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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 DECATUR (DDG 73)

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 21947

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

Last: Sethi First: Shanti M.I.: R Rank: CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2010-12-15

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: U.S. THIRD Fleet

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVEN

Administrative: Commander, Destroyer Squadron SEVEN

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): Carrier Strike Group SEVEN/RONALD REAGAN CARRIER STRIKE GROUP

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: **N/A**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **N/A**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

    Officers: 32 Enlisted: 254 Civilian: 0

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

        Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LTJG █████████
        Job Title/Office Code: Navigator
        E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): ███████████████
        Phone number(s): █████████
        Command Mailing Address: FPO AP 96663-1290

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.
Emailed Word Document labeled CY11 DDG73 Commander Assessment.doc

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

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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-Cruse/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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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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USS DECATUR (DDG-73)
COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT

DECATUR maintained operational focus and continued its history of success through a busy and challenging year of 2011. The year started with the conclusion of a WESPAC deployment, major exercise participation, public affairs participation and an assessment, certification and training cycle. Sailors in all warfare areas worked hard to contribute to DECATUR's overall success and superior performance in assessments, inspections and operations.

DECATUR's crew embraced and excelled at all challenges during the 2010/2011 Western Pacific Deployment that span from 21 Sep 2010 to 21 Apr 2011, her third in three years. As part of this deployment, DECATUR spent the first two months of 2011 on station in FIFTH Fleet. Her assignments during this time included defending key Iraqi commercial infrastructure, performing critical National Taskings and participating in numerous Theater Joint Air and Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) exercises.

DECATUR not only participated in, but led the way in several exercises during deployment in the FFITH Fleet Area of Responsibility. While operating in FIFTH Fleet, DECATUR took part in seven USCENTCOM Theater Ballistic Missile Defense Exercises. Additionally, while on deployment DECATUR's Strike Team performed flawlessly through four MIDNIGHT EXPRESS Exercises and 11 PERSIAN TEMPEST events. After returning from deployment, DECATUR sailed north to the Alaskan Coast in June in order to participate in Joint Exercise NORTHERN EDGE. During this exercise, DECATUR worked closely with Navy and Air Force airborne assets to prepare forces for contingency response in Asia-Pacific region. Through all major exercises, DECATUR

demonstrated outstanding proficiency and the ability to meet tasking.

Throughout WESTPAC 2011, DECATUR participated in community relations events, including multiple events during a high-priority SEVENTH Fleet Security Cooperation Visit to Chennai, India in March. DECATUR hosted the Commodore of Tamil Nadu Naval Region, the Consul General of Chennai and other local and other regional government officials during a VIP reception. As a part of the U.S. Consulate's celebration of Women's History Month, the Commanding Officer and a group of Sailors, Chiefs and Officers participated in a live-streamed panel-style discussion for 100 local students. Additionally, while in India, members of the crew participated in events including a visit to the Academy of Maritime Education and Training and interacted with special needs children during a visit to Vidya Sagar School.

DECATUR returned from deployment and maintained high levels of proficiency across all warfare areas through aggressive scheduling and accomplishment of maintenance and training. In August, DECAUR started a scheduled $7.3 million CNO Selected Restricted Availability (SRA). Even while in a shipyard maintenance period, DECATUR continued to build on previous successes by scoring highly at the rigorous Single Ship ASW course, a performance which earned a "Bravo Zulu" from course instructors. Upon completion of the SRA period, DECATUR's Engineers welcomed Engineering Assessments Pacific (EAP) abroad for Light Off Assessment (MOB-E 1.1A) in November. EAP identified 137 restrictive items in their assessment and of those the Engineers immediately cleared 131, satisfactorily demonstrating 92.2% of all cold checks. In their final report, EAP recognized the difficulties of SRA as well as the professionalism of the department; noting "The Chief Engineer

and his team were fully engaged and able to overcome obstacles related to the timely space turnover early in the assessment. Later in the month, EAP again came aboard and rated DECATUR as "outstanding" in the follow-on MOB-E 1.1B assessment.

In summation, DECATUR continued to set the standard for success during this busy and difficult year. Whether it was deployment, assessments or high profile events, DECATUR's Sailors were always ready to respond with the skill and professionalism that is their hallmark. I am proud of our accomplishments during 2011. I have no doubt that DECATUR will continue her excellence into 2012 and beyond.

