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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 HALSEY (DDG 97)**

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

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

Last: **Weeldreyer** First: **Michael** M.I.: **L** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2011-07-22**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **THIRD, FIFTH and SEVENTH FLT AORs - WESTPAC 2010-2011 / 2011-2012**

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine/One**

Administrative: **Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine/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): **N/A**

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): **HSL-49 Detachment Two (Scorpions)**

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **(2)SH-60B Seahawks Helicopter Squadron**

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 35 Enlisted: 270 Civilian: 0

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: Fuel Officer /Public Affairs OFFICER

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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.

2011 Commander's Assessment

HALSEY began 2011 in an extremely high OPTEMPO environment when she received FIFTH FLEET national tasking to directly support CHARLES DE GAULLE (CDG) Carrier Strike Group. Quickly assuming duties as Sector Air Defense Commander and Red Crown for the FIFTH Fleet AOR, HALSEY expertly managed thousands of sorties within CDG's regional air picture in support of combat operations while

simultaneously building international relations. On 19 January, HALSEY was dealt a potentially devastating blow, as she and her crew suffered the loss of a dear shipmate while operating in the Arabian Gulf. A remembrance in her honor was conducted on 20 January, and HALSEY pulled together as a family and quickly regained focus on the mission at hand. From 28 January – 18 February HALSEY and her crew received some much needed down time while enjoying port visits to the Seychelles; Port Klang, Malaysia; and Hong Kong. Some took advantage of available MWR tours and sight seeing opportunities, while others chose to participate in Community Relations Projects or attend Host Nation events.

On 26 February, HALSEY made a brief stop in Guam to refuel and embark ATG Inspectors to assess the initial portion of a split basic phase, which HALSEY had negotiated in anticipation of a shorter training cycle after returning home. By deployment's end, HALSEY had achieved certification in 9 warfare areas. On 05 March HALSEY pulled into Pearl Harbor, HI for a three day port visit and an opportunity to embark friends and family as HALSEY hosted a Tiger Cruise during its transit from Pearl Harbor, HI to San Diego, CA. It was a fun-filled and educational time for all as family and friends had the opportunity to observe flight operations, RHIB operations, and a myriad of firing evolutions to include CIWS, 25MM and the 5-inch Gun. During the evening hours HALSEY had a number of events planned to keep the Tigers entertained that included Bingo, dance competitions, ice cream socials, Texas Holdem tournaments, game nights and karaoke.

Many of the Tigers took to the deckplates with the opportunity to earn their TIGER Warfare Specialist (TWS) pin. Each day they were taken to the working spaces around the ship and taught the basics of each warfare area. Upon successful completion of their Personnel Qualification Standards (PQS) and a demonstration of basic seamanship knowledge they were officially qualified. This was not an easy task as the Tigers only had 10 days to complete it. On 13 March, the day before HALSEY's return to homeport, 14 Tigers received their warfare pins; it was a proud moment for all. On 14 March, HALSEY's long awaited return to homeport had arrived as family and friends surrounded the pier in anticipation of a long awaited reunion with their loved ones. Thanks to the OMBUDSMAN, Family Readiness Group (FRG) and a few HALSEY sailors who flew back to assist in the planning and set-up, it was an amazing homecoming! As banners were flying, Tigers were able to experience a homecoming first hand from the view point of the crew.

Soon after returning, the crew of HALSEY enjoyed a well deserved Post Overseas Movement (POM) leave and stand down, which included a brief trip to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beal, CA to offload HALSEY'S remaining ammunition. As the final POM period came to a close in May, the pace quickly ramped up as Afloat Training Group Pacific came aboard to conduct a pre-assessment of HALSEY'S 3M Program in preparation for her 3M Mid Cycle Assessment (MCA) scheduled for October. The ATG inspectors noted HALSEY's 3M program was in superb shape and more than ready for 3M MCA.

In June HALSEY entered a 10-week Selective Restrictive Availability period at Continental Maritime San Diego (CMSD), where the ship underwent extensive

maintenance and upkeep to include an overhaul of the MK 45 Gun Weapon System (GWS), Close-in Weapons System (CIWS) overhaul, VLS groom, the replacement of both FWD & AFT VCHT ejection pumps, and resurfacing of all non-skid decks. HALSEY also received system upgrades to include Aegis Baseline, ECDIS-N, CDLMS, and SPS-67.

