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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 FORREST SHERMAN**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **23149**

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

Last: **Van Durick** First: **Michael** M.I.: **G.** Rank: **CDR**

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

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **Norfolk, VA**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Jan 06: Regional Support Organization
Sep 06: DESRON 22
31 Dec 06: DESRON 2

Administrative: Jan 06: Regional Support Organization
Sep 06: DESRON 22
31 Dec 06: DESRON 2

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):

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable):

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable:

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 30 Enlisted: 271 Civilian:

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

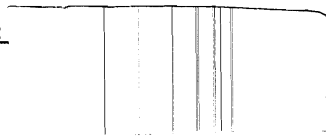
Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name):

Job Title/Office Code: Ship's Historian

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available):

Phone number(s): 757-444-4541

Command Mailing Address: FPO, AE 09569-1214



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.

On January 28, 2006, USS FORREST SHERMAN was commissioned in Pensacola, Florida. All events scheduled the week prior were successfully conducted. FORREST SHERMAN hosted a number of tours all week, providing an opportunity to the Pensacola Navy League,

local media, local schools, Boy Scout troops, JROTC Units, Officer Candidates for the Officer Candidate School, local service members, and a number of family and friends. Crew members participated in a Community Relations Project which involved cleaning the beaches along NAS Pensacola. These events along with all those scheduled on behalf of the crew by the various organizations were an excellent way for the crew to enjoy themselves.

In the months following Commissioning, FORREST SHERMAN conducted Combat Systems Ship's Qualification Trials (CSSQT). These trials were focused on testing and evaluating all the ship's combat systems and weapons systems. The ship's crew conducted various scenarios, to include Air, Surface and Sub-Surface Detect-to-Engage sequences and various Strike scenarios, in an effort to test the various systems. In addition three SM-2 missiles were launched and engaged droid targets. In March of 2006, FORREST SHERMAN conducted Anti-Submarine operations in the AUTEK Range. Acoustic testing was conducted to evaluate the ship's acoustic signature. The SQQ-89 Sonar Suite was evaluated through numerous simulations and evolutions with unmanned submersibles and even a friendly submarine. Along with these tests, one Vertical Launched Anti-Submarine Rocket and three Over-the-Side Torpedoes were launched. The ship also conducted numerous 5" shootings to evaluate the complex Gun Weapon System, this included Naval Ship Fire Support training, anti-surface fire on stationary and mobile targets, and anti-air fire on a droid target. Throughout CSSQT FORREST SHERMAN's crew performed efficiently and effectively.

Following CSSQT, FORREST SHERMAN began her Initial Training Cycle which consisted of various inspections and evaluations. The first of these was the ship's Final Contract Trials(FCT) which began on 1 May 2006. The Board of Inspection and Survey team put the ship through a rigorous inspection and evaluation of all equipment. The primary purpose was that all discrepancies found during this inspection were to be recorded and addressed during FORREST SHERMAN's Post Shakedown Availability(PSA).

The week following FCT, FORREST SHERMAN underwent ULTRA-C. The primary purpose of this week was to evaluate the ship's crew throughout a number of vital training scenarios. Each mission area was scrutinized; all administrative paper work was inspected and all personnel were evaluated. The ship's Integrated Training Team and all mission area training teams were evaluated during a complex series of scenarios. The ship's crew performed exceptionally and proved themselves to be ready for the next level.

The week following ULTRA-C involved ULTRA-E. This evaluation was geared for the Engineering aspect of FORREST SHERMAN. The engineering department binders and paper work were inspected, as well as all engineering equipment. The Engineering watch standers were evaluated through a series of drills and evolutions from basic watch standing to a main space fire drill. Once again FORREST SHERMAN performed excellently.

The following weeks were spent in preparation for Final Evaluation Problem and Engineering Operation Certification. The crew ran countless drills to prepare for these major certifications. Final Evaluation Problem (FEP) conducted 10 July 2006, consisted of running a series of complex scenarios that ranged from casualties in engineering, combat and on the bridge to simulated attacks from enemy aircraft and surface targets which lead into a General Quarters situation and a Mass Conflag drill leading into an abandon ship drill. As before FORREST SHERMAN met or exceeded all requirements.

