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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 IWO JIMA (LHD 7)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **23024**

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

Last: **AMICK** First: **JEFFREY** M.I.: **C** Rank: **CAPT**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2009-01-06**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Multi-Purpose Amphibious Assault Ship/U.S. SECOND Fleet**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, VA**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Amphibious Squadron FOUR**

Administrative: **Amphibious Squadron FOUR**

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):

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: **N/A**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **Amphibious Squadron 4, Fleet Surgical Team 8, Assault Craft Unit 4, 2/6 Marine Expeditionary Unit, TACRON 22, Beachmaster Unit , HSC 26,**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 85 Enlisted: 1011 Civilian: 2

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

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): MCC(SW/AW) [REDACTED]

Job Title/Office Code: PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

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

Phone number(s): [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)  
FPO AE 09574

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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.

Over the course of the last year USS IWO JIMA filled several key roles in maintaining naval presence in the Commander Sixth Fleet and Commander Fifth Fleet Area Of Operations. The IWO JIMA was a key component of an Expeditionary Strike Group commanded by Commander Amphibious Squadron Four and embarking the 22<sup>nd</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit. Integrated Phase training and certification were completed during COMPTUEX and CERTEX. A chronology of unit accomplishments is listed in part 3.

IWO JIMA was thoroughly prepared during its Fleet Response Training Plan cycle for the roles she was to execute while forward deployed.

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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.

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| January 31 - February 8  | CSSQT II   |
| February 25-29           | ULTRA-C  |
| March 4-9                | OPEVAL MV-22 (S-014 2DMAW Wind Envelope Testing)       |
| March 10-14              | Group Sail I   |
| April 14-18              | Group Sail II  |
| April 25-27              | Transit from Norfolk to Port Everglades                |
| April 28 - May 2         | Port Visit: Port Everglades (Broward County Navy Days) |
| May 8-23                 | ESGINT   |
| June 17-18               | FPEX   |
| July 8-31                | COMPTUEX   |
| August 1-25              | POM  |
| August 26                | Deployed   |
| August 26-27             | Transit WLANT  |
| August 28-29             | Onload 26 MEU IVO Onslow Bay, NC                       |
| August 30 - September 8  | Transit Atlantic Ocean                                 |
| September 9              | Transit Strait of Gibraltar                            |
| September 10-14          | Transit Mediterranean Sea                              |
| September 15-19          | Port Visit: Haifa, Israel                              |
| September 20-22          | Transit EMED   |
| September 23             | Transit Suez Canal                                     |
| September 24-27          | Transit Red Sea  |
| September 28-30          | Transit Gulf of Aden                                   |
| October 1-6              | OPS Gulf of Aden                                       |
| October 3-5              | FOCUSED OPERATION SEA STALLION                         |
| October 7-9              | Transit Gulf of Oman                                   |
| October 10               | Transit Starit of Hormuz                               |
| October 11               | Transit Southern Arabian Gulf                          |
| October 12-16            | Port Visit: Manana, Bahrain                            |
| October 17               | Transit Central Arabian Gulf                           |
| October 18-31            | EXERCISE RED REEF                                      |
| November 9-14            | Port Visit: Jebel Ali, United Arab Emirates            |
| November 15-25           | EXERCISE IRON MAGIC                                    |
| November 27 - December 7 | FOCUSED OPERATION TRIDENT KNIGHT                       |
| December 16-26           | Port Visit: Manana, Bahrain                            |
| December 29-30           | Port Visit: Ash Shuaybah, Kuwait (26 MEU Offload)      |

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.

During the 2008 Calendar year, USS IWO JIMA prepared for and deployed, for the third time, to the Middle East. After a successful transit through the Suez Canal and the Red Sea, USS IWO JIMA was tasked to turn south and begin maritime patrol off the coast of Somalia to assist in deterring pirate activities in the region. During her assignment to CTF 150, USS IWO JIMA tracked the pirated Motor Vessel Faina. With the Faina situation in a stand-off USS IWO JIMA was returned to normal tasking of Maritime Patrol in the Gulf of Oman, northern Indian Ocean and Arabian Gulf. In the second month of the deployment USS IWO JIMA played a pivotal role in EXERCISE RED REEF. Through the course RED REEF, over 500 Marines from 26 MEU participated in sea-power projection exercises with the various units of the Saudi Arabian military. In November, USS IWO JIMA participated in EXERCISE IRON MAGIC with the United Arab Emirates supporting 26 MEU amphibious operations and offload/backloads.

Prior to IWO JIMA commencing her third deployment, she took place in a rigorous and accelerated pre-deployment workup cycle. IWO started her preparations in February of 2008 completing both ULTRA-C and CSSQT which qualified USS IWO JIMA as a combat ready ship with the new Ships Self-Defense System. The culmination of these events was the successful firing of four missiles on towed airborne targets. USS IWO JIMA completed successful Group Sails in the months of March and April. May 2008 brought about ESGINT, where once again IWO JIMA was leading the charge! Her final test prior to deployment would be a rigorous COMPTUEX, which, in the end, USS IWO JIMA passed with a T2 overall. USS IWO JIMA's outstanding work ethic, technical prowess and deck plate leadership propelled her through all these events effectively and safely prepared her for deployment.

This calendar year IWO JIMA has exceeded her previous accomplishments by recertifying in all training areas and by her meticulous preparation for a very successful deployment. She has once again proven to be America's 911 force as the first large deck amphib selected to serve in any type of operational commitment, exercise, relief effort, or National Command Authority tasking.

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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.

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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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(U) Stories from 2008

(U) Welcome Aboard brochure

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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

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**(U) Commanding Officer's official photo**

**(U) Photos of deployment**

**(U) Photos of exercises**

**(U) Photos of flight deck operations**

**(U) Photos of well deck operations**

**(U) Misc. ship photos**

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