On 22 July, HALSEY said goodbye to its fifth Commanding Officer, Commander (CDR) Matthew Jordy Harrison, and witnessed the assumption of command by previous XO, CDR Michael L. Weeldreyer. CDR Mike Weeldreyer was born and raised in Appleton, Wisconsin, and earned his commission in 1995 through the University of Notre Dame NROTC Unit. His previous assignments at sea include Damage Control Assistant and Training Officer aboard USS DE WERT (FFG 45), Fire Control Officer aboard USS MONTEREY (CG 61), Operations Officer aboard USS WINSTON S. CHURCHILL (DDG 81), and Operations and Future Plans Officer in COMMANDER, DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO EIGHT, and Executive officer of HALSEY before assuming duties as USS HALSEY'S sixth Commanding Officer since its commission in 2005. During his operational tours, he completed deployments and missions in the Caribbean Sea, South Pacific Ocean, South Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Gulf of Oman, Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean and the North Sea.

On 26-27 July, HALSEY commenced a two day underway period where she successfully completed her Safe To Operate Verification (STOV) which officially brought her Availability period to a close. From August to October HALSEY and her crew continued a long cycle of assessments and certifications required under ATG's revolutionary Basic Phase "Pilot Program" in preparation for her surge deployment in December 2011. HALSEY excelled in all areas, completing many certifications early and earning high praise from ATG and EAP assessors, including the "best Main Space fire drill in over 60 assessments" from the senior EAP assessor.

On 26 August, HALSEY returned to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA to receive an ammo onload in preparation for deployment and her participation in "Operation BLACK DART 2011". BLACK DART is a Joint Integrated Air Missile Defense Organization (JIAMDO) event to develop counter Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) tactics, techniques and procedures. HALSEY's participation marked the first use of a maritime asset in over six years of BLACK DART events and was highly successful in developing optimal SPY-1 D (V) radar methods and settings for UAS detection. Additionally HALSEY displayed lethal effectiveness during 5" and CIWS live firing events in which HALSEY destroyed four of four UAS targets from max distance.

In early September, HALSEY participated in ORCA BLITZ, her final Group Sail as a part of DESRON NINE and the Abraham Lincoln Strike Group. This was a great opportunity for HALSEY to operate in a multi-ship, multi-warfare environment prior to joining the CARL VINSON Strike Group. On 16 September HALSEY briefly returned home to celebrate the pinning of six newly selected Chief Petty Officers amongst family, friends and crew. On 17 September HALSEY returned underway under the Operational Control (OPCON) of Commander Destroyer Squadron ONE to conduct her Sustainment Cycle Phase (SUSTEX), Joint Task Force Exercise (JTFEX) and IAC II with the CARL VINSON Strike Group. These exercises were designed to allow Strike Group

Commanders an opportunity to observe the Strike Groups ability to evaluate and prioritize potential threats, balance competing demands of Warfare Commanders, and display the critical capability of resource and asset utilization to successfully counter threats in a combat environment. HALSEY led the way in all categories demonstrating she was more than ready to accomplish any mission or task assigned. Over the final month and a half leading up to Pre-deployment standdown, HALSEY successfully completed her 3M MCA and Supply Management Certification. In the last week of October, HALSEY participated in Strike Group ONE's Force Protection Exercise, once again displaying exceptional skill in the Anti-terrorism Force Protection arena and earning praise from CSG-1 and DESRON ONE; this was a great way to enter the crew's long awaited POM leave and standdown period prior to deploying.

On 16 November HALSEY was administratively shifted to DESRON ONE. 30 November 2011 was a bitter-sweet moment as HALSEY Sailors said goodbye to their loved ones, setting sail on the ship's second six month deployment in a little over a year, departing on a journey that would see each HALSEY Sailor utilize the skills of their trade to successfully deter and combat piracy in the FIFTHFLT AOR.

WESTPAC 2011-2012 got off to an amazing start as HALSEY successfully completed her Naval Surface Fire Support qualification. She scored an outstanding 96.6%, the highest score among West coast CRUDES ships in the calendar year, culminating the completion of 21 weeks of certification and pre-deployment training in half the time, leading to her overall MCO certification.

Her second stop enroute the South China Sea was off the coast of Hawaii where the CARL VINSON Strike Group participated in OPERATION TENABLE CHAMPION, an Undersea Warfare (USW) exercise testing every Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) area to include NIXIE and sonobuoy employment, submarine localization and prosecution, sonar dipping, torpedo evasion, and the immediate identification and execution of pre-planned responses (PPR's). This exercise gave HALSEY an opportunity to flex its muscles in Under Sea Warfare and demonstrate its ability to successfully detect "enemy subs" while simultaneously providing protection to the Carrier; she did not disappoint. With OPERATION TENABLE CHAMPION complete, the ship continued its transit toward the South China Sea and Strait of Malacca. The transit provided a great opportunity for HALSEY and her crew to maintain currency in shipboard training requirements and complete Personnel Qualifications while honing their skills in the Operational areas of Seamanship, Visit Board Search and Seizure and the overall execution of Pre-Planned Responses in all warfare areas in preparation for her upcoming mission.

