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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: Hull First: Antonio M.I.: D. Rank: CDR

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2010-04-13

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: COMPHIBRON ELEVEN

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 2010, 02 Feb - 19 Feb 2010

BALIKATAN 2010, 08 Mar -15 Mar 2010

ROKN PCC-722 SALVAGE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS, 31 Mar -21 Apr 2010

VALIANT SHIELD, 13 Sep - 22 Sep 2010

CTG 73.5

PHIBLEX 2010, 13 Oct - 17 Oct 2010

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:

- 2 MH-60S, 31 March - 21 April 2010. (Knight Rider 03 & 05)

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

- CTF 76.4, 31 March - 21 April 2010 in support of ROKN Salvage & Recovery Ops.

- CTF 76, 6-18 April 2010 in support of ROKN Salvage & Recovery Ops.

- HSC-25, 31 March -21 April 2010 in support of ROKN Salvage & Recovery Ops.

- Assault Craft Unit Five (ACU-5) Det West Pac, LCAC 21 & 29, Spring Patrol 2010

- Assault Craft Unit One (ACU-1) Det West Pac, LCU 1651, ROKN Salvage & Recovery

- Assault Craft Unit Five (ACU-5) Det West Pac, LCAC 57 & 58, Fall Patrol 2010

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 35 Enlisted: 267 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: Navigator

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

Phone number(s): DSN: [REDACTED]

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-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.

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.

From 01-13 Jan, HARPERS FERRY (HFY) was in-port Sasebo, Japan for holiday stand-down. After holiday stand-down, HFY conducted ammo onload, embarked LCAC 29 and 21, and went underway (14-17 Jan) in vicinity of Yokosuka, Japan for Shipboard Electronic Systems Evaluation Facility (SESEF) Range testing. Thereafter, HFY was enroute Okinawa to onload the Marines (22-24 Jan) in preparation for Cobra Gold 2010.

HFY participated in COBRA GOLD 2010 from 02-19 Feb. As 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 Seizure team boardings, Maritime Interdiction Operation evacuations and formation steaming. In support of Cobra Gold, HFY operated in the vicinity of Sattahip and Laem Changbang in Thailand from 02-19 Feb.

Following COBRA GOLD, HFY pulled into Changi, Singapore (22-25 Feb) for scheduled port call. She then proceeded toward Subic Bay, Philippines in support of BALIKATAN 2010 (08-15 Mar). BALIKATAN is an annual bilateral training exercise designed to increase interoperability between the Republic of Philippines - U.S. military and the two nations' ability to operate together fluidly when responding to future natural disasters.

After BALIKATAN, HFY offloaded the Marines in Okinawa (25-26 Mar) before returning to homeport of Sasebo, Japan on 29 March 2009.

On 31 Mar, HFY was dispatched to Korea to assist the Republic of Korea (ROK) in search, recovery, and salvage efforts for the ROK Navy frigate Cheonan (PCC-772), which sank 27 March in the Yellow Sea near the western sea boarder with North Korea. On 12 Apr, Cmdr. Antonio D. Hull relieved Cmdr. Marvin E. Thompson as Commanding Officer of USS Harpers Ferry during a change-of-command ceremony aboard the ship.

HFY returned to homeport of Sasebo on 21 April.

On 10 May, HFY was enroute Yokosuka, Japan in support of training availability (14-24 May). She returned to Sasebo on 28 May for a scheduled Continuous Scheduled Maintenance Availability (CMAV).

As part of the ESSEX Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), HFY departed Sasebo on 01 Sep for the annual Fall Patrol in support of exercise Valiant Shield (VS10). VS10 was an integrated, joint-training exercise among U.S. military forces, including the George Washington Carrier Strike Group (CSG) and Essex ARG. Held off the coast of Palau and Guam, this exercise was designed to enhance real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces' ability to detect, locate, track and engage units at sea, in the air, on land and in cyberspace. Embarked HFY Marines of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) performed an amphibious beach raid, aerial assault operations, and a visit, board, search and seizure exercise. HFY also took part in anti-submarine and anti-surface combatant exercises.

