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From: Commanding Officer, USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101)

To: Director, Naval History and Heritage Command (OP-09BH)

Subj: USS GRIDLEY (DDG 101) COMMAND OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 2016

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Commanding Officer's Assessment
(3) Chronology
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(5) Images from 2016

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted as USS GRIDLEY'S 2016 command history.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marc Crawford".

MARC D. CRAWFORD

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Name of your Command or Organization: USS GRIDLEY

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: N23151

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

Last: Crawford First: Marc M.I.: D. Rank: CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2015-09-18

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Gridley's primary mission is to provide air defense in a carrier strike group. Gridley can also coordinate and execute operations in anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, maritime interdiction, strike warfare, and a variety of other warfare areas. Gridley has the capability to embark two MH-60R Seahawk helicopters. The crew trains underway primarily in the Pacific Northwest area. When deployed, Gridley operates in the THIRD, SEVENTH, and FIFTH Fleet areas of operation.

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Everett, WA
Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Commander, Destroyer Squadron ONE

Administrative: Commander, Destroyer Squadron 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):

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: 39 Enlisted: 260 Civilian: 0

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

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CO'S ASSESSMENT

For the crew of USS Gridley (DDG 101), 2016 proved to be a challenging year beginning with an extended sustainment phase that lasted until a much needed DSRA in October. In addition to the busy extended sustainment phase, Gridley conducted a homeport shift from San Diego, CA to Everett, WA and a port visit to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Having returned from a successful FIFTH and SEVENTH Fleet deployment in June 2015, GRIDLEY's challenge was to continue to maintain certifications throughout much of 2016 as the go-to ship of THIRD fleet. To meet this goal, Gridley was assigned to various exercises including a TACDEMO off the coast of Hawaii, IDCERTEX OPFOR, NSFS Spotter services, two separate TOWEX's both in San Diego and Hawaii, escort duties from Panama up to San Diego, SCC Mini Wars and the Seattle Sea Fair.

Gridley continued to hone her war fighting skills during a tactical demonstration with USS JOHN PAUL JONES off the Hawaiian coast in January where she provided over the horizon targeting for John Paul Jones. The tactical demonstration culminated with a destructive fire gunshot at the Ex-Reuben James in order to sink her.

After returning from Hawaii for the first time that year, Gridley participated in a TOWEX to re-certify before she transited down to Panama to escort the USNS Apache towing the Ex-Norfolk up to San Diego.

After conducting her homeport shift in July 2016, GRIDLEY participated in the Seattle Sea Fair where she provided tours to the public. Approximately 12,000 people visited Gridley during the week she was pierside in downtown Seattle. Her crew was also afforded the opportunity to attend a Mariners game where they played against the Boston Red Sox.

Upon the conclusion of the Sea Fair, Gridley headed back out to sea to conduct anti-submarine warfare exercises off the Hawaiian coast. She conducted theater anti-submarine warfare operations before participating in the Submarine Commanders Course Mini Wars with USS O'Kane, USS Michael Murphy and USNS Wally Schirra. Upon completion of SCC Mini Wars, Gridley returned home to Everett, WA.

Gridley began her maintenance availability in October 2016 and went into dry dock in November 2016 to conduct repairs to her propellers, shafts, rudders and sonar dome.

Chronology 2016

January

01JAN2016 Celebrated New Years Inport San Diego, CA
05JAN2016 U/W to Hawaii Op Area
12JAN2016 UNREP with USNS Rappahannock
15-17JAN2016 Conducted SAR operations for 2 USMC CH-53E Super Stallions that crashed off coast of Oahu. No survivors recovered.
17JAN2016 UNREP
19JAN2016 Conducted PACFIRE on EX-Reuben James, 5403 rounds expended. EX-Reuben James reported sinking at 1830L (0430Z 20JAN2016).
22JAN2016 UNREP with USNS Henry J Kaiser
23JAN2016 PVST Pearl Harbor, HI
29JAN2016 U/W from Pearl Harbor, HI

