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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 IWO JIMA (LHD 7)

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 23027

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

Last: CHASSEE First: THOMAS M.I.: J Rank: CAPT

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2010-07-31

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

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Amphibious Squadron EIGHT

Administrative: Amphibious Squadron EIGHT

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): U.S. Military commands included: Commander, Amphibious Squadron 6, Fleet Surgical Team 2; U.S. Public Health Service; Navy Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202; Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force; Maritime Civil Affairs and Security Training 202; Tactical Squadron 22; Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 202; Air Force Band; Air Force Joint Communication Support Element; Assault Craft Unit 2; Beachmaster Unit 2; U.S. Public Health Service; Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 26, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron (HMMK) 774

Contingents from other nation's armed forces included Canada, Dutch, French, Paraguayan, The Netherlands, Colombia, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

NGO's included Project Hope, Project Handclasp, Give a Kid a Backpack, Loving Hug Inc., Nour Foundation, LDS Ministries, Project Cure, Rotary International, Hospital Sister's Mission Outreach, Clean the World, Catholic Health Association, Edge Outreach, and Shoreland as well as medical professionals from Project Hope, Baptist Health Memorial, American College of Surgeons, National Nurses United, Univ. Of Florida Medishares, Memorial Healthcare, University of Michigan, Alliance for Rabies Control, John Hopkins, American Academy of Pediatrics, U.C.S.D. Pre Dental Society, U.C.L.A., U.S. Emergency Chaplains, Int'l Relief Teams, Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, operation Smile, Orthopedic Trauma Association, D.O.C.A.R.E. and American Red Cross.

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 78 Enlisted: 971 Civilian: 1

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

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.

Since taking command last July, IWO JIMA has by far exceeded every expectation that has been given to her. Her highly impressive results from INSURV, UTLRA certifications and 3M assessments followed by a challenging Continuing Promise mission proved the Sailors of IWO JIMA are ready to complete any task necessary at any time. During the CP10 mission the crew embraced the mission, impacting the lives and communities of the eight partner nations visited. I am very proud of my ship and my crew for their multitude of accomplishments over the past year. As Commanding Officer of the USS IWO JIMA for the past six months and my tour as executive officer, the year and a half prior has made this one of the most honored highlights of my career. The continued success of IWO JIMA will undoubtedly be here for many years to come.

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.

Jan 1 - 15 Jan	CNO's Maintenance(PMA-9C1)
Jan 26 - 29 Jan	Type Training
Feb 16 - 19 Feb	UMI Rehearsal
Mar 1 - Mar 5	UMI Rehearsal
Apr 5 - Apr 9	Type Training
Apr 12 - Apr 16	Type Training
Apr 21 - Apr 23	ULTRA-E
Apr 24 - Apr 25	ULTRA-C
Apr 26 - May 3	Fleet Week Port Everglades
May 17 - May 21	Type Training
May 26 - Jun 1	Fleet Week New York (Manhattan)
Jun 3 - Jun 8	AMMO onload (Earl, NJ)
Jul 12	Deploy for Continuing Promise 2010 (CP-10)
Jul 12 - Jul 16	COMPTUEX (CONOPS)
Jul 17 - Jul 18	Port Visit (Mayport, FL)
Jul 19 - Jul 21	Port Visit (Miami, FL)

Jul 25 - Aug 2	Continuing Promise 2010 (Haiti)
Aug 3 - Aug 5	Port Visit (GTMO Cuba)
Aug 8 - Aug 18	Continuing Promise 2010 (Colombia)
Aug 20 - Sep 1	Continuing Promise 2010 (Costa Rica)
Sep 2 - Sep 3	Port Visit (Limon, Costa Rica)
Sep 4 - Sep 13	Continuing Promise 2010 (Guatemala)
Sep 15 - Sep 25	Continuing Promise 2010 (Nicaragua)
Sep 27 - Oct 6	Continuing Promise 2010 (Panama)
Oct 17 - Oct 26	Continuing Promise 2010 (Guyana)
Oct 27 - Oct 28	Transit to Guatemala (HA-DR Response to flash floods)
Oct 28 - Nov 1	Continuing Promise 2010 (Suriname)
Nov 3 - Nov 8	Haiti HA/DR (Hurricane Tomas)
Nov 8 - Nov 10	Logistics/Liberty Port Visit (GTMO, Cuba)
Nov 13 - Nov 16	Transit to NC, Onslow Bay
Nov 16 - Nov 17	Offload SPMAGTF
Nov 17 - Nov 18	Transit to homeport (Norfolk, VA)
Nov 18 - Dec 31	Availability/Upkeep

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 calendar year 2010, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) successfully completed INSURV, Unit Level Training Assessments (ULTRA) C, E and S; 3M assessment; Fleet Weeks in New York and Port Everglades, Florida; and a four month deployment in support of Continuing Promise 2010 (CP-10) humanitarian civic assistance mission.

February, IWO JIMA was notified by naval message she was the winner of the 2009 Battle Efficiency Award.

