboard the USS CURTS realize this and sacrificed their off-duty time to lend support. This is the third COMREL the USS CURTS has done in Panama and the fourth in their six-month deployment to the Eastern Pacific.

USS CURTS SAILORS RE-VISIT SCHOOLHOUSE IN ARRAIJAN, PANAMA

Balboa, Panama – On 23 June 2006, volunteers from the USS CURTS and HSL 49 Air Detachment set out to finish repairs on Escuela Monte Claro, an elementary schoolhouse located in the rural community of Arraijan. The first time CURTS visited the schoolhouse, volunteers worked on sealing a newly constructed two-foot addition to the height of the schoolhouse and aided in cleaning and grooming the surrounding property. During this visit, CURTS was allotted \$500 from US Naval Forces Southern Command, which they used to buy paint supplies, school supplies for the children and athletic equipment.

Twenty-five volunteers mustered early Friday morning armed with 5 gallon buckets of paint and numerous brushes and rollers. When they arrived at the schoolhouse, the children were let out of school early so the volunteers could begin their work. While some of the volunteers were busy repainting the building, others spent time playing soccer and

other such games with the children. The children showed their appreciation by drawing Thank You cards and giving them to the volunteers.

Once again, Mrs. Martina Hand, the People-to-People Coordinator at the US Embassy in Panama, worked in setting up this follow-up COMREL event. Sadly, this was Mrs. Hand's last day working with the US Embassy in Panama as she will soon be heading back to the United States. Her genuine concern and efforts in supporting COMREL events will be missed and the CURTS crew would like to wish her all the best in the future. Similarly, the Association of Veteran Spouses once again volunteered their services by providing lunch for the CURTS crew. Mrs. Mariela Lord and four other individuals treated the CURTS volunteers to a traditional Panamanian lunch consisting of chicken, rice and fruit.

LT [REDACTED], the Public Affairs Officer at US Naval Forces Southern Command, was a key member to making this COMREL event possible. He was the driving force behind supplying CURTS with \$500 to purchase paint and school supplies. LT [REDACTED] has taken an active role in ensuring successful COMREL events for CURTS while they are deployed on their six-month deployment to the Southern Command AOR.

The efforts of the CURTS volunteers resulted in a more positive learning environment for the children of Escuela Monte Claro. And the much needed school supplies will greatly help the children in their studies and classroom activities.

SCHOOLHOUSE IN ARRAIJAN, PANAMA GETS MUCH NEEDED REPAIRS FROM USS CURTS SAILORS

Balboa, Panama - On 28 May 2006, over 30 sailors from the USS CURTS and HSL 49 Air Detachment, volunteered to help out the local community of Panama in repairing a school house for elementary children. The support effort included sealing a newly constructed two-foot addition to the height of the schoolhouse, insulation of the roof, and general cleaning and grooming of the property.

Located in the rural community of Arraijan, Escuela Monte Claro is a single, one room schoolhouse that facilitates approximately 15 students. There is only one teacher for all grades, ranging from first to sixth grade, with several "special needs" students. With the next nearest schoolhouse several miles away, most of the children will spend their entire elementary school education at this schoolhouse.

Mrs. Martina Hand, the People-to-People Coordinator at the US Embassy in Panama, worked in setting up the COMREL event. Mrs. Hand has been working for several years in coordinating events such as this with US Navy ships as they visit Panama. She helped set up a prior COMREL event for the same location with the USS MCCLUSKY, who raised the roof of the building two additional feet.

NC1 (SW) [REDACTED], the Command Career Counselor onboard the USS CURTS, organized and assembled the 31-man working party. NC1 [REDACTED] has been a strong supporter of community relations' events, volunteering and spearheading such events as Christmas in July and Silver Strand Beach cleanups in San Diego, CA. Also volunteering were the Association of Veteran Spouses, a local organization supporting the military, lead by Mrs. Mariela Lord. Mrs. Lord, along with four other volunteers, provided lunch and refreshments.

As with their last port visit to Puerto Vallarta, the CURTS crew was awarded only 3 days of liberty in Panama. The 31 volunteers chose to sacrifice a half-day of much needed, and much deserved liberty, to reach out and make a difference in the local community. "I think when you look at what these people go through on a daily basis, it really makes you

appreciate what we have back home” says EN3 █████, one of the volunteers. “It feels great knowing that a few hours of my time will make this school house a better place for years to come.”

USS CURTS' SAILORS VOLUNTEER TO REPAIR CENTER FOR DISABILITIES
Puerto Vallarta, MX - On 2 May 2006, USS CURTS sailors, working together with the Puerto Vallarta Navy League, volunteered to repair a service center for the disabled. Fifteen members of the CURTS crew and wardroom painted and overhauled the service center (DIVAC) located in the downtown area of Puerto Vallarta.

DIVAC is a civil association formed by people with disabilities, working for their complete inclusion into society in an active and productive way. Along with receiving donations from various charities, DIVAC patients make and sell various gifts to keep their program running.

The DIVAC premises are large. They provide training facilities for people with disabilities. Among the activities are computer operation, arts, silk-screening, weaving, English courses and more. DIVAC also provides warehousing facilities for storing goods that are donated to various charities in the Puerto Vallarta area. The Navy League makes use of this space when medical and school supplies ware-housed in San Diego are brought down here by Navy and Coast Guard vessels.

Ensign █████, the Main Propulsion Division Officer onboard CURTS, worked with Puerto Vallarta Navy League Representative Bill Clark in organizing the event. The one-day event resulted in a clean, well-preserved service center to help people overcome their disabilities and become more functional in society.

With only a few days of liberty available to them, CURTS' sailors volunteered their off-duty time to help support the Navy League and their mission to help the unfortunate. “It was my pleasure to give back to the local community by helping to restore life in the DIVAC center,” said STG1(SW) █████, one of the volunteers onboard CURTS. “The few hours we pitched in to clean and paint were well worth my liberty time and I would gladly volunteer my services again.”

The USS CURTS (FFG-38) recently departed for a six-month deployment to the Eastern Pacific. Puerto Vallarta was their first liberty port and first community relations event. Helping others has always been a major focus onboard CURTS and the ship plans to participate in several more events during their deployment.

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.

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