February

03FEB2016 UNREP with USNS Guadalupe
03FEB2016 RTHP
26FEB2016 U/W to SoCal Op Area

March

03MAR2016 UNREP with USNS Guadalupe
03MAR2016 Conducted flight operations for deck landing qualifications (DLQ)
06MAR2016 Conducted Flight operations for DLQs
07MAR2016 Conducted NSFS using MT51, 176 rounds expended
08MAR2016 RTHP
21MAR2016 U/W to SoCal Op Area
21MAR2016 Conducted flight operations for DLQs
22MAR2016 Conducted anchor drop test
22MAR2016 Conducted flight operations for DLQs
23MAR2016 UNREP with USNS Guadalupe
23MAR2016 Conducted flight operations for DLQs
24MAR2016 Conducted TOWEX with USS Dewey
24MAR2016 RTHP

April

14APR2016 Visit from Carrier Strike Group 1, Rear Admiral Loeblein
18APR2016 U/W to BRAVO pier for ammo movement
18APR2016 Returned to Naval Base San Diego
22APR2016 U/W to Mazatlan, Mexico
25APR2016 PVST Mazatlan, Mexico
28APR2016 U/W to Rodman, Panama

30APR2016 OUTCHOP C3F / INCHOP C4F

May

03MAY2016 BSF in Rodman, Panama

04MAY2016 U/W from Rodman, Panama, escorting USNS Apache towing Ex-Norfolk

07MAY2016 OUTCHOP C4F / INCHOP C3F

18MAY2016 UNREP with USNS Yukon

18MAY2016 RTHP

June

29JUN2016 U/W for homeport shift to Everett, WA

July

02JUL2016 PVST Vancouver, British Columbia

09JUL2016 U/W to Everett, WA. Homeport shifted to Everett, WA

25JUL2016 U/W to Naval Magazine Indian Island for ammo offload.

28JUL2016 U/W from NMII to Naval Base Everett.

August

02AUG2016 U/W from Everett, WA to Seattle, WA to support Seattle Sea Fair

02AUG2016 PVST Seattle, WA for Sea Fair

08AUG2016 U/W to Hawaii Op Area for ASW operations

14AUG2016 TOWEX with O'Kane

15AUG2016 UNREP with USNS Henry J Kaiser

15-17AUG2016 TASW Ops in HIOPA

18AUG2016 PVST Pearl Harbor, Hawaii

22AUG2016 U/W from Pearl Harbor to support Submarine Commanders Course

22-25AUG2016 Mini Wars with USS Michael Murphy, USS O'Kane and USNS Wally Schirra

25AUG2016 UNREP with USNS Wally Schirra

30AUG2016 Burial at Sea

September

01SEP2016 RTHP

12SEP2016 U/W to NMII for ammo offload.

13SEP2016 U/W from NMII to sea for Hybrid Electric Drive pre-install testing.

14SEP2016 RTHP

October

24OCT2016 Commenced FY17 CNO Dry-docking Selective Restrictive Availability

November

09NOV2016 U/W with tugs (dead stick) to Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA
21NOV2016 entered dry dock at Vigor Shipyards.

December

08DEC2016 Command Holiday Party at Tulalip Casino

Narrative

USS Gridley celebrated the New Year in port San Diego, California. On January 5th, Gridley got underway from San Diego and headed out to Hawaii. While underway, Gridley replenished with USNS Rappahannock and USNS Henry J Kaiser. On her way to Hawaii, Gridley hit heavy seas and lost the cover to TACAN. On January 15th, Gridley and USS John Paul Jones responded to a Search and Rescue call for two downed USMC CH-53E Sea Stallions off the coast of Oahu. No survivors were recovered; however Gridley recovered debris from the crash. Gridley and John Paul Jones participated in a SINKEX involving the Ex-Reuben James on January 19th. Gridley expended 5403 rounds of 5", 25mm, 20mm, .50cal, and .762cal ammunition and John Paul Jones fired an SM-6 and the Ex-Reuben James. She was finally sunk around 1830L on January 19th. Gridley pulled into Pearl Harbor, HI on January 23rd for a well deserved port visit. On January 29th Gridley got underway and began her transit back to the SoCal OpArea.