IWO JIMA started the year with preparations for the upcoming INSURV inspections by conducting a series of Underway Material Inspection (UMI) rehearsals in preparation for the upcoming INSURV and ULTRA inspections.

Following the UMI Rehearsals, IWO JIMA set the bar high with its INSURV and ULTRA C and E inspections in April. All were highly successful achieving scores much higher than any other Wasp Class Ships.

The end of April brought IWO JIMA to be the flagship for the 20th annual Fleet Week Port Everglades in a celebration of maritime services. During the fleet week events, IWO JIMA was the host to the Chief of Naval Operations among other VIP's and nearly 10,000 local residents from the local area. The crew also participated in a variety community outreach programs.

USS Iwo Jima was also selected to be the Flag Ship for Fleet Week New York from May 26 to June 1 for the 2nd year in a row and the 3rd time since her commissioning. During her visit to New York, IWO supported more than 80,000 public visitors, 12 news

agencies and numerous distinguished visitors. Her crew participated in scores of off ship events such as parades and and ceremonies.

Following the Fleet Weeks, IWO JIMA visited Earle, NJ to onload ammunitions in preparation for her next deployment. IWO JIMA safely unloaded 1088 pallets (892 tons) of ammunition valued at \$50,000,000 over a three day period without incident.

July 12th IWO JIMA conducted CONTINUING PROMISE 2010 (CP10) which encompassed joint civil-military operations including humanitarian and civic assistance, as well as veterinary, medical, dental and civil engineering support to eight partner nations, and to send a strong message of commitment, partnership and cooperation to Central and South America. Her accomplishments include maintaining the highest level of readiness and professionalism by seamlessly integrating with Marines and Sailors from Company A, 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion, Combat Logistics Regiment 25, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 774 and MACS-2. Onboard IWO JIMA, the CP10 medical contingent of more than 500 joint military and international medical professionals and non-governmental organizations (NGO's) worked alongside host nationals to triage more than 39,000 primary care patients, perform 320 shipboard surgeries, dispense 76,000 prescriptions, and provide more than 26,000 veterinary services. In addition, military engineering teams and volunteers completed 26 projects to include building playgrounds, fencing and refurbishing schools and hospitals.

As a world-class host, IWO JIMA entertained more than 600 distinguished visitors from all eight nations. Operationally, IWO JIMA flawlessly conducted more than 428 hours of wet well operations resulting in more than 222 launch and recoveries of amphibious vehicles and the movement of more than 12,700 passengers safely and without incident. Additionally, IWO JIMA safely completed more than 970 aircraft moves and more than 4,400 fixed and rotary flight evolutions, the transfer of 2,104 pallets of provisions and ammunition, and the movement of 5,800 passengers via helicopter. Logistically, she overcame a lack of established replenishment resources available in C4F and loaded an impressive 850 pallets of fresh fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy and dry goods, 360 pallets of ship store goods, 24,000 cases of Meals Ready to Eat (MRE), 1,400 cases of water and approximately 40,000 lbs of mail. Additionally, in CY2010 she conducted 26 replenishments at sea, at anchorage and in port, safely receiving 6,797,501 gallons of fuel. In terms of readiness, the entire ship's maintenance effort was the catalyst in meeting and overcoming a variety of unique challenges while flawlessly supporting operational tasking and training evolutions while achieving outstanding results. The dynamic and extensive intermediate level maintenance support provided by IWO JIMA's professional crew enabled embarked helicopter squadrons to sustain an unmatched 96.7% aircraft mission capable rate and 100% sortie completion rate while supporting CP-10.

During CP10, IWO JIMA was redirected to Haiti to provide Hurricane Assistance and Disaster Relief in the wake of Hurricane Tomas early November. Upon arrival, she provided timely and accurate damage assessments by conducting eight aerial reconnaissance flights incorporating non-traditional intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance processes in order to determine the extent of damage and obstruction to main lines of communication along Haiti's southern peninsula.

Once it was determined IWO JIMA mission was complete in Haiti She was released for one last logistics and replenishment port visit in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba before heading to Onslow Bay, N.C. to begin the off load of the CP10 contingent commands before returning to her Norfolk Va. Homeport November 18, 2010.

In August IWO JIMA was selected for the FY10 Secretary of the Navy energy and water management award based on the 2009 accomplishments. IWO JIMA executed comprehensive efficiency programs with senior-level command involvement, well-staffed and trained energy teams, aggressive awareness campaigns, innovative energy efficiency measures, and consistent reduction in energy consumption.

IWO JIMA was nominated for the fourth quarter of FY10 retention excellence award on the basis of sustained superior retention programs December 8th.

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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- (U) Stories from Fleet Week Port Everglades
- (U) Stories from Fleet Week NY
- (U) Change of Command Pamphlet
- (U) Stories from Continuing Promise 2010 Deployment
- (U) Welcome Aboard brochure

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.

- (U) Commanding Officer's official photo**
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- (U) Photos of exercises**
- (U) Photos of flight deck operations**
- (U) Photos of well deck operations**
- (U) Misc. ship photos**

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