

OPNAV Report Symbol 5750-1
Command Serial Number: 23149
Date Submitted: 01MAR18

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

1. Command Data

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

Unit Identification Code (UIC): 23149

Name, rank, and contact information of Commander/Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge:

Last: MURDOCK First: JAMIE M.I.: A Rank: CDR/O-5

Email: [REDACTED] Phone: [REDACTED]

Date Assumed Command: 2016-11-04

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: VIRGINIA CAPES, CHERRY POINT, JACKSONVILLE

Permanent Location: NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO EIGHT

Administrative: 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): N/A

Name of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons, or Units assigned or under your operational control: HSM-48 VIPERS

Type and number of Aircraft/Ships Assigned and Tail Codes/Hull Numbers, if applicable:

2 MH-60R, Tail Codes: 511 and 514

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 34 Enlisted: 301 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact:

Name: LTJG [REDACTED]
Job Title/Office Code: NAVIGATOR
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Phone number(s): [REDACTED]
Command Mailing Address: USS FORREST SHERMAN, FPO AE, 09569

2. Commander's Assessment

2017 was an important year for FORREST SHERMAN as we continued preparations for our 2018 deployment through advanced training cycle evolutions and real-world operational assignments at sea. While the technical and tactical challenge of our training cycle assessments stressed team work and level of knowledge, I am positive that these events have helped shape our crew into the fierce war fighters our country demands.

As we prepared our watch standers for the rigors of deployment, our crew also worked diligently to improve and maintain shipboard material conditions both for our INSURV and 3M certification. While these evolutions helped to drive our daily activities, we never lost sight of the bigger picture. As deployment looms, we know that is only through a scrupulous and error free maintenance program that we can expect to find success on deployment.

The assessments and inspections of 2017 were demanding, but I am more confident than ever in FORREST SHERMAN's ability to represent the United States of America well during 2018's deployment. We have only reached the starting line. Our best work remains in front of us.

Relentless Fighting Spirit!

3. Chronology

13JAN17	CMAV 7A1
16JAN17-20JAN17	NSFS CERT
16JAN17-31JAN17	MOB-S 1.4
23JAN17-27JAN17	AMMO ONLOAD
30JAN17-13MAR2017	READ-6
24FEB17	CCC 1.4
24FEB17	AT 1.4
29MAR17	OP EAGLE EYE
18MAY17	SCC-52
22MAY-25MAY17	IPT MIAMI
19JUN17-20JUN17	READ-E7

21JUL17-31JUL17	CMAV 7A2
1AUG17-3AUG17	MI-7
8AUG17-11AUG17	INSURV
19AUG17	FRIENDS AND FAMILY CRUISE
11SEP17-15SEP17	3M 1.3
29SEP17-11OCT17	OP STEEL BARRICADE
11OCT17-30OCT17	HST GRUSAIL
4DEC17 – 8DEC 17	3M 1.4
11DEC17	CMAV 8A1
12DEC17 – 13DEC17	FPEX
18DEC17-29DEC17	NUWTAC

Narrative

FORREST SHERMAN began the year with efforts to improve overall shipboard material readiness during CMAV 7A1. While repairs and maintenance were being accomplished, the Naval Surface Fire Support team demonstrated the proficiency required to obtain overall certification. Concurrently, FORREST SHERMAN demonstrated her ability to perform various and complex seamanship and ship handling evolutions on her way to certification of MOB-S.

Upon conclusion of the MOB-S certification, FORREST SHERMAN journeyed to Yorktown, Virginia in order to receive a self-defense loadout of weapons and ammunition. Upon receipt of this weapons loadout, the ship continued forging ahead with basic phase certifications. From February to March, the ship completed certification in communications and anti-terrorism force protection.

