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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 KINGFISHER (MHC 56)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **21961**

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

Last: **Braynard** First: **Todd** M.I.: **A.** Rank: **LCDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2005-06-13**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:
USS KINGFISHER is a coastal minehunter, the sixth ship of the OSPREY class. KINGFISHER was designed for minehunting, the technique of locating mines with sonar, and mine neutralization utilizing a remotely controlled underwater vehicle. The ship's mission is to clear harbors, coasts, and ocean waters of acoustic, magnetic, pressure, and contact type mines, by utilizing reconnaissance, classification, and neutralization tactics.

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Ingleside, Texas

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two (MCMRON TWO)

Administrative: **Mine Countermeasures Squadron Two (MCMRON TWO)**

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: 7 Enlisted: 45 Civilian: N/A

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

       Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LTJG ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮
       Job Title/Office Code: Operations Officer
       E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮
       Phone number(s): ▮▮▮▮▮▮
       Command Mailing Address:
USS KINGFISHER (MHC 56)
MHC CREW DETECTOR
FPO AE 09501-5108

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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.

None

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.

Event:	Date (s):
CMAV 5A1	10-28 Jan
RADNAV Trainer	18-20 Jan
SYSCAL	18 Jan- 04 Feb
Magnetic Off Load	3-4 Feb
EMR Range	15 Feb
ENG LTT	1-4 Mar
ATG Training	7-31 Mar
ENG LTT	4-8 Apr
FP LTT 2	11-15 Apr
Underwater Hull Cleaning	21-22 Apr
HURREX 2005	2-13 May
ENG LTT	17-19 May
Initial Assessment	1-3 Jun
CART II	6-10 Jun
Change of Command	13 Jun
E TSTA 1	20-24 Jun
Midshipmen Training	27 Jun-22 Jul
SBTT	27-30 Jun
E TSTA 2	5-8 Jul
FP LTT	14-15 Jul
E TSTA 3	18-22 Jul
PFA	25-29 Jul
E TSTA 4	1-5 Aug
FP Certification	8-9 Aug
RADNAV Certification	15-18 Aug
E TSTA 5	22-26 Aug
DC LTT	22-26 Aug
Underway Demonstration	29 Aug
FP Certification	30 Aug
DC LTT	6-9 Sep
DC LTT	12-16 Sep
CMAV 5A3	26 Sep-7 Oct
SYSCAL	26-30 Sep
CRC	14 Oct
MIW TSTA 1	8-9 Nov
MIW TSTA 2	14-21 Nov
Underwater Hull Cleaning	28-29 Nov

ITT/FEP Training	28 Nov-02 Dec
MIW TSTA 3	5-9 Dec

Underway Days: (CY 05 Chronology of days)

- 6-7 Jan
- 16-18 Jan
- 3-4 Mar
- 8-9 Jun
- 7-9 Sep
- 13-16 Sep
- 12-13 Oct
- 18-21 Oct
- 27-28 Oct
- 1-3 Nov
- 8-10 Nov
- 18-21 Nov
- 5-7 Dec
- 12-13 Dec

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.

January 2005

1. Continued Maintenance Availability (CMAV) 5A1 (10-28 Jan)
  a. Periodic availability for the upkeep of planned maintenance actions with the support of the Regional Maintenance Center.

2. Radar Navigation (RADNAV) Training (18-20 Jan)
  a. Training of the Combat Information Center team in all aspects of Radar Navigation.

3. System Calibration (SYSCAL) (18 Jan - 04 Feb)
  a. A periodic review and subsequent calibration as necessary of all associated electrical and mechanical equipment by the Regional Maintenance Center.

February 2005

1. Magnetic Offload (3-4 Feb)
  a. Offload of all shipboard equipment prior to testing that would increase the electro-magnetic signature of the ship. Required periodically for mine warfare ships to ensure compliance of standards for mine warfare operations.

2. Electro-Magnetic Range (EMR) (15 Feb)
  a. Required periodic testing for mine warfare ships to ensure compliance of electro-magnetic signature standards for mine warfare operations.

March 2005

1. Engineering LTT (1-4 Mar)

a. LTT's are frequently used by ship's during the basic phase of the training cycle to train ship's crew in certain areas prior to certification. They are led by the individual training teams and assisted by the Afloat Training Group in the operational area.

2. Afloat Training Group Training (7-31 Mar)

April 2005
1. Engineering LTT (4-8 Apr)

2. Force Protection LTT (11-15 Apr)

3. Underwater Hull Cleaning (21-22 Apr)

May 2005
1. Hurricane Exercise (HURREX) 2005 (2-13 May)
   a. HURREX is a Navy wide exercise to prepare ships to react to a Hurricane threatening the Naval Station. Specifically, in Ingleside, Tx, ships participate in a practice hurricane moor.

2. Engineering LTT (17-19 May)

June 2005
1. Initial Assessment (IA) (1-3 Jun)
   a. The first of many Engineering inspections involves the review of all Engineering programs and equipment for compliance with Navy standards.

2. Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART II) (6-10 Jun)
   a. CART II is the first second assessment of all ship's programs and equipment. As opposed to CART I this assessment is assisted by ATG and the results provide the means to plan training goals and priorities through out the Training Cycle.

3. Change of Command (13 Jun)
   a. LCDR Timothy Sparks was relieved as Commanding Officer of USS KINGFISHER by LCDR Todd Braynard.

4. E TSTA 1 (20-24 Jun)
   a. TSTA's are utilized by the ship and ATG to provide more advanced training to watch sections leading up to certification.

5. Midshipmen Training (27 Jun - 22 Jul)
   a. Several Midshipmen from various Universities reported on board for summer training in preperation for commission. Each Midshipman is given a running mate from the ship's force to shadow and learn the intracacies of shipboard life.

6. Shipboard Training Team (SBTT) (27-30 Jun)
   a. This training session led by ATG is designed to help train the trainers to further the ship's ability to conduct it's own training and maintain readiness.

July 2005
1. E TSTA 2 (5-8 Jul)

2. Force Protection LTT (15-18 Jul)

3. E TSTA 3 (18-22 Jul)

4. Physical Fitness Assessment (22-25 Jul)
  a. Command wide assessment of physical fitness composed of the Physical Readiness Test and Body Fat Composistion test.

August 2005
1. E TSTA 4 (1-5 Aug)

2. Force Protection Certification (8-9 Aug)

3. Radar Navigation (RADNAV) Certification (15-18 Aug)

4. E TSTA 5 (22-26 Aug)

5. Damage Control LTT (22-26 Aug)

6. Underway Demonstration (29 Aug)
  a. The final demonstration for the Engineering Department involves complete equipment inspection and numerous drill sets encompassing a wide array of possible equipment casualties.

7. Force Protection Certification (30 Aug)

September 2005
1. Damage Control LTT (6-9 Sep)

2. Damage Control LTT (12-16 Sep)

3. SYSCAL (26-30 Sep)

4. Continued Maintenance Availability (26 Sep - 7 Oct)

October 2004
1. Communications Readiness Certification (CRC) (14 Oct)
  a. A comprehensive review of all communications equipment and programs conducted by COMCMRON TWO.

November 2004
1. Mine Warfare TSTA 1 (8-9 Nov)

2. Mine Warfare TSTA 2 (14-21 Nov)

3. Integrated Training Team/Final Evaluation Problem LTT (28 Nov - 2 Dec)

December 2005
1. Mine Warfare TSTA 3 (5-9 Dec)

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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-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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None

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