USS DECATUR (DDG-73)
COMMAND HISTORY 2011
CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY

USS DECATUR (DDG 73)   **JAN11-DEC11 EVENTS**

2011-01-01   Western Pacific Deployment 2010-2011
                               continues

2011-01-10 – 2011-01-11   Joint Air Defense Exercise

2011-02-06   Combined Task Force 152 Operations

2011-02-06 – 2011-02-06   Inport Manama, Bahrain

2011-02-11   Combined Task Force 152 Operations

2011-02-02 – 2011-03-04   Operation New Dawn

2011-03-05   Combined Task Force 152 Operations

2011-03-06 – 2011-03-09   Inport Manama, Bahrain

2011-03-09   Combined Task Force 152 Operations

2011-03-10   Straits of Hormuz Transit

2011-03-11   Combined Task Force 152 Operations

2011-03-12   Chop 7th Fleet

2011-03-17 – 2010-03-19   Port Visit Chennai, India

2011-03-22 – 2011-03-25   Port visit Phuket, Thailand

2011-04-03   Inport Guam

2011-04-09   Chop 3rd Fleet

2011-04-12 – 2011-04-14   Inport Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

2011-04-21   Return to homeport

2011-04-21 – 2011-06-03   Inport San Diego, CA

2011-06-03 – 2011-06-28   Operation Northern Edge

2011-06-28 – 2011-07-19	Inport San Diego, CA
2011-06-30 – 2011-07-17	Continuous Maintenance Availability
2011-07-19 – 2011-07-21	Underway to Seal Beach, CA for Ammo offload
2011-07-21 – 2011-11-17	Inport San Diego, CA
2011-07-26 – 2011-07-29	Maintenance and Material Management Review 1.1
2011-08-03 – 2011-11-18	Selected Restricted Availability
2011-08-15 – 2011-08-26	Single Ship Anti-submarine Warfare Training
2011-10-03 – 2011-10-07	Pre-training Visit
2011-10-10 – 2011-10-21	Mobility Damage Control Assessment 1.1
2011-10-10 – 2011-10-14	Aegis Weapon Training Phase I Auxiliary Ship's Assessment and Group Training
2011-10-13 – 2011-10-14	Air 1.1 Aviation Assist Visit
2011-10-17 – 2011-10-21	Mobility Navigation Assessment 1.1
2011-10-17 – 2011-10-21	Mobility Seamanship Assessment 1.1
2011-10-24 – 2011-10-28	Mobility Navigation Assessment 1.2
2011-10-24 – 2011-10-28	Mobility Seamanship Assessment 1.2
2011-10-24 – 2011-10-25	Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) Certification 1.1
2011-10-31 – 2011-11-04	Aviation Certification
2011-11-01 – 2011-11-02	Fleet Support Operations – Medical 1.1
2011-11-04	Mock Fast Cruise
2011-11-07 – 2011-11-09	Mobility Engineering Assessment 1.1A

2011-11-09 – 2011-11-10   Aviation 1.2/1.3 Aviation Assist Visit
                           Part II

2011-11-10   Dock Trials

2011-11-14   Fast Cruise

2011-11-14 – 2011-11-16   Aegis Weapon Training Phase I Spy
                           Ship's Assessment and Group Training

2011-11-14 – 2011-11-16   Aegis Weapon Training Phase I C4I
                           Ship's Assessment and Group Training

2011-11-17 – 2011-11-21   Underway Southern California Operating
                           Area

2011-11-17 – 2011-11-19   Sea Trials

2011-11-17 – 2011-11-19   Mobility Navigation Assessment 1.3

2011-11-17 – 2011-11-19   Fleet Support Operations – Medical 1.2

2011-11-21 – 2011-12-05   Inport San Diego, CA

2011-11-21 – 2011-11-23   Mobility Engineering Assessment 1.2B

2011-11-28 – 2011-12-02   Aegis Weapons Training Phase II

2011-11-28 – 2011-12-02   Mobility Engineering Assessment 1.2

2011-11-28 – 2011-12-02   Communications Assessment 1.1

2011-12-05 – 2011-12-09   Underway Southern California Operating
                           Area