Upon completion of VS10 on 22 Sep, HFY returned to Sasebo on 30 Sep for one day in support of LCAC swap, before getting underway to Okinawa for MEU certification exercise (CERTEX) with the ESSEX ARG. The CERTEX was conducted to validate the MEU's ability to effectively respond to unforeseen events and to keep the skills of individual Marines and elements sharp and ready for use in real-world events. It included the evaluation of multiple evolutions, including small boat raids; visit, board, search, and seizure (VBSS) training; helicopter and mechanized amphibious raids; and a non-combatant evacuation operation.

After completing CERTEX on 05 Oct, HFY proceeded toward Subic Bay, Philippines in support of Amphibious Landing Exercise (PHIBLEX). PHIBLEX is a regularly-scheduled exercise to conduct bilateral training between the armed forces of the Philippines and U.S. military personnel. The purpose of this exercise is forces to maintain readiness, improve interoperability, and sustain the long-term security cooperation relationship shared between the Republic of the Philippines and the United States. HFY, as part of the ESSEX ARG, collaborated with Phillippine service members on preventative maintenance, leadership, logistics and damage control. In addition to training, sailors from the ARG also participated in several community outreach programs, getting to better know the local people.

After finishing PHIBLEX, HFY made a four day port visit in Changi, Singapore on 30 Oct before returning back to Sasebo (12 Nov) for ULTRA S and Holiday Leave and Upkeep in the month of December.

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-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.

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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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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Commander Antonio D. Hull
United States Navy

A native of Savannah, Georgia, Commander Hull enlisted in the Navy in 1987 and attended the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program. Upon completion of BOOST he attended Savannah State University, graduating in March of 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics.

His sea duty assignments include Auxiliaries and CIC Officer in USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44); Pre-Commissioning Auxiliaries Officer in USS BATAAN (LHD 5); Operations Officer in USS CARTER HALL (LSD 50). Additionally, he served on the Staff of Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan, as the Fleet Maintenance Officer (N43) and Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics. From December 2001 to May 2003 Commander Hull commanded USS TORNADO (PC 14). As the second Commanding Officer of TORNADO, he led her on her maiden deployment, a Maritime Homeland Security (MHLs) Deployment in support of Operation NOBLE EAGLE. TORNADO conducted numerous MHLs patrols and participated in Operations GUARDING LIBERTY and LIBERTY SHIELD. TORNADO also earned the BATTLE "E" and TYCOM Safety Awards. Commander Hull's most recent sea duty assignment was as Commanding Officer, MHC CREW EXCEL, embarked in USS PELICAN (MHC 53) and USS BLACK HAWK (MHC 58). During this tour Commander Hull participated in several exercises and assisted in the training of foreign naval personnel in support of the Foreign Military Sales Program. Commander Hull decommissioned USS BLACK HAWK on 1 December 2007 and then served as interim Deputy Commander of the Mine Counter Measures Class Squadron and Chief Staff Officer for Mine Counter Measures Squadron TWO in Ingleside, Texas.

Commander Hull's most recent shore assignment was at the Naval Personnel Command (PERS 41) where he served as Branch Head for Surface Warfare Placement. Additionally, he served at the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, Rhode Island as the Administrative Assistant to the Director of Command Training. After only seven months into his tour he answered the call of the sea and terminated his shore duty to attend the Department Head Training Course. Upon graduation he was among the first of the Department Head Course graduates to attend a selected portion of the U.S. Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School in Quantico, Virginia. Commander Hull attended the Naval War College, earning a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies and Joint Professional Military Education (JPME) Phase I. He also attended the Navy Corporate Business Course at Darden Business School located at the University of Virginia.

Commander Hull's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (5 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (4 awards), and various unit and service awards.