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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: Thompson First: Marvin M.I.: E Rank: CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2008-08-23

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Foreward Deployed Naval Forces, US Seventh Fleet

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Sasebo, Japan

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: CTG 76.4

Administrative: COMPHIBGRU 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):
CTG 76.4

COBRA GOLD 2009 27 Jan - 03 Mar 2009

CTG 73.5
   Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) 2009, 15 May - 27 Aug 2009

CTG 76.4
   Republic of the Philippines, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA), 05 - 10 October 2009
   Korean Interoperability Training Program 2009 (KITP), 01 - 07 November 2009

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: 6 CH-46 27 January - 03 March 2009, 5 CH-46 30 September - 30 October 2009

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): Destroyer Squadron 31, Assault Craft Unit One (ACU-1) 15 May - 27 Aug 2009, in support of CARAT
            Assault Craft Unit-5 (ACU-5) 23 Sep - 14 Nov, in support of FHA and KITP

Number of Personnel Assigned:

   Officers: 37 Enlisted: 263 Civilian: 0

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

      Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LTJG ██████████████
      Job Title/Office Code: Navigator
      E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): ███████████████████
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      Phone number(s): DSN: ████████████
      Command Mailing Address: USS HARPERS FERRY
                        FPO AP, 96665

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-

3. Chronology and Narrative

27 January - 03 March, COBRA GOLD 2009
A combined exercise with the Royal Thai Navy and Marine Corps, COBRA GOLD serves to build interoperability and strengthen ties with Thailand as well as serve as a certification exercise for components of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit. It consists of two major raids, a practice and actual event, and multiple smaller evolutions including small boat raids, Visit Board Search and Seisure team boardings, Maritime Interdiction Operation evacuations and formation steaming.
Following COBRA GOLD, HARPERS FERRY (HFY) pulled into Okinawa, Japan to offload Marines (03-07 March) before returning to homeport (09 March).
09 March - 10 May, Continuous Maintenance Availability
While in Sasebo, HFY completed a Continuous Maintenance Availability and Search and Rescue Certification.
15 May - 17 August, Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2009
Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training serves to strengthen ties with Southeast Asian nations through combined joint military operations, training, symposiums, and social events. During Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2009, HFY served as flagship for Commander Destroyer Squadron 31 who was embarked for the duration of the exercise. HFY executed exercises in the Philippines, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei before returning to Sasebo.
05 October - 10 October, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance
   HFY was dispatched from her anchorage in Manila Bay to proceed north in heavy seas generated by the passing typhoon, to Lingayen Gulf. The areas surrounding the gulf were severely impacted by multiple super typhoons in previous days and weeks. While on station in Lingayen Gulf, HFY and embarked Marine forces surveyed the area and provided limited relief to the immediate area.
01 - 07 November, Korean Interoperability Training Program (KITP) 2009
   Following FHA and subsequent ARG reconfiguration, HFY departed the Philippines enroute to Pohang, Korea in support of Korean Interoperability Training Program. This exercise serves to reinforce US interoperability with Republic of Korea naval forces. This was accomplished through multiple events including naval surface fire support missions,

combined amphibious assaults, opposed formation steaming, Medical Evacuation Operations, and military symposiums.

Upon completion of KITP, HFY returned to Sasebo, Japan for Holiday Leave and Upkeep. From 01 January - 31 December 2009, HFY was out to sea 43% of the year, and away from homeport 57% of the year.

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.

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-Cruse/Deployment Reports
l. Intelligence Summaries
m. Major Exercise 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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6. Photographs

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