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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 HARPERS FERRY (LSD 49)

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

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

Last: Bossert First: David M.I.: L Rank: Commander

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2006-11-14

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: 34 Enlisted: 310 Civilian: 0

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: ADMIN OFFICER

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

Phone number(s): DSN [REDACTED]

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

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.

The USS HARPERS FERRY, forward deployed Sasebo, Japan, played a major role in defending the interest of the United States in 2006. The ship also played a large part in maintaining and improving relations with other countries. The USS HARPERS FERRY's arduous schedule includes such operations as BALIKATAN, FOAL EAGLE, COBRA GOLD, TALON VISON (PHIBLEX), and TRANSPORTEX. In these operations the ship worked with Navy and Marine Corps units from all over the Pacific, including Japanese, Korean, and Philipene. That's not to mention the much needed Humanitarian Relief that USS HARPERS FERRY and her embarked Marine Units provided during Operation Leyte Gulf.

The USS HARPERS FERRY was one of the first ships to be assessed in the new Unit Level Training Assessment (ULTRA), and despite our busy schedule and over 200 days underway this year, we certified in all areas. USS HARPERS FERRY also passed the five year assessment of the Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV).

The USS HARPERS FERRY worked hand in hand-in-hand with our Marine Counterparts on numerous operations, including the first amphibious landing on Inchon, S. Korea in fifty years. We spent countless hours rehearsing and executing amphibious operations, ensuring that the United States Amphibious Forces are ready to respond where ever and whenever needed.

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.

EXERCISE BALIKATAN	19 Feb – 6 Mar
EXERCISE FOAL EAGLE	25 Mar – 2 Apr
Enroute Okinawa	1 – 2 May
Onload White Beach	3 – 5 May
TSTA III/FEP	05 – 12 May
Enroute Sattahip, Thailand	6 – 11 May
Arrival IVO Gulf of Thailand	12 – 13 May
Offload IVO Pattaya Beach - Anchored	15 May
EXERCISE COBRA GOLD	14 – 26 May
Ex IVO Thailand	14 – 26 May
PVST Sattahip	24 – 27 May
Enroute Okinawa	31 May – 07 Jun
Offload White Beach	07 – 08 Jun
Enroute Sasebo	08 – 10 Jun
EOC TSTA	09 – 11 Jun
Anchored Sasebo	12 Jun
EOC	13 Jun
CMAV	14 Jun – 05 Jul
Inport Sasebo	14 Jun – 5 Jul
PRT	19 – 23 Jun

Cargo Weapons Elevator OMT	26 – 30 Jun
Enroute Yokosuka	06 – 07 Jul
TRAV Yoko	08 – 23 Jul
LTT-L	17 – 21 Jul
SESEF Range	24 Jul
Enroute Sasebo	24 – 26 Jul
Inport Sasebo	24 Jul – 22 Sep
CMAV	24 Jul – 30 Aug
SOT-III Elevator Testing	27 Jul – 20 Aug
Peninsula Intel Estimate Brief	31 Jul
ESX Change of Command	01 Aug
□ USS ESSEX	
Initial Planning Conference (Fall Patrol)	01 Aug
CPR-11 Change of Command	02 Aug
□ USS ESSEX	
OFFICER & ENLISTED DETAILER VISIT	01 – 04 Aug
R2P2 Planning Conference	07 – 11 Aug
ISIC Pre-INSURV	04 – 08 Sep
ENR Okinawa	23 – 24 Sep
ONLOAD Okinawa	25 – 27 Sep
Blue-Green Workups	28 Sep – 06 Oct
SOCCEX (IVO OKI)	07 – 11 Oct
ENR SBMA	12 – 15 Oct
OFFLOAD SBMA	16 – 18 Oct
PHIBLEX	16 Oct – 01 Nov
BACKLOAD SBMA	02 – 04 Nov
ENR Okinawa	11 – 12 Nov
Change of Command (HFY)	14 Nov
OFFLOAD White Beach	13 – 15 Nov
Change of Command (CPG-1)	15 Nov
ENR Sasebo	16 – 17 Nov
INPT Sasebo	17 – 30 Nov
CMAV Sasebo	20 – 30 Nov
INPT Sasebo	01 – 31 Dec
INSURV	11 – 15 Dec
CMAV Sasebo	01 – 31 Dec
HOLIDAY LEAVE/UPKEEP	14 – 31 Dec
Diesel DOC Baselines	08 – 18 Jan
Diesel DOC Underway	12 – 18 Jan
ULTRA-S DEMO	12 – 18 Jan
Health and Recreation Assessment	09 – 10 Jan
LTT-L	16 – 19 Jan
ULTRA-S	22 – 24 Jan
AST	25 – 30 Jan
Inport SAS (MAINT/UPKEEP)	25 Jan – 28 Feb
CMAV – Inport SAS	01 – 26 Feb
SAR LTT	07 – 09 Feb
HFY Transit to Yokosuka	27 Feb – 02 Mar

- Ammo Onload	27 Feb
TRANSPORTEX/IWO JIMA Comm	02 – 23 Mar
INPORT Yokosuka	02 – 05 Mar
HFY Transit to Numazu Beach	05 – 06 Mar
TRANSPORTEX IVO Numazu Beach	06 – 07 Mar
HFY Transit to OKI	08 – 10 Mar
ONLOAD	10 – 11 Mar
HFY Transit to IWO JIMA	11 – 13 Mar
- Equipment pre-stage ashore	13 Jan
62nd IWO JIMA Commemoration	14 – 16 Mar
HFY Transit to OKI	17 – 19 Mar
OFFLOAD	19 – 21 Mar
HFY Transit to SAS	22 – 23 Mar
TIGER CRUISE	21 – 23 Mar
CMAV – Inport SAS	23 Mar – 15 May

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 2006 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
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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 ATTACHMENT: HARPERS FERRY BATTLE E NOMINATION

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 2006 Stories" and "HFY COC PROGRAM"

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.

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