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# Command Operations Report

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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.

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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.

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## 1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)**

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

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

Last: **Arnold** First: **Andrew** M.I.: **NMN** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2009-12-03**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two Eight**

Administrative: **Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two Eight**

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:            Enlisted:            Civilian:

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: Ship's Historian

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

Phone number(s): [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: FPO, AE 09569-1214

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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.

FORREST SHERMAN began the new year only weeks away from her deployment to the Fifth Fleet. On 12 January she pulled into Yorktown, VA to onload weapons for the upcoming cruise. Once she received her fill of small arms, missiles, projectiles, and torpedoes, she was finally ready to accomplish her mission overseas. The crew plotted a course east on 15 January and headed to the 6<sup>th</sup> Fleet. A few days later, the ship was under the control of the Sixth Fleet Commander who maintained Operational Command of the vessel until 28 January when the ship transited the Suez Canal. After the transit, the ship was now in the Red Sea and under command of Fifth Fleet.

A few days after entering Fifth Fleet, FORREST SHERMAN was attached to CTF 151 to conduct anti-piracy missions in the Gulf of Aden. The ship was successful in numerous attempts to thwart piracy of merchant traffic during this time.

Finally on 14 March, the crew pulled in for the first time during the cruise into the port of Aquaba, Jordan, a beautiful and scenic city located at the northernmost part of the Sea of Aquaba in the North Red Sea. The crew enjoyed 4 days of diving, relaxing, and sightseeing to nearby Petra, Jordan.

On 17 March, FORREST SHERMAN departed and set a course South for Jedda, Saudi Arabia. Here the ship hosted a dinner for government and military dignitaries from both Saudi Arabia and the United States consulate. Located only 50 miles west of Mecca, Jedda is a very important military and commercial center for Saudi Arabia. While there, a handful of crewmembers were able to visit the local mall and experience the local culture of a country that has seen very few American visitors.

On 22 March, the ship set sail to participate in Exercise Indigo Serpent with the Saudis. The exercise was based on boarding operations and small boat attack scenarios. Shortly after completion, FORREST SHERMAN returned to CTF 151 to continue her anti-piracy mission.

On April 30, we transited the Straits of Hormuz enroute to Manama, Bahrain for a scheduled port visit on 2 March. The crew enjoyed a week's break from the rigors of being at sea.

On 10 May, we made our way back to the Gulf of Aden once again to continue with our primary mission. The ship remained on station until 14 June when we made our way to Muscat, Oman for another scheduled port visit. While in Oman, most of the crew enjoyed a few days rest at the local resorts located in the South Arabian Sea. On 16 June we departed enroute to new tasking.

From the time we left Muscat until 30 June the ship was involved in Operation Long Haul. During this time, the unmanned aerial vehicle Scan Eagle was utilized in a multitude of missions. Used primarily for intelligence and surveillance, Scan Eagle was highly successful in completing her mission.

On 6 July, all the land loving polliwogs onboard were finally cleansed by the great Neptunis Rex as FORREST SHERMAN participated in the long standing Shellback tradition. After crossing the equator, the crew participated in a series of challenging teambuilding exercises where they earned their hard shellbacks, a right of passage for all Sailors.

On 12 July we transited back through the Suez Canal and entered the Sixth Fleet enroute to homeport. Along the way, we visited Valencia, Spain. Here the crew received 4 days in a lavish port along the Spanish Riviera during the prime of summer. While ashore, the crew enjoyed local food, traditions, and customs. The most popular events to see amongst the crew were the bull fighting and local dancing.

Finally on 1 August FORREST SHERMAN returned to Norfolk,VA for her homecoming. Families reunited with loved ones they have not seen in 7 months. New babies awaited parents they had never met. The crew would enjoy a full month of Post Overseas Movement Leave.

During the next few months, FORREST SHERMAN remained pierside as she received a number of grooms and upgrades to her combat suite. November saw a solid push to ensure the command would be ready for its next challenge, the Inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey.

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### 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.

