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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. See instructions appendices for assistance in compiling and on submitting this form and any attachments.

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1. Command Data (Boxes will expand as information is typed)

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: MCGOVERN First: JAMES M.I.: E. Rank: CAPT

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2013-08-01

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

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Naval Station Norfolk, Va.

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Expeditionary Strike Group TWO

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): N/A

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): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 80 Enlisted: 961 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/LCPO

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

Phone number(s): [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7)
FPO AE 09574-1664

2. Commander's Assessment

In late January 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) executed a dead stick move from her homeport of Norfolk, Va. to the British Aeronautical Engineering (BAE) Systems Norfolk Ship Repair in Portsmouth, Va. for an 11-month Dry-docking Phased Maintenance Availability period. The finalized cost was \$125 million and included such repairs as updating combat and communication systems; a 5-year boiler inspection; removing, refurbishing, and replacing rudders, screws, and waterborne shafts; repainting the hull and freeboard; and resurfacing the flight deck. This was the first time USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) had been in dry dock and/or out of the water since its construction. In early August of 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) said farewell to Capt. Grady Banister, her 8th Commanding Officer and welcomed Capt. James McGovern during a Change of Command ceremony. In early September 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) received word

that she would be changing her homeport from Norfolk, Va. to Mayport, Fla. The crew completed and passed many assessments and evolutions to include a Light Off Assessment, Crew Certification, Dock Trials and Fast Cruise. [By early December 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) departed the BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair, completing her Contractor Sea Trials and returning to Norfolk, Va.]

IWO JIMA closed out the year preparing for TYCOM Sea Trials in mid January 2014 and the commencement of the Basic Phase training cycle.

As we prepare for 2014, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) will continue her service to the fleet and strive to succeed in all her endeavors.

3. Chronology

23 JAN 13 DPMA Commencement date
23 JAN 13 - 11 DEC 13 Dry-docking Post Maintenance Availability
29 JAN 13 Dead stick move to BAE Shipyard
01 AUG 13 USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) Change of Command ceremony
23 AUG 13 Undocking Phase of Dry-Docking Post Maintenance Availability
09 – 11 DEC13 Contractor Sea Trials
12 DEC 13 Returned to homeport, Naval Station Norfolk, Va., Pier 11

Narrative

In late January 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) executed a dead stick move from her homeport of Norfolk, Va. to the British Aeronautical Engineering (BAE) Systems Norfolk Ship Repair in Portsmouth, Va. for an 11-month Dry-docking Phased Maintenance Availability period. The finalized cost was \$125 million and included such repairs as updating combat and communication systems; a 5-year boiler inspection; removing, refurbishing, and replacing rudders, screws, and waterborne shafts; repainting the hull and freeboard; and resurfacing the flight deck. This was the first time USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) had been in dry dock and/or out of the water since its construction. In early August of 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) said farewell to Capt. Grady Banister, her 8th Commanding Officer and welcomed Capt. James McGovern during a Change of Command ceremony. In early September 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) received word that she would be changing her homeport from Norfolk, Va. to Mayport, Fla. The crew completed and passed many assessments and evolutions to include a Light Off Assessment, Crew Certification, Dock Trials and Fast Cruise. In mid-September 20 Petty Officer First Classes were selected to put on their anchor. By early December 2013, USS IWO JIMA (LHD 7) departed the BAE Systems Norfolk Ship Repair, completing her Contractor Sea Trials and returning to Norfolk, Va.

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4. Supporting Reports (Refer to specific guide for Ship/Shore/Aviation or Fleet Command)

N/A

5. Published Documents

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6. Photographs

- (1) Commanding Officer's official photo/bio
 - 1a. CAPT Banister (July 2012 – Aug 2013)
 - 1b. CAPT McGovern (Aug 2013 – present)
 - (2) Executive Officer's official photo/bio
 - 2a. CAPT McGovern (Jul 2012 – Aug 2013)
 - 2b. CAPT Gordon (Aug 2013 – present)
 - (3) Command Master Chief official photo/bio
 - (4) Command Crest Logo
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