On February 3rd, Gridley replenished with USNS Guadalupe off the coast of San Diego, CA, before returning to her home port later that afternoon. Gridley got underway again on February 26th in support of DLQs.

On March 3rd, Gridley replenished with USNS Guadalupe. On March 7th, Gridley conducted a NSFS exercise off the coast of San Clemente Island to help train Marines for their deployment. She expended 176 rounds total. Gridley returned to port in San Diego on March 8th. On March 21st, Gridley got underway to support DLQs, an anchor drop test and a towing exercise with USS Dewey. On March 24th, Gridley returned to her home port.

Rear Admiral James T. Loeblein, Carrier Strike Group 1, visited USS Gridley on April 14th. On April 22nd Gridley got underway and headed to Fourth Fleet to escort USNS Apache towing the Ex-Norfolk. Before meeting up with the Apache, Gridley visited Mazatlan, Mexico on April 25th. She left Mexico on April 28th and headed south to Panama. On April 30th, Gridley transferred from Third Fleet into Fourth Fleet.

Gridley arrived in Rodman, Panama on May 3rd to refuel before meeting up with USNS Apache and Ex-Norfolk on May 4th. Gridley escorted Apache and Ex-Norfolk from Panama to San Diego. On May 7th, Gridley, Apache and Ex-Norfolk transferred into Third Fleet. Gridley replenished with USNS Yukon on May 18th before returning to her home port later that day.

On June 29th, Gridley got underway from San Diego, California to conduct her homeport shift to Everett, Washington. On the evening of June 30th, she hit heavy seas off the coast of San Francisco and lost her two forward .50 cal gun mounts, the 5" skirt, and the bull nose cover. She also sustained minor damage to the SAR gear locker, TACAN and the lightening rod.

Gridley visited Vancouver, British Columbia from July 2nd to July 9th, and during that time, she hosted tours for the public and a consulate reception on the pier. She was delayed in Vancouver for three days due to a CRP casualty, and completed her homeport shift to Everett, WA on July 9th. On July 25th, she headed out to Indian Island for an ammo offload. Gridley finished the ammo offload a day early and headed back to Everett, WA on July 28th.

On August 2nd, Gridley headed down to Seattle, WA for Seattle Sea Fair Fleet Week with USS Somerset and USCGC Active. During that week, she hosted tours for the public and over 12,000 people visited Gridley. On August 8th, Gridley got underway and headed back out to Hawaii for anti-submarine warfare exercises. On August 14th, she conducted a towing exercise with the USS O'Kane. The following day Gridley replenished with USNS Henry J Kaiser, and upon completing the UNREP she commenced anti-submarine warfare exercises. On August 18th, Gridley stopped in Pearl Harbor, HI for a well deserved port visit. She stayed in Pearl Harbor for three days before getting back underway on August 22nd to participate in Submarine Commanders Course with USS Michael Murphy, USS O'Kane and USNS Wally Schirra. On August 25th, SCC Mini Wars ended and Gridley replenished with USNS Wally Schirra before starting her transit back across the Pacific Ocean to Everett. During the transit back to Everett, Gridley conducted a burial at sea.

Gridley returned to Everett, WA on September 1st. She remained in port for two weeks before getting underway on September 12th to head to Indian Island to offload the last of her ammo. She left Indian Island on September 13th and proceeded out to sea for pre-hybrid electric drive install testing. On September 14th, she returned to Everett, WA.

On October 24th, Gridley entered a much needed CNO Dry-docking Selective Restrictive Availability, scheduled to take approximately nine months. She was towed down to Vigor Shipyards in Seattle, WA on November 9th. On November 21st, she was towed into dry dock at Vigor Shipyards and went high and dry on the blocks for much needed repairs to her hull, rudders, propellers and sonar dome.