2011-12-05 – 2011-12-09   Mobility Engineering Assessment 1.3

2011-12-05 – 2011-12-09   Mobility Seamanship Assessment 1.3

2011-12-08   Aviation 1.45B Helo Day

2011-12-09 – 2011-12-12   Inport San Diego, CA

2011-12-12   Underway to Bravo Pier, San Diego for
                           Ammunition Onload

2011-12-16   Command Holiday Party

Enclosure (3)

2011-12-16 – 2011-12-28   Holiday Standdown Period 1

2011-12-28 – 2011-12-31   Holiday Standdown Period 2

USS DECATUR (DDG-73)
CHRONOLOGY NARATIVE

     DECATUR began 2011 on station in FIFTH Fleet attached
to Commander Task Force 153 conducting a variety of
missions. In January and February, the DECATUR Strike Team
was designated as the exclusive Central Arabian Gulf
Tomahawk Back-up Shooter and the Alternate Launch Area
coordinator. The Strike team performed flawlessly through
four MIDNIGHT EXPRESS Exercises, 11 PERSIAN TEMPEST events
and two SHAMAL exercises. Additionally DECATUR conducted
over 25 Approach and Assist Visits, providing valuable
intelligence to Task Force 152 Commanders. In February,
DECATUR participated in Operation NEW DAWN, defending key
Iraqi commercial infrastructure. In the beginning of March,
the ship transited the Strait of Hormuz and chopped into
SEVENTH Fleet on 12 March.

     In the middle of March, DECATUR stopped in Chennai,
India as part of a high-priority SEVENTH Fleet Security
Cooperation Visit during which DECATUR hosted the Commodore
of Tamil Nadu Naval Region, the Consul General of Chennai
and other local and regional government officials during a
VIP reception. As part of the U.S. Consulate's celebration
of Women's History Month, the Commanding Officer and a
group of Sailors, Chiefs and Officers participated in a
live-streamed style panel discussion for 100 local
students. Additionally, while in India, members of the crew
participated in events including a visit to the Academy of
Maritime Education and Training and interacted with special
needs children during a visit to Vidya Sagar School.

     DECATUR chopped to THIRD Fleet in the first week of
April, finally returning home, after months deployed. After
some well deserved POM leave, DECATUR was back at sea. In
June, she participated in Joint Exercise NORTHERN EDGE off
the coast of Alaska. During this event, DECATUR worked
closely with Navy and Air Force airborne assets to exercise
contingency response in the Asia-Pacific region.

     In late July, DECATUR offloaded her ammunition from
deployment in Seal Beach, CA before entering into the
Continental Maritime San Diego Shipyards for a Selective
Restrictive Availability Period in August. Immediately
after entering the shipyards, the DECATUR Anti-Submarine
Warfare (ASW) Team completed the Single Ship ASW Course,
scoring an impressive 88%.

     In October, DECATUR successfully completed her
Mobility Damage Control Assessment (MOB-D) 1.1, Mobility

Navigation Assessment 1.1 and 1.2, Mobility Seamanship Assessment 1.1 and 1.2, as well as her Aegis Weapons Training Phase I Auxiliary Ship's Assessment Group Training.

Upon completion of the SRA period, DECATUR's Engineers welcomed Engineering Assessments Pacific (EAP) aboard for Light-Off Assessment (MOB-E 1.1A) in November. EAP identified 137 restrictive items in their assessment and of those the Engineers immediately cleared 131, satisfactorily demonstrating 92.2% of all cold checks. In the third week in November, DECATUR left the CMSD Shipyards for Sea Trials. During Sea Trials, the ship passed MOB-N 1.3. At the end of the month, EAP again came aboard and evaluated DECATUR as "outstanding" in the follow-on MOB-E 1.1B assessment.

In December, the ship got underway for the final time in 2011. During this underway, DECATUR completed MOB-E 1.3 and MOB-S 1.3 Assessments as well as participated in Aviation Helo Day, certifying her flight deck for helicopter operations.

DECATUR closed out 2011 enjoying Holiday Standdown leave and looking forward to the challenges that will lie ahead in 2012.