Real world situations mandated that FORREST SHERMAN spend a great deal of time at sea in March 2017 as a participant in “Operation Eagle Eye”. Upon conclusion of real-world tasking, FORREST SHERMAN headed south to participate in Submarine Commander’s Course 52. The crew also earned some well-deserved time off during a port visit to Miami, Florida, in support of the first ever Miami Sea and Air Show.

Upon return to Norfolk, Virginia, FORREST SHERMAN began earnest preparations for the rigorous Board of Inspection and Survey. As a pre-cursor to this major inspection, FORREST SHERMAN participated in MI-7, a material inspection tailored to identifying problems that needed repairing prior to INSURV. After the ship performed well on INSURV from 08-11 August, the ship offered a one day cruise to friends and family of crew members. This day at sea with loved ones was a welcomed change of pace after the long working hours and intense op-tempo associated with INSURV preparations.

In late September, real-world situations once more mandated that FORREST SHERMAN return to sea to do her nation’s bidding. She participated in “Operation Steel Barricade” days before the ship transitioned to a joint environment as a member of Harry S. Truman Strike Group during Group Sail. When the strike group returned to Norfolk, FORREST SHERMAN had an extremely successful December as she easily certified 3M and went a perfect 23 of 23 on drills during Force Protection Exercise, earning CTF 80 ATFP deployment certification.

To commemorate the end of a very successful year at sea, FORREST SHERMAN had a wonderful command holiday party at the Founder’s Inn in Virginia Beach to celebrate the crew’s accomplishments and to further build the bonds of friendship that will carry the ship into 2018’s deployment.

4. Supporting Reports

1. FSH Basic Phase completion message; DTG 221800Z FEB 18
 2. NSST after-action report: Basic Ship Handling
 3. NSST after-action report: Bridge Resource Management
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5. Published Documents

1. USS FORREST SHERMAN Official Website: <http://www.sherman.navy.mil>

6. Photographs

1. Commanding Officer Jamie A. Murdock Photo and Biography
2. Executive Officer Patrick R. O'Loughlin Photo and Biography
3. Command Master Chief Michael Wentzel Photo and Biography

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FM AFLOATRAGRU NORFOLK VA
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INFO CTF 80
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CENSURFCOMBATSYS DET NORFOLK VA
NAVIOCOM NORFOLK VA
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SUBJ/USS FORREST SHERMAN UPDATED BASIC PHASE TRAINING COMPLETION
REPORT// REF/A/MSG/ATGN/011800Z JUN 17// REF/B/DOC/CNSP-CNSL/08NOV2016//
REF/C/DOC/CNSP-CNSL/30NOV2016// REF/D/EMAIL/CNSL N7/210534Z FEB 18//
NARR/REF A IS USS FORREST SHERMAN (FSH) BASIC PHASE COMPLETION
REPORT.

REF B IS CNSP-CNSLINST 3502.3 SURFACE FORCE READINESS MANUAL.

REF C IS CNSP-CNSLINST 3500.11 SURFACE FORCE EXERCISE MANUAL.

REF D IS CNSL N7 EMAIL CONFIRMING CNSL N7 CONCURRENCE ISO
RECOMMENDATION FOR FSH CRY CERTIFICATION WITH CURRENT MANNING.

POC: [REDACTED]/LT/UNIT:ATGN/-/EMAIL: [REDACTED]/
TEL: [REDACTED]//

GENTEXT/REMARKS/1. IAW WITH REFS B AND C, THIS MESSAGE IS AN UPDATE
TO REF A DUE TO USS FORREST SHERMAN COMPLETING OUTSTANDING BP
EVENTS IN MOB-S AND CRY.

2. FSH COMPLETED MOB-S CE09 (EMERGENCY TOWING) ON 27 OCT 17.

FSH COMPLETED REMAINING CRY CE'S ON 12 JAN 18: CE01 (PBED),
CE02 (CRY ADMIN), CE03 (LOK), CE04 (CRY SYSTEM CONFIG),
CE05 (INFO OPS), CE06 (DF OPS), CE07 (AFLOAT MSG),
CE08 (CRY FUSION ANALYSIS), CE09 (CRY CASUALTY).

