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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 (DDG 98)**

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

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

Last: **SANCHEZ** First: **LUIS M.I. E.** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2011-03-11**

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 ██████████

Job Title/Office Code: Ship's Historian

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

Phone number(s): ██████████

Command Mailing Address:

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.

After holiday stand-down, the FORREST SHERMAN crew quickly made their last preparations for their upcoming Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV). Amidst these hectic times, the crew also passed their Force Protection Exercise (FPEX) drills in mid-January, proving their capability to protect the ship. FORREST SHERMAN's INSURV inspection was on 31 January through 4 February. The hard work of the crew paid off as FORREST SHERMAN passed the INSURV inspection with flying colors and had the best overall scores for the any ship on the East Coast.

The next big event was Exercise JOINT WARRIOR. FORREST SHERMAN spent Valentine's Day touring the Virginia waters as it strived to complete its final workups for JOINT WARRIOR. Later that month, FORREST SHERMAN spent 3 days off the Florida coast for final preparations. On 11 March CDR Sanchez relieved CDR Arnold. Shortly after the change of command ceremony, FORREST SHERMAN left for JOINT WARRIOR on 21 March and transited the Atlantic Ocean. The crew enjoyed a short respite during their three day port call in Faslane, UK. During JOINT WARRIOR, FORREST SHERMAN operated with our allies, demonstrating our full combat capability. Two weeks later, FORREST SHERMAN made its second port visit at Portsmouth, UK and toured the sights for the next four days. After six weeks of JOINT WARRIOR, the crew was happy to return home in the first week of May.

In less than two weeks after returning home, FORREST SHERMAN was on the move again as it transited up to Yorktown for an ammo offload. On the return trip to Norfolk, the crew enjoyed a family day cruise. FORREST SHERMAN then entered its continued maintenance availability (CMAV) period on 23 May at MHI, before beginning its ship's repair availability (SRA) period on 8 June. During this time the crew and equipment underwent numerous certification phase testing. On 29 August, FORREST SHERMAN concluded its SRA period as it conducted its Light-Off Assessment (LOA) with the Afloat Training Group (ATG).

After transiting back over to Naval Station Norfolk, FORREST SHERMAN entered its post-SRA CMAV phase in the beginning of September. In October, FORREST SHERMAN completed her Type Commander (TYCOM) Readiness Certification. After finishing all evolutions required, FORREST SHERMAN was allowed to move on to the ATG Basic Phase on 10 October. All mobility areas underwent inspections and training events to include navigation, engineering, seamanship, and damage control. This month's training scattered the crew from the Bridge Simulator to Dam Neck, VA to the Farris Fire Fighting School. Amidst all that training, the crew still found time to entertain their families and kids with an epic Halloween party onboard FORREST SHERMAN!

In November FORREST SHERMAN conducted two busy underway periods and plunged into the Basic Phase with numerous ATG events. Every Sailor was extremely flexible as FORREST SHERMAN moved along in different warfare areas. FORREST SHERMAN conducted training in main space fires, inport emergency response, force protection, and events such as towing and mooring to a buoy. November included shipwide training for the Maintenance Material Management (3M) assessment in February. Each Officer, CPO, and Sailor had extensive 3M training to ensure FORREST SHERMAN's success. During this month the crew also hosted a number of guests - RADM Thomas (COMNAVSURFLANT), RDML Manazir (CCSG-8) and CAPT Kersh (Navy Munitions Command). Each visitor commented on the superb condition of the ship and the stellar performance of her crew. After a long month, the crew enjoyed a hard earned Thanksgiving weekend.

FORREST SHERMAN was underway for the first week of December and mid-month. Both underways were packed with events! The first period was the last chance for FORREST SHERMAN to train on multiple evolutions prior to the mobility certification week in mid-December. FORREST SHERMAN conducted damage control (DC) and

anti-terrorism, force protection (ATFP) drills the first two weekends of December. During the mid-month underway, FORREST SHERMAN expertly and safely completed a tow/be-towed evolution with JASON DUNHAM, and a mooring to a buoy evolution. FORREST SHERMAN did an outstanding job with the general quarters (GQ) and at-sea-fire-party (ASFP) events. The crew attained extremely high scores in each mobility area. After the second underway, FORREST SHERMAN had completed all Tier 1 (mobility) elements of the Basic Phase and was certified in MOB-E, SAR, AIR and MOB-N. From there, FORREST SHERMAN's focus shifted on to Tier 2 (tactical) elements just prior to the holiday standdown. Taking a short break from the training and getting ready for the holiday season, the crew gathered for a relaxing evening at the Command Christmas Party. Nice work this year FORREST SHERMAN – kick your boots off, enjoy a hard earned holiday standdown, and be ready to roll into a busy 2012!

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.

