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Command Operations Report

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1. Command Data (Boxes will expand as information is typed)

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: LIGGETT First: ANDY M.I.: G. Rank: O-5

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2013-12-12

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 TWO ONE

Administrative: Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO 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): N/A

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: 34 Enlisted: 286 Civilian: 0

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: MAIN PROPULSION OFFICER

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2. Commander's Assessment

3. Chronology

Emailed Word Document labeled CY14 DDG73 Chronology.doc

Narrative

Emailed Word Document labeled CY14 DDG73 Chrono Narrative.doc

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

5. Published Documents

E-mailed Documents TrifoldIn.JPG, TrifoldOut.jpg, DECATUR Battle Efficiency and Command Excellence Award Package 2014.PDF

6. Photographs

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**USS DECATUR (DDG-73)
COMMAND HISTORY 2014
CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY**

USS DECATUR (DDG 73)	JAN114-DEC14 EVENTS
2014-01-01 - 2014-01-12	HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD CONTINUES
2014-01-01 - 2014-03-02	INPORT SAN DIEGO
2014-01-01 - 2014-01-10	4A1 CMAV CONTINUES
2014-01-13 - 2014-01-17	BMDEX 3M LTT
2014-01-21	PACOM ORE
2014-01-21 - 2014-01-22	SLAMEX 14-06
2014-01-29 - 2014-01-30	SLAMEX 14-07
2014-02-04 - 2014-02-07	BMD LTT
2014-02-05	DECK LTT
2014-02-07	PR TOUR
2014-02-12 - 2014-02-14	3M LTT
2014-02-18 - 2014-02-28	FST-J 14-71
2014-02-19	PR TOUR
2014-02-24 - 2014-02-28	SC-CS14
2014-02-25	PR TOUR
2014-02-28	FAST CRUISE
2014-03-03 - 2014-03-07	UNDERWAY
2014-03-04	HSM-71 STRIKE OF THE MONTH
2014-03-08 - 2014-03-16	INPORT SAN DIEGO
2014-03-15	APEX 38 PR TOUR

2014-03-17	UNDERWAY
2014-03-18 - 2014-03-19	INPORT SAN DIEGO
2014-03-17 - 2014-03-19	AMMO OFF LOAD
2014-03-20 - 2014-03-24	UNDERWAY
2014-03-20	RAS
2014-03-24 - 2014-04-02	INPORT SAN DIEGO
2014-04-03 - 2014-04-04	UNDERWAY
2014-04-03	NSWG-1VBSS HOOK/CLIMB
2014-04-04	TOWEX
2014-04-05 - 2014-05-05	INPORT SAN DIEGO
2014-04-09 - 2014-04-10	SLAMEX
2014-04-10	MEDICAL READIENESS INSPECTION
2014-04-14 - 2014-04-18	3M MCA
2014-04-20	PR TOUR
2014-04-21 - 2014-05-02	BMD PICOS
2014-04-21 - 2014-04-25	PRT
2014-04-24	OIC/NRRC SHIPCHECK
2014-04-29	PR TOUR
2014-05-05	FAST CRUISE
2014-05-06 - 2014-06-24	EX-MEMPHIS TOW ESCORT DUTY
2014-05-05 - 2014-05-14	UNDERWAY
2014-05-06	ULM-4 RANGE
2014-05-15 - 2014-05-17	PORT VISIT RODMAN BASE PANAMA
2014-05-18 - 2014-06-09	UNDERWAY

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2014-05-06	RAS
2014-06-01	RAS/ PAX XFER
2014-06-10 - 2014-06-15	PORT VISIT EVERETT
2014-06-16	UNDERWAY
2014-06-17 - 2014-06-19	PORT VISIT VANCOUVER
2014-06-20 - 2014-06-25	UNDERWAY
2014-06-23 - 2014-07-13	SMART START
2014-06-24	ULM-4 RANGE
2014-06-26 - 2014-06-13	IN PORT SANDIEGO
2014-06-26 - 2014-06-27	DEFUELING
2014-06-30 - 2014-07-06	DEWATERING
2014-07-07 - 2014-07-11	ERAT
2014-07-10	AT/FP SPOTCHECK
2014-07-14	DEADSTICK TO BAE
2014-07-14 - 2014-12-15	DSRA
2014-07-28 - 2014-08-01	AFLOAT CULTURE WORKSHOP
2014-07-29 - 2014-08-08	C3F BMD TESTING FAST FALCON/FAST OSPREY
2014-08-04 - 2014-08-08	SKED 3.2 INSTALL
2014-09-19 - 2014-08-20	OBSERVE ORE O/B MIL
2014-08-24 - 2014-08-27	FAST EXCHANGE
2014-08-30	100% OPEN & INSPECT COMPLETE
2014-09-02 - 2014-09-05	JCSSG AMD CONFERENCE
2014-09-23	25% DSRA CONFERENCE

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2014-10-27 - 2014-10-31	PRT SAR PLOTEX
2014-11-03 - 2014-11-07	MOB E 1.0 PTV
2014-11-03	SAR PLOTEX
2014-11-05	AIR 1.0
2014-11-12	50% DSRA CONFERENCE
2014-11-17 - 2014-11-021	MOB E 1.0
2014-11-17 - 2014-11-18	SAR 1.1/.2/.3
2014-12-02 - 2014-12-04	BMD 2.0 TRAINING
2014-12-05	UNDOCKING
2014-12-08 - 2014-12-012	ERAT
2014-12-08 - 2014-12-09	SAR 1.4
2014-12-16 - 2014-12-31	HOLIDAY LEAVE PERIOD

USS DECATUR (DDG-73) CHRONOLOGY NARATIVE

Coming out of 2013 having successfully completed various inspections and operational milestones, DECATUR's crew prided themselves in being Third Fleet's "go to" Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) ship. With 2014 as no exception, DECATUR continued to set the standard as she participated in various fleet assignment exercises before entering a nine month Dry-docking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA). Throughout the year, DECATUR maintained her reputation as one of the premier warships in the Pacific Fleet, far exceeding expectations for every operational tasking, inspection, and certification.

