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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 HALSEY (DDG 97)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **23154**

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

Last: **Autrey** First: **James** M.I.: **L** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2005-01-31**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **PRECOM/ Unit Level Training**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **San Diego, CA**

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): **PELESG, COMPTUEX, DECEMBER 2005**

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

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **N/A**

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 27 Enlisted: 313 Civilian: 0

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

Command Mailing Address: USS HALSEY (DDG 97) FPO AP 96667-1308

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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.

**Northrup Grumman Ship Systems delivered HALSEY to the Navy on January 31, 2005. On June 1, 2005, Halsey left the builder's yard in Pascagoula, Mississippi, and began her voyage for homeport in San Diego, California.**

**Leaving the shipyard, HALSEY immediately set a new standard for all New Construction ships and Fleet Units. As a New Construction Ship (NEWCON), HALSEY**

became the first to begin the Fleet Response Training Plan and Unit Level Training while in the builder's yard.

HALSEY completed the first-ever SURFOR directed combined Light Off-Assessment and Initial Assessment, as well as a CART II prior to and at sail away from the Builder's yard. Also, HALSEY was the first NEWCON to successfully certify every major warfare area and complete Composite Unit Training with PELELIU ESG in December, 2005, prior to her Post Shakedown Availability Yard period. Halsey certified and became surge-deployable in 145 days, the shortest time in Navy history for an Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer and 65% faster than the four previous DDGs.

HALSEY conducted her Underway Demonstration 21 days after leaving the Builder's yard, and two weeks prior to the ship's commissioning. Senior Assessor, CAPT William Haflich stated "Overall performance by Engineering Training Team and Watchstanders was extraordinary. Crew move-aboard was 4 months prior to Underway Demonstration; HALSEY beat every other new construction DDG to Engineering Certification by more than a year with superb results."

During the ship's sail around, HALSEY made her first port call in Port Everglades, Florida on June 9, 2005. HALSEY successfully transited the Panama Canal and stopped in Mazatlan, Mexico before continuing to San Diego. Once off the California coast, the HALSEY crew furiously prepared for the ship's commissioning ceremony. Divisions worked around the clock during port calls like Port Hueneme, California, ensuring the ship was prepared for her commissioning ceremony. On July 30, 2005, HALSEY was commissioned into the United States Navy. The ship was honored to have prestigious speakers attend, including the honorable Senator John S. McCain, Jr., of Arizona.

As Officer Conducting Exercise, HALSEY expertly orchestrated at-sea events for the most complex Combat Systems Ship Qualification Testing ever completed on the Pacific Missile Test Range. With more than 26 SM-2 missile shoots, HALSEY flawlessly directed USS HOWARD (DDG 83) and Spanish Ship SPN BLAS DE LEZO (F-103) during a two week period on the range.

HALSEY expertly completed three important CNO Directed Operational Evaluation, and HALSEY's participation was critical in assessing Aegis Baseline 7.1 and SPY-1D (v) for Fleet Certification.

HALSEY was also the first new construction ship to certify 3M Program during Baseline Assessment, 16 weeks after commissioning. Because fewer than 50% of all ships certify at Baseline Assessment, this was a tremendous accomplishment for HALSEY. In addition to HALSEY's requirements, she certified all Supply Areas during Supply Management Assessment.

HALSEY established the benchmark for all new construction ships, as well as Fleet ships, by simultaneously completing all new construction tasking including CSSQT and Final Contract Trials, while completing all certifications to begin Intermediate and Advanced Training. As a result, she earned three departmental excellence awards and the Golden Anchor Award for retention.

The ship adopted its battle cry, "HIT HARD, HIT FAST, HIT OFTEN" from Fleet Admiral William F. Halsey. It is fitting for this ship and her crew who completed all training and certifications as a NEWCON. The ship's crew excelled at meeting all challenges and laid the foundation for a legacy of which Fleet Admiral Halsey would be proud.

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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.

**2002-01-28: Construction begins on USS HALSEY**

**2003-01-17: Keel laid**

**2004-01-14: USS HALSEY Christening ceremony**

**2005-01-31: USS HALSEY Delivered to Navy by Northrup Grumman**

**2005-05-30: USS HALSEY Commissioned without ceremony**

**2005-06-01: USS HALSEY departs Pascagoula, MS shipyard**

**2005-05-30 through 2005-06-03: Light Off-Assessment and Initial Assessment**

**2005-06-01: CART II**

**2005-06-09: USS HALSEY's first port call in Fort Everglades, FL**

**2005-06-17: USS HALSEY Panama Canal Transit**

**2005-06-23: USS HALSEY visits Mazatlan, Mexico**

**2005-07-13: Underway Demonstration, "Above Fleet Standards"**

**2005-07-30: USS HALSEY Commissioning ceremony in San Diego, CA**

**2005-09-10 through 2005-09-25 : CSSQT**

**2005-10-24: INSURV**

**2005-11-10: SMA**

**2005-12-01: COMPTUEX**

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.

**USS HALSEY (DDG 97) was delivered to the United States Navy on 31 Jan 2005.**

The commissioning crew assembled in Pascagoula, MS to begin preparing HALSEY for departure and fleet introduction. Because HALSEY was challenged to complete all pre-deployment certifications in a short amount of time, crewmembers worked day and night; preparing the ship and themselves. On May 30, 2005, HALSEY conducted the first-ever Light Off Assessment and Initial Assessment for engineering. HALSEY certified all training teams and validated the Vertical Re-entry Main Space Fire techniques. The following week, HALSEY conducted the first ever CART II while leaving the builders yard on June 1, 2005.

Her first port call en route to San Diego was in Port Everglades, FL on 09 Jun 05. After Port Everglades, HALSEY sailed to San Diego, CA via the Panama Canal and Mazatlan, Mexico. Approximately three weeks before commissioning, HALSEY conducted an Underway Demonstration, certifying all areas. This was the first time a NEWCON DDG certified Engineering prior to commissioning. On 30 Jul 2005, HALSEY was commissioned in San Diego, CA. Keynote speaker was the Honorable John S. McCain, Jr., of Arizona. From August 2005 to December 2005 HALSEY had one of the most aggressive schedules of any NEWCON ship by completing CSSQT, Interdeployment Training Cycle, SMA, and COMPTUEX with PELELIU ESG.

HALSEY set a remarkable record and demonstrated the ability of training and certifying a ship for deployment in a short period of time.

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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
- 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.

**Battle Efficiency inputs/letter: UNCLASSIFIED. On CD, under folder "4 Supporting Reports"**

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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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1. **Commissioning Book- Unclassified. Commissioning DVD- Unclassified. Welcome Aboard Pamphlet- Unclassified. Folder containing information from Northrup Grumman- Unclassified. The Five Star Chronicle- Unclassified.**
  2. **Command website is available at [www.halsey.navy.mil](http://www.halsey.navy.mil).**
  3. **Biography of Commander and copy of HALSEY newsletter are available on CD under folder "5 Published Documents"**
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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.

**Pictures are on CD in folder "6 Photos". It includes a picture of the Commanding Officer, picture of ship, pictures of the ship's christening and commissioning ceremonies.**

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