2011-01-01 Holiday Upkeep until 09 JAN
2011-01-11 INSURV until 12 JAN
2011-01-13 FPEX until 14 JAN
2011-01-18 INSURV REHEARSAL (INPT) until 21 JAN
2011-01-24 INSURV REHEARSAL (INPT) until 25 JAN
2011-01-31 INSURV until 04 FEB
2011-02-14 TYT VACAPES until 15 FEB
2011-02-18 TRANSIT until 21 FEB
2011-02-26 SSRNM (AUTEC) until 27 FEB
2011-03-11 Change of Command
2011-04-01 Arrive Faslane, UK; Depart 04 APR
2011-04-05 Exercise JOINT WARRIOR until 17 APR
2011-04-18 Arrive Portsmouth, UK; Depart 22 APR
2011-05-16 Arrive Yorktown, VA for Offload; Depart 20 MAY
2011-05-23 Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV) until 07 JUN
2011-06-08 SRA until 22 AUG
2011-07-18 3M 1.2 until 22 JUL
2011-07-25 EXPSAF 1.0
2011-07-26 ATFP 1.0
2011-08-01 INT, AW, STW, USW, VBSS, SW 2.0
2011-08-01 MOB-S 1.0 until 2 AUG
2011-08-01 MOB-N 1.0 until 3 AUG
2011-08-01 CCC 1.0

2011-08-01 MOB-D/E 1.0 until 5 AUG
2011-08-08 MOB-D 1.1 until 12 AUG
2011-08-09 SAR 1.2 until 11 AUG
2011-08-12 SAR 1.3
2011-08-22 Aviation Pre-Certification until 26 AUG
2011-08-22 MOB-E 1.1 until 26 AUG
2011-08-23 Post SRA WOO until 11 SEP
2011-08-26 Ammo Onload
2011-08-29 ISIC LOA until 01 SEP
2011-09-05 CCC 1.1 until 09 SEP
2011-09-05 SW, AW, SUW 2.1A until 09 SEP
2011-09-05 SUP 1.1 until 09 SEP
2011-09-05 ATFP, EXPSAF 1.1 until 09 SEP
2011-09-06 ISIC STOV until 07 SEP
2011-09-06 Readiness Certification 1.1, 2.1 until 23 SEP
2011-09-07 AIR 1.2/1.3 until 09 SEP
2011-09-12 STRL until 15 SEP
2011-09-15 ULM
2011-09-16 Post Sea Trials WOO until 23 SEP
2011-09-19 Aviation Certification until 23 SEP
2011-09-19 VBSS 2.1A
2011-09-19 CRY, INT, STK 2.1A until 23 SEP
2011-09-19 UWHC until 23 SEP
2011-09-21 SAR 1.4 until 23 SEP
2011-09-26 Arrive Yorktown, VA; Depart 30 SEP
2011-10-03 READ, CERT, STRL VCOA until 07 OCT
2011-10-10 Basic Phase until 31 DEC
2011-10-11 MOB-E 1.2 until 14 OCT
2011-10-17 MOB-D 1.2 until 21 OCT
2011-10-17 FP 1.1 until 19 OCT
2011-10-24 MOB-N 1.2 until 26 OCT
2011-10-24 MOB-E 1.3A, MOB-S 1.2, and MOB-D 1.3A until 28 OCT
2011-10-27 SUP 1.3
2011-11-01 MOB-N 1.3B and AIR 1
2011-11-01 TYT VCOA until 04 NOV
2011-11-01 MOB-E 1.3B and MOB-S 1.3A until 04 NOV
2011-11-07 CCC 1.2 until 10 NOV
2011-11-08 3M 1.3 until 10 NOV
2011-11-14 CCC 1.3 until 18 NOV
2011-11-14 EXPSAF 1.2/1.3 until 17 NOV
2011-11-14 FP 1.2 until 16 NOV
2011-11-15 MED 1.2 until 17 NOV
2011-11-21 MED 1.3A and ATFP 1.3A until 23 NOV
2011-11-21 EXPSAF 1.4 until 22 NOV
2011-11-28 ATFP 1.3B
2011-11-28 TYT VCOA until 02 DEC
2011-11-28 MOB-E, MOB-N, MOB-D, and MOB-S 1.3A/B until 02 DEC
2011-12-05 CCC 1.4A and STW 2.2B until 09 DEC

2011-12-06 FPEX until 07 DEC
2011-12-12 TYT VCOA until 16 DEC
2011-12-12 MOB-D, MOB-S, MOB-N, and MOB-E 1.4 until 16 DEC
2011-12-13 RAS with LNC
2011-12-16 ATFP 1.4B
2011-12-19 CRY, INT, and EW 2.1B until 20 DEC
2011-12-19 STW, USW, AW, and SW 2.1B until 21 DEC
2011-12-20 VBSS 2.1B

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.

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.

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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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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