Engineering Operation Certification (EOC) followed beginning on 24 July. This certification was a rigorous evaluation of the Engineering watch standers and their ability to run the engineering plant. Each watch team was evaluated through a strict adherence to EOSS and EOCC while conducting advanced evolutions and drills. Also, FORREST SHERMAN's Engineering Training Team was closely evaluated for their ability to train the watch standers. FORREST SHERMAN's engineering team scored above average and completed all areas for certification.

Beginning on 31 July 2006, FORREST SHERMAN conducted her final Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Certification. The certification consisted of three days of rigorous drills for three complete Inport Watch Sections and one night of complex drills while at anchor. The inport drills included various scenarios from mobs on the pier to a bomb on the ship to hostage situations. And the anchored scenarios were conducted at night with numerous coordinated simulated small boat attacks. In all drills the crew performed superbly.

Through all evaluations and certifications FORREST SHERMAN excelled, thus completing the nominal 16 week training in just 8 weeks and 9 months ahead the standard timeline. This accelerated training allowed FORREST SHERMAN to be the first Atlantic Fleet ship "GWOT Surge Ready" (except quota controlled VBSS) prior to entering the Post Shakedown Availability. As a result of being ready early, Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two Two was able to pull FORREST SHERMAN's deployment ahead 9 months to fill a

vacancy in the ENTERPRISE Strike Group, in support of the Fleet Readiness Plan.

In July of 2006, ENS [REDACTED], ENS [REDACTED] and ENS [REDACTED] were the first three Ensigns to be qualified Combat Information Center Watch Officer and Officer of the Deck in FORREST SHERMAN. In August all three attended Surface Warfare Officer School in Newport, RI. Upon return to FORREST SHERMAN, all three underwent grueling SWO Boards to be the first three to be pinned as Surface Warfare Officers onboard FORREST SHERMAN.

In October of 2006 all service members who were involved in Hurricane Katrina of August 2005, were instructed to file Waivers of Indebtedness for the overpayment on claims. All claims stated, "I was unaware of an overpayment after following direction from DON during Hurricane Katrina evacuation. I called Katrina hotline, followed directions, provided correct information and was ultimately unaware that the amount paid to me was an overpayment." All were also signed by the Commanding Officer and stated, "Member was given direction to call Katrina evacuation hotline and file report. Member received money that was believed to be accurate based on information provided to hotline. At no time did member or command believe that they were in an overpayment status. Recommend waiver of debt owed to government based on uncertainties caused by Hurricane Katrina and the procedural morass for disbursing, administering, and tracking emergency evacuation advance funding for families and individual sailors." The adjudication of the nearly 200 overpayment waivers remains unresolved as of this submission.

After the initial training cycle, FORREST SHERMAN departed Naval Station Norfolk for BAE Systems in downtown Norfolk, VA. Under contract to Bath Iron Works, in conjunction with BAE and numerous other contractors, FORREST SHERMAN conducted Post Shakedown Availability from 8 August to 14 November 2006.

On 11 December 2006, FORREST SHERMAN conducted deperming at the Deperming Station Norfolk, VA. With the expert guidance of the Deperming Station crew, FORREST SHERMAN was able to complete the evolution safely and a day and a half ahead of schedule returning to Naval Station Norfolk on the afternoon of 13 December vice 15 December as scheduled.

USS FORREST SHERMAN achieved the Annual Retention Award for 2006. This was the second consecutive year to receive this award.

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.