3. FSH IS 1 OF 2 INC-F MAINTAINERS (NEC 9298) FOR CRY MISSION AREA.

ATG RECOMMENDS CRY CERTIFICATION FOR FSH WITH TWO FULLY MANNED
WATCHTEAMS AND 1 OF 2 INC-F MAINTAINERS PER REF D.

4. FSH BASIC PHASE TRAINING CERTIFICATION PROGRESS:

EVENT	PLANNED	REVISED	ACTUAL	FOM
MOB-S 2.4	16JAN17	27MAR17	27OCT17	92
CRY 2.4	05MAY17	28JUN17	12JAN18	98

5. ATG NORFOLK RECOMMENDS CNSL GRANT FSH CERTIFICATION IN MOB-S
AND CRY, AS WELL AS OVERALL BASIC PHASE COMPLETION.//

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Training Attendance Record
Navigation, Seamanship, Shiphandling Instruction Program
 (Please forward to CO cc Regional Manager)

Course of Instruction: Basic Shiphandling (BSH)
Instructor / Location of Instruction / Simulator Serial Number: Boyce, Moore / KBB Norfolk / NSST-2

Dates of Instruction: 28 August - 01 September 2017

Command Name / Hull Number / Phone Number/ FPO / Commanding Officer USS FORREST SHERMAN / DDG 98 / / / CDR Jamie A. Murdock

Full Name, Rank	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM
ENS Courtney Hook	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
LTJG Justin Dion	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
ENS Leland Remias	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
ENS Jordyn Marxen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
ENS David Dennis	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
ENS Forrest Walsh	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X

Standard Surface Force Assessment Sheet Scores (Max: 100%)

NAME	UW	MOOR	UNREP	MOB
ENS Courtney Hook	67	67	67	67
LTJG Justin Dion	80	78	84	75
ENS Leland Remias	67	67	67	67
ENS Jordyn Marxen	72	69	69	80
ENS David Dennis	67	69	76	78
ENS Forrest Welsh	78	69	70	67

Instructor comments: P=Proficient MS=Meets Standards RI=Requires Improvement



Training Attendance Record
 Bridge Resource Management Course
 Navigation, Seamanship, Shiphandling Training Program

Course of Instruction: Bridge Resources Management
Instructor / Location of Instruction / Simulator Serial Number: Squicciarini, Boyce/ KBB/ NSST-1

Dates of Instruction: 18-22 Sep 2017

Command Name / Hull Number / Phone Number / Commanding Officer USS Forrest Sherman/ DDG 98/ 757-44-4541/CDR Jamie Murdock
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Full Name, Rank	* #	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		ROR
		AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM	
ENS Brianna Muth		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	98
ENS Shuntiyea Langston		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	92
ENS Marisol Aguilar		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	88
LTJG Alex Kavall	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	92
LTJG Zach Wellman	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	94
LTJG Justin Dion	*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	100
ENS Melia Mae Montgomery		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		100
LT Anne Rahall	#	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	98
ENS Forrest Welsh		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	98
CDR Jamie Murdock	CO		X			X		X	X			
CDR Ryan O'Loughlin	XO			X								
CWO2 Sean Ebersole			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	58

* = OOD
 # = Senior Observer

Instructor Comments:

- COMPLETED FULL BRM SCHEDULE
- ROR TEST: 8 of 10 passed
- CASE STUDIES: JFK/Belknap, Wasp, Burke, Gonzalez, TR/Leyte Gulf, Porter

Commander Jamie A. Murdock

Commanding Officer, USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)

Commander Jamie Murdock is a native of Ticonderoga, NY. A graduate of the University of Florida, he received his commission through Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida in 1999.