2010-01-08 Fast Cruise  
2010-01-11 Underway Norfolk, VA to Yorktown, VA  
2010-01-11 Anchored due to bridge closure  
2010-01-12 Ammo Onload until 14 JAN  
2010-01-15 Underway Yorktown, VA to sea; CHOP 6 Fleet  
2010-01-19 In-chop to COMFOURFLT  
2010-01-25 Strait of Gibraltar Transit  
2010-02-03 In-chop to COMFIFFLT  
2010-02-?? Coalition Warship in Gulf of Aden (GOA) until JUL  
2010-??-?? Strait of Tirran Transit  
2010-03-01 Deployed until 01 AUG  
2010-03-14 Arrive Aquaba, Jordan; depart 17 MAR  
2010-03-20 Arrive Jeddah, Saudia Arabia; depart 22 MAR  
2010-03-22 Exercise Indigo Serpaut with Regal Saudi Navy until 24 MAR  
2010-??-?? Strait of Hormuz Transit  
2010-05-01 Arrive Bahrain Naval Base; depart 10 MAY  
2010-06-13 Arrive Muscat, Oman; depart 16 JUN  
2010-06-21 Operation Long Haul until 30 JUN  
2010-06-25 CHOP CSF  
2010-??-?? Crossing the Line Ceremony (Shellback)  
2010-07-01 ALT AEGIS PTDC until 24 AUG  
2010-07-08 Suez Canal Transit  
2010-07-14 Arrive Valencia, Spain; depart 17 JUL  
2010-07-19 Strait of Gibraltar Transit  
2010-08-01 RTHP  
2010-08-01 POM until 24 AUG  
2010-08-02 CMAV  
2010-08-02 PATA until 06 AUG

2010-08-02 SYSCAL until 13 AUG  
2010-08-04 SCAN EAGLE DEINSTALL until ??  
2010-08-09 BLADE BOLT TIGHTENING until 13 AUG  
2010-08-12 HANG/DNTL until 13 AUG  
2010-08-16 UW HC/DOME X-RAY until 20 AUG  
2010-08-19 AEGIS PUB AV/FRMWRE ADTS until 23 AUG  
2010-08-23 PCMS RIP MAINTAINER until 27 AUG  
2010-08-26 AVIATION LTT  
2010-08-30 PCMS RIP SUPES until 03 SEP  
2010-09-01 PKI AUDIT until 02- SEP  
2010-09-02 SAFETY SURVEY  
2010-09-03 FAST CRUISE  
2010-09-07 TYT VACAPES AND SOCOM Support until 17 SEP  
2010-09-07 ULM  
2010-09-13 NOBEL EAGLE COMEX until 19 SEP  
2010-09-20 TYT VACAPES AND ONSLOW BAY until 23 SEP  
2010-09-27 PRI NOBEL EAGLE NYC until 03 OCT  
2010-09-28 GROOM PHASE 1 until 30 SEP  
2010-10-01 CRT  
2010-10-01 WTD  
2010-10-05 TRANSIT  
2010-10-06 OPFOR IRE Carrier Strike Group (CSG)  
2010-10-06 OPFOR SUPPORT ENT C2X until 15 SEP  
2010-10-11 PRI NOBLE EAGLE NYC until 17 SEP  
2010-10-16 TRANSIT until 17 OCT  
2010-10-18 INDUSTRIAL HYGEINE until 22 OCT  
2010-10-18 WTD GROOM PHASE 1 until 22 OCT  
2010-10-18 NSFS TT until 22 OCT  
2010-10-18 BRM until 22 OCT  
2010-10-18 UWHC until 29 OCT  
2010-10-21 MAG INSPECTION until 22 OCT  
2010-10-23 CMAV (PRE INSURV) until 12 NOV  
2010-10-25 NFCS TT until 28 OCT  
2010-10-25 WTD GROOM PHASE 2 until 29 OCT  
2010-10-25 PRE-INSURV ASSESSMENT until 05 NOV  
2010-11-01 NAVY FOOD MGMT TM until 05 NOV  
2010-11-01 SET until 02 NOV  
2010-11-01 AVCERT until 05 NOV  
2010-11-02 NIAPS TRNG until 03 NOV  
2010-11-03 ARQ until 04 NOV  
2010-11-05 SET  
2010-11-06 DOOR GROOM PHASE 2 until 12 NOV  
2010-11-08 INSURV REHEARSAL (INPT) until 12 NOV  
2010-11-15 TYT VACAPES until 18 NOV  
2010-11-15 AIR CERT until 16 NOV  
2010-11-15 PRI NORTHCOM NFLK/NE VACAPES until 05 DEC  
2010-11-16 NSFS QUAL until 17 NOV  
2010-11-19 IN PORT" 24 HR RFS DUE TO READY DUTY until 28 NOV

2010-11-22 INSURV REHEARSAL (INPT) until 24 NOV  
2010-11-29 INSURV REHEARSAL until 03 DEC  
2010-11-29 18M-1R  
2010-11-30 PIA 1  
2010-12-01 DEG AUS  
2010-12-06 TYT VCPS/SOCOM COMMS until 10 DEC  
2010-12-27 HOLIDAY UPKEEP until 09 JAN  
2010-12-13 CMAV until 07 JAN

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
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- 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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## 6. Photographs

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