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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 HARPERS FERRY (LSD-49)

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 21852

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

Last: ANTHONY First: MARLIN M.I.: C Rank: COMMANDER

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2005-06-01

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: USS HARPERS FERRY's primary mission is to project power ashore by transporting and launching amphibious craft and vehicles loaded with embarked Marines and their equipment in an amphibious assault. HARPERS FERRY can also render limited docking and repair service to small ships and craft, as well as act as the primary control ship in an amphibious operation. on 01 September 2002, HARPERS FERRY chopped into 7th Fleet and became part of Amphibious Group One, forward deployed out of Sasebo, Japan.

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): COMFLEACT SASEBO, SASEBO, JAPAN

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: COMMANDER TASK FORCE SEVEN-SIX

Administrative: COMMANDER, AMPHIBIOUS FORCE SEVENTH FLEET

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): CTF 76, CTG 76.4. PARTICIPATED IN OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): NONE

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: NONE

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): NONE

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 31 Enlisted: 313 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: ADMIN OFFICER

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

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Phone number(s): DSN [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: USS HARPERS FERRY, FPO AP 96665-1737

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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.

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The USS HARPERS FERRY, forward deployed Sasebo, Japan, played a major role in defending the interests of the United States in 2005. The year began by finishing an eight month deployment in the North Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. After returning to Sasebo the HARPERS FERRY continued its arduous sea duty schedule by completing many other missions, including CARAT (Combined Afloat Readiness And Training) and Amphibious Specialty Training. From August until mid December the ship was in a restricted availability period in which major repairs and upgrades were completed that would ensure the ability to carry out her mission in the future. Even more impressive than the success of the ship, however, was the success of the crew that manned it. In addition to the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Iraqi Campaign Medal, many individuals received Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medals and Navy Achievement Medals in 2005.

In the midst of our busy schedule, we still had the opportunity to visit many great liberty ports, including Kuwait, Thailand, Okinawa, Korea, Brunei, and the Philippines. I am especially proud to report the HARPERS FERRY had zero liberty incidents while acting as Ambassadors for the United States in these foreign ports. It has been an honor to serve onboard the HARPERS FERRY for the past seven months, and I look forward to continuing my command here in the upcoming year.

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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.

01Jan-06 Feb	U/W ISO Iraqi Freedom
06- 14 Feb	Inport Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates
14-06 Mar	U/W ISO Iraqi Freedom
06 Mar	Inport Ash Shuayba, Kuwait MEU Backload
6-22 Mar	U/W Transit to Thailand
22-26 Mar	Inport Sattahip, Thailand
26 Mar- 2 Apr	U/W Transit to Okinawa
2-4 Apr	Inport Buckner Bay, Okinawa
4-6 Apr	U/W Transit to Sasebo
6 Apr - 25 May	Inport Sasebo
25- 27 May	U/W Transit to Pusan, South Korea
27- 31 May	Inport Pusan
31 May - 01Jun	U/W Transit to Sasebo
01- 29 Jun	Inport Sasebo
29 Jun - 02 Jul	U/W Engine Trends
02 - 07 Jul	Inport Sasebo
07- 09 Jul	U/W ISO AST
09 Jul	Anchored Buckner Bay, Okinawa
09 - 11 Jul	U/W ISO AST
11- 14 Jul	Inport Sasebo

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14 Jul - 06 Aug	U/W ISO Carat 2005 – operating off the coast of Asembagus, Indonesia
06- 09 Aug	Inport Brunei
09-10 Aug	U/W ISO Carat
10-12 Aug	Inport Brunei
12 -15 Aug	U/W ISO Carat
15 -20 Aug	Inport Subic Bay Philippines
20 -31 Aug	U/W ISO Carat
31 Aug - 02 Sep	Inport Sasebo
02 -06 Sep	U/W Storm Evasion
06- 09 Sep	Inport Sasebo
09-13 Sep	U/W For Ammunition Off-load
13Sep - 10 Dec	Inport Sasebo SRA
10 -14 Dec	Sea Trials
14- 31 Dec	Inport Sasebo

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.

**SEE ATTACHMENT LABELED "HFY 2005 Narrative"**

## 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.

SEE ATTACHMENTS:

1. FORCE COMMANDER ANNUAL WELLNESS UNIT AWARD
  2. BATTLE EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION
  3. C4I EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION
  4. CY2005 TYCOM SHIP SAFETY AWARD NOMINATION
  5. ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION
  6. LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION
  7. MARITIME WARFARE EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION
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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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SEE ATTACHMENTS LABELED "HFY 2005 Stories" and "HFY COC PROGRAM"

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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.

**SEE ATTACHMENT LABELED "HFY 2005 STORIES"**

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