While transiting through COMSEVENTHFLT, the ship spent three days in Hong Kong where crewmembers enjoyed overnight liberty in the city and participated in a number of scheduled events to include meals hosted by local American Ex-Patriots and Community Relations Projects. A few also attended special events hosted by both CARL VINSON and Host Nation dignitaries. HALSEY greeted the New Year underway in the South China Sea.

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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.

2011-01-01 through 2011-01-27: Deployed FIFTHFLT ISO Charles Degaulle Strike Group.

2011-01-28 through 2011-01-31: Inport Seychelles.

2011-02-01 through 2011-02-09: Underway C7F enroute Port Klang, Malaysia

2011-02-10 through 2011-02-12: Inport Port Klang, Malaysia

2011-02-13 through 2011-02-16: Underway C7F enroute Hong Kong

2011-02-17 through 2011-02-19: Inport Hong Kong

2011-02-21 through 2011-02-25: Underway C7F enroute Guam

2011-02-26: Inport Guam

2011-02-27 through 2011-03-04: Underway C7F/C3F with ATG/EKMS inspectors enroute Pearl Harbor, HI

2011-03-05 through 2011-03-06: Inport Pearl Harbor, HI

2011-03-07 through 2011-03-13: Underway C3F conducting Tiger Cruise enroute San Diego, CA

2011-03-14: USS HALSEY returns from 2010-2011 WESTPAC deployment

2011-03-15 through 2011-04-03: Inport San Diego, CA for POM leave/Maint and upkeep

2011-04-04 through 2011-04-08: Underway Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, CA for weapons offload.

2011-04-09 through 2011-04-24: Inport San Diego, CA

2011-04-12 through 2011-04-14: 3M MTT

2011-04-15 through 2011-05-04: CMAV 11A1

2011-04-25 through 2011-04-29: SMC LTT

2011-05-03 through 2011-05-05: SAR LTT/PCMS RIP

2011-05-06 through 2011-05-24: Inport San Diego, CA/Safety Standown

2011-05-25 Underway enroute CMSD.

2011-05-26 through 2011-07-24: SRA

2011-05-31 through 2011-06-10: OHSAT 1.1, MOB-E 1.2, Aviation 1.0, FSOM-1.0

2011-06-11 through 2011-06-24: SSASW

2011-06-25 through 2011-07-25: VMS Upgrade (ECDIS-N)

2011-06-27 through 2011-07-01: Mock LOA

2011-07-02 through 2011-07-10: MOB-N 1.0, DCMA, MOB-S 1.0, Aviation 1.1

2011-07-11 through 2011-07-15: DCMA II, MOB-N 1.1, MOB-S 1.1

2011-07-16 through 2011-07-21: LOA, CRAV, STOV

2011-07-22 USS HALSEY Change of Command

2011-07-23 through 2011-07-31: Sea Trials, NAV Checkride, MOB-E 1.1B

2011-08-01 through 2011-08-05: STW TT, Aviation 1.2, FSO-M 1.2, Aviation 1.3 ARQ

2011-08-04 through 2011-08-12: TRA MOB-E 1.3, MOB-D 1.2/1.3

2011-08-13 through 2011-08-19: FSO-M, MOB-N 1.2, MOB-S 1.2, VBSS 2.0/2.1, AV 1.4A, USW LTT
2011-08-20 through 2011-08-28: MOB-N 1.3, AV 1.4B HELO
2011-08-29 through 2011-09-02: AMMO onload SEAL BEACH
2011-09-03 through 2011-09-16: CDS-9 ORCA BLITZ Group Sail, MOB-N 1.4, MOB-S 1.3/1.4, EOC, FSO-M 1.3, CPO pinning.
2011-09-17 through 2011-10-05: SUSTEX/JTFEX
2011-10-06 through 2011-10-10: Inport San Diego, CA
2011-10-11 through 2011-10-14: NSFS TT, FSO-M 1.4, VBSS 2.2/2.3
2011-10-15 through 2011-10-21: SMC, ESTAV, FST-J
2011-10-22 through 2011-11-04: FST-J, 3M MCA, NFCS TT, C5RA, COSR 1.4, VBSS 2.4, CMAV 12A1.
2011-11-05 through 2011-11-27: CMAV 12A1, NTCSS Viking upgrade/install, POM LEAVE PERIODS
2011-11-28 through 2011-11-29: Inport San Diego, CA
2011-11-30 to present: Deployed 2011-2012 WESTPAC
2011-12-02 NSFS FIREX
2011-12-08 through 2011-12-10: Operation Tenable Champion (HI OPAREA)
2011-12-27 through 2011-12-30: Inport Hong Kong

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
- 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.

P-4 MESSAGES AND 2011 SITREPS WILL BE POSTED SHORTLY. ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS ARE CLASSIFIED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED VIA 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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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

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