He served at sea as Damage Control Assistant and Navigator in the pre-commissioning crew of USS HOWARD (DDG 83), Engineer Officer on USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), and Engineer Officer on USS CAPE ST. GEORGE (CG 71). He was awarded the 2007 CNSF Navy and Marine Association Leadership Award and the Naval Academy Class of '76 Leadership Award while serving as a Department Head.



Ashore, CDR Murdock served in the Office of the Dean of Students at the Naval War College, in the Office of Legislative Affairs Program Office as the Fleet Readiness Liaison to the Senate and House Armed Services Committees, and as a Detailer in PERS-41, Surface Commander and Lieutenant Commander/Commander Assignments, at Navy Personnel Command.

In addition to his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, History, and Criminal Justice from the University of Florida, he also has a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College.

CDR Murdock's decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various individual, unit, and campaign awards.

Commander Patrick R. O’Loughlin

Executive Officer, USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)

A native of Jackson, Missouri, Commander O’Loughlin graduated in May 2000 from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and received his Commission through the NROTC Program.

After attending Surface Warfare Officers Division Officer Course, Commander O’Loughlin’s initial sea tour was as Damage Control Assistant in USS O’KANE (DDG 77) from December 2000 to December 2002. During his tour, he completed a deployment in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He then served as Fire Control Officer in USS RUSSELL (DDG 59) from March 2003 to August 2004, completing a deployment to Southeast Asia.



As a department head, he served as Operations Officer in USS FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98) from October 2008 to February 2010 and in USS MONTEREY (CG 61) from February 2010 to November 2011, completing the first-ever Ballistic Missile Defense of Europe deployment.

Ashore, Commander O’Loughlin served as the Assistant SWO Community Manager at PERS-41 in Millington, Tennessee from September 2004 to May 2006 and attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, earning his Masters of Business Administration (Financial Management) in December 2007. He served as the lead ASW instructor at Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, Rhode Island from November 2011 to November 2013 before reporting to Undersea Warfighting Development Center, Detachment Norfolk, serving as a Strike Group ASW Trainer and Assessor.

Commander O’Loughlin’s personal awards include six Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, Navy Achievement Medal, and various other unit and personal awards.

CMDCM(SW/FMF/EXW) Michael O. Wentzel
Command Master Chief

CMDCM Michael Wentzel was born in the Philippines and raised in Oceanside, CA. He completed recruit training and HM "A" School in Great Lakes in 1989 and reported to Naval Reserve Hospital Unit 119 in San Diego, CA.

Upon recall to active duty on 27 June 1990, he was assigned to USS ROBISON (DDG 12) as a Hospitalman Recruit. Subsequent tours include Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, 4th Landing Support Battalion, Lathrop, CA, and 4th Medical Logistics Company, San Diego. In May 2000, he reported to Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) School where he was selected for Chief Petty Officer. IDC tours include Naval Ambulatory Care Center New Orleans and upon termination of shore duty, USS RODNEY M DAVIS (FFG 60). In 2004, he was selected as the Full Time Support HM Detailer in New Orleans and continued his detailer tour at Navy Personnel Command (NPC) in Millington, TN, following evacuation from Hurricane Katrina. He then served as Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Reserve Medical Branch (PERS-95) of NPC. In 2011, while on 10 month IA orders as a FMF Corpsman with 1st Battalion, 5th Marines to Sangin District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan, he was selected as the 2010 NPC Senior Enlisted Leader of the Year, selected for the Command Senior Chief Program, and advanced to Master Chief Petty Officer. Previous CMC tours include Coastal Riverine Group ONE and Commander Navy Region Southwest, Reserve Component Command San Diego.



Master Chief Wentzel is a graduate of the Senior Enlisted Academy, Class 165 and CMC/COB Course, Class 100 in Newport, Rhode Island.

Personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (eight awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), and various unit and campaign awards. He is qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Fleet Marine Force Warfare Specialist, and Expeditionary Warfare Specialist.