2006-01-03 Combat Systems Ship Qualification Trials (CSSQT)
 AEGIS Weapon System Upgrade

2006-01-06 Finish Holiday Standdown

2006-01-09 CSSQT 400 Hertz/Operational Readiness Test System
 (ORTS) Upgrade

2006-01-09 Naval Ship Fire Support (NSFS) Team Trainer

2006-01-12 Ammunition Onload

2006-01-17 Depart Naval Station Norfolk

2006-01-17 CSSQT SPY Transmitter Testing

2006-01-17 Signal Processor (SIGPRO) Testing

2006-01-17 Fire Control System (FCS) Testing

2006-01-17 External Communications Testing

2006-01-17 Gun Weapon System (GWS) Testing

2006-01-21 Arrive Panama City, FL- Embark members of
 Commissioning Committee and Pensacola Press

2006-01-21 Arrive Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL

2006-01-23 Begin Commissioning Week-Ship's Tours and Media Coverage
2006-01-24 Community Relations Project-Beach Clean Up Naval Air Station Pensacola
2006-01-28 Commissioning of USS FORREST SHERMAN
2006-01-30 Depart Naval Air Station Pensacola-Return to Homeport
2006-02-03 Return to Homeport
2006-02-21 Weapons Onload-Yorktown until 23 FEB 06
2006-02-23 Return to Homeport
2006-02-13 Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ) -1
2006-02-27 U/W VACAPES- CSSQT & CMTQ-2
2006-03-03 Return to Homeport
2006-03-13 U/W VACAPES
2006-03-16 Enroute Mayport, FL- CSSQT Preps & Hull Inspection
2006-03-23 U/W AUTECH
2006-04-01 Enroute Nassau, Bahamas
2006-04-02 Inport Nassau, Bahamas
2006-04-06 U/W JAXOPAREA-Enroute Homeport: CSSQT, SLAMEX, CMTQ-3 CERT
2006-04-12 Return to Homeport
2006-04-25 Final Contract Trials (FCT) Rehearsal
2006-05-01 FCT- U/W 02-03 MAY
2006-05-08 ULTRA E-U/W 10 MAY
2006-05-15 ULTRA C-U/W 16-17 MAY
2006-05-15 CMTQ-4
2006-07-10 U/W VACAPES- UD & Integrated Training Team (ITT) Week & Final Evaluation Problem (FEP)
2006-07-15 Return to Homeport
2006-07-24 Engineering Operation Certification (EOC)
2006-07-31 ATP Certification
2006-08-07 Post Shakedown Availability- BAE Ship Systems until 13 NOV
Bow Strengthening Modification
Digital Fuel Control
SHF Installation
Automated Identification System Install
2006-11-08 U/W Sea Trials-08-09 NOV- Return to BAE
2006-11-14 U/W VACAPES
2006-11-17 Return to Homeport
2006-12-04 U/W VACAPES
2006-12-07 Return to Homeport
2006-12-07 FORREST SHERMAN Christmas Party
2006-12-11 DEPERMING until 13 DEC
2006-12-15 Begin 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.

2006-01-28 On January 28, USS Forrest Sherman was commissioned into service. The ceremony took place at 1100 on NAS Pensacola, Florida. The guests and speakers include Rear Admiral Mark Buzby, Rear Admiral Hamilton, Phil Teel-President Northrup Grumman Ships Systems, Congressman Jeff Miller, US Senator Bill Nelson, and Mrs. Anne Sherman-Fitzpatrick-daughter of Adm. Forrest P. Sherman and ship's sponsor. All events scheduled were professionally executed.

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-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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- A. OPREP 5
 - B. Training Report
 - C. Log Reqs
 - D. After Action Reports
 - E. CASREPS
 - F. SITREPS
 - G. SORTS
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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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A. Newspaper Articles

- 1. Gosport – 20 JAN 06 Front Page & pg 3
 - 2. Navy Times- 6 FEB 06 pg 7
 - 3. Navy Times- 13 FEB 06 pg 18
 - 4. Pensacola News Journal- 29 JAN 06 Front Page & pg 4A
 - 5. Florida Today- 29 JAN 06 pg 10B
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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.

Electronic Version-CD Rom

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A. Commissioning Ceremony 28 JAN 06

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