In January, DECATUR was called upon to assist in BMDEX 14-01 and Fleet Synthetic Training-Joint (FST-J) 14-71 where she excelled in all Seventh Fleet scenarios. During FST-J 14-71, DECATUR received 100% firing accuracy and was assessed at an overall "High Tier 2." Despite being over eight months since her last deployment, DECATUR performed on par or better than the FDNF DDG's participating in FST-J

In late March, was chosen as the host afloat platform for Naval Surface Warfare Group (NSWG) ONE while they conducted various boarding, fast roping and training exercises for Navy SEAL teams. In conjunction with her own unit level training, DECATUR's crew assisted NSWG in their training by acting as adversaries. This exercise included a rarely executed fast roping of NSW dogs onto DECATUR's foc'sle and flight deck. Shortly after the completion of this exercise, DECATUR was selected to be the first ship to complete the 3M Mid-Cycle Assessment under the new COMNAVSURFPAC Instruction 4790.2G. Though an aggressive Zone Inspection program and good maintenance practices, DECATUR led the way in executing the Current Ship's Maintenance Project Accuracy Validation (CAV), achieving a score of 100% in all departments. DECATUR's dedication to effective ship's force maintenance and material readiness was demonstrated in her overall score of 95.72%. This score was not matched in the Pacific Fleet in 2014.

May proved to be another busy month for DECATUR and her crew as she was tasked to escort and provide security for the USNS SIOUX and her tow, ex-USS MEMPHIS, as she was towed over 4,000 nautical miles from the confined, littoral waters of Balboa, Panama, up the Pacific Coast and through the heavily-trafficked Strait of Juan de Fuca, and ultimately to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. Throughout the entire ex-MEMPHIS sub tow

escort, DECATUR demonstrated and maintained a constant patrol of waters surrounding the submarine and towing vessel. While in Balboa, Panama, DECATUR's crew participated in multiple community relations projects in support of local schools and charities surrounding the area. Tours of the ship were provided by crewmembers for local police and military authorities, opening up the opportunity for DECATUR's sailors to demonstrate the pride they have in their job and of their ship.

DECATUR also enjoyed a short port visit in Everett, Washington, where she received technical support from local maintenance groups during a much needed voyage repair availability. Vital repairs were done ship wide, to include critical engineering equipment, navigation and combat systems equipment. After leaving Washington, DECATUR made one final stop in Vancouver, Canada, where CDR Liggett and the crew hosted a grand reception to honor the US Consulate as well as other distinguished American and Canadian guests.

Upon returning home to San Diego, DECATUR's crew quickly prepared for their first DSRA since 2010. Coming off the heels of their two-month underway, DECATUR was able to seamlessly transition into the dry dock. Through meticulous planning and pinpoint execution, DECATUR set herself up for success, placing over 300 pieces of equipment in lay-up within a nine day period. Preparations began a month before returning to San Diego, with CONEX boxes packed and ready to offload immediately after pulling into port.

During this yard period, DECATUR was the first ship on the West Coast to receive both the Consolidated Afloat Network Enterprise System (CANES) and BMD 4.0.2 installs concurrently during a DSRA. DECATUR's crew worked hand-in-hand with BAE, SPAWAR, NSWC Port Hueneme, Bath Iron Works, and Southwest Regional Maintenance Center to ensure these complex installations were completed correctly and on time. DECATUR was also upgraded with two new air conditioning units, hull strengthening MOD, VLS ventilation upgrade, shaft and rudder repairs, sonar dome refurbishment, OD Box and Turning gear replacement, as well as significant tank and void work.

DECATUR also took advantage of the training time the DSRA afforded the crew. In July 2014, one of her most experienced Ballistic Missile Defense teams was sent to the joint exercises FAST OSPREY and FAST FALCON to provide tactical knowledge to the test directors in processing multiple salvo BMD threats in CENTCOM and EUCOM scenarios.

The two-week event demonstrated various mission types, threat types, and Link architectures. DECATUR solely supported the final day of testing with one team stretched across three different CICs. Despite this challenge, the BMD team performed admirably. Two weeks later, the BMD team conducted a similar mission as two ships for FAST EXCHANGE DISTRIBUTED. This testing was similar to previous events, but was complicated by the addition of joint assets. DECATUR's BMD teams are some of the best on the waterfront and their level of knowledge, proficiency, professionalism, and flexibility is why they were the number one pick for this national level testing. In fact, DECATUR maintained the highest COMTHIRDFLT Cryptologic Knowledge Reporting Challenge average amongst all ships in THIRD Fleet for the second year in a row.

The successes DECATUR enjoyed in 2014 varied from distinction in Fleet-level exercises, to flawless execution of national tasking, to entering the Drydock Ship's Restricted Availability (DSRA) nineteen days after returning from a two month underway. DECATUR has lived up to her credo, "Bold and Daring," and will continue to do so as long as she remains afloat.