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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.

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1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: USS LASSEN (DDG 82)

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 21956

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

Last: CHEKOURAS First: THOMAS M.I.: G Rank: CDR

Date Assumed Command: 2016-09-15

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: LASSEN is homeported in Mayport, Florida. Under tasking from Commander Task Force 80, she operates professionally and stealthily to competently carry out various mission sets. The mission of LASSEN is to operate in a high-density multi-threat environment as an integral member of a strike or surface action group to include striking targets along hostile shorelines and well inland. In addition, LASSEN provides its own air warfare, surface warfare and anti-submarine warfare and can effectively provide local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious ready groups, and other military units.

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): Mayport, Florida

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational:

Commander, TASK FORCE 80

- JAN 1- DEC 31

Administrative:

Commander, Naval Surface Squadron FOURTEEN

- JAN 1- DEC 31

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):

Commander, Task Force EIGHTY (CTF 80), Commander Naval Surface Squadron FOURTEEN (COMNAVSURFOR 14), Fleet Week NYC, READ E-2/READ E-3, NSFS Gun Shoot, IKE SUSTAINEX

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:

MH-60R, HSM-46, DET 1 (JAN 1-6 JUN)

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

Helicopter Squadron Maritime (HSM) 46 Detachment 1

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 35 Enlisted: 270 Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact:

Name: ENS [REDACTED]
Job Title/Office Code: Public Affairs Officer (PAO), Combat Information Center Officer (CICO)
E-mail: [REDACTED]
Phone number(s): COMM: [REDACTED]
Command Mailing Address: Unit 100190 Box 1 FPO AA 34091

2. Commander's Assessment

In 2017, LASSEN participated in numerous CTF-80 and CSG exercises during an extended sustainment phase. LASSEN participated in many exercises with other U.S. naval vessels, often conducting training, making multiple port visits, and conducting community outreach programs wherever she went. LASSEN was successful in keeping essential certifications, as well as maintaining a high level of efficiency and professionalism. LASSEN is a proven, combat-ready ship who continues to demonstrate all her might during both strike group and independent operations. LASSEN's crew maintained high morale and skill when directed to proceed underway to Norfolk, VA with only 48 hours notice. LASSEN was able to effectively navigate the ship during a robust CNO Availability early start in support of Hurricane Irma SORTIE. CDR Chekouras catapulted her through a dynamic and challenging year with the support of his crew. LASSEN once again has proven her versatility and sustainability as one of the best Arleigh-Burke class destroyers commissioned today.

3. Chronology

<u>MISSION</u>	<u>SEA DATES</u>	<u>DAYS UNDERWAY</u>
U/W (OPFOR, DLQs)	9JAN-27JAN	19
RAS w/ USNS Supply	16JAN	
RAS w/ USNS Joshua Humphreys	21JAN	
I/P Mayport	28JAN-1FEB	
U/W (OPFOR DLQs)	1FEB-24FEB	24
RAS w/USNS Arctic	09FEB	
RAS w/USNS Arctic	14FEB	
I/P Mayport	23FEB-27MAR	
CMAV	24FEB-26MAR	
READ-E 3	24FEB-20MAR	
U/W (DLQs, OPFOR)	27MAR-12APR	16

UNREP w/ USNS Arctic	05APR	
I/P Mayport	12APR-17APR	
U/W (DLQs, TOWEX)	18APR-20APR	3
TOW-BE TOWED w/ USS Farragut	19APR	
I/P Mayport	20APR-24APR	
U/W (DLQs, TOWEX)	25APR-27APR	3
TOW-BE TOWED w/ USS New York	26APR	
I/P Mayport	28APR-01MAY	
U/W (DLQs)	02MAY-08MAY	7
I/P Mayport	08MAY-17MAY	
U/W	17MAY-19MAY	3
I/P Mayport	19MAY-20MAY	
U/W (Enroute to New York Fleet Week)	21MAY-24MAY	4
UNREP w/ USNS Joshua Humphreys	23MAY	
I/P New York for New York Fleet Week	24MAY-30MAY	7
U/W (Enroute to Mayport, Astern Refueling)	30MAY-02JUN	4
UNREP w/ USNS Joshua Humphreys	30MAY	
Astern Refueling w/ USS Zephyr	01JUN	
I/P Mayport	02JUN-26JUN	
U/W (Enroute to Eastport, ME)	28JUN-30JUN	3
I/P Eastport, ME	1JUL-4JUL	
U/W to (Enroute to Newport, RI)	5JUL-6JUL	2
I/P Newport, RI	7JUL-13JUL	
U/W to (Enroute to Yorktown, VA)	14JUL-16JUL	3
TOW-BE TOWED w/ USS The Sullivans	21JUL-22JUL	
I/P Mayport	23JUL-31JUL	
CMAV	21AUG-31AUG	
Hurricane Irma SORTIE	7SEP-8SEP	2
RAS w/ USNS John Lenthall	7SEP	
I/P Norfolk, VA	9SEP-12SEP	
U/W (Enroute to Mayport)	12SEP-13SEP	2
I/P Mayport	13SEP-30SEP	
DSRA Start	13SEP	
U/W to BAE Drydock	12NOV	
Drydock	12NOV	
POM Leave	13DEC-10JAN	

Acronymns

ACU - Aircraft Control Unit	AW/SW/EW – Air Warfare Surface Warfare
AIS – Automated Information System	Electronic Warfare
ATFP – Anti-Terrorism Force Protection	BSH – Basic Ship Handling
ATG – Afloat Training Group	CIWS – Close-In Weapons System
AVCERT – Aviation Facilities Certification	CMAV – Continuous Maintenance Availability

COMREL – Community Relations
CRY/INT – Cryptology Intelligence
CSICP – Cyber Security Inspection and
Certification Program
DTE – Detect to Engage
E – Engineering
ECS – East China Sea
EKMS – Electronic Key Management System
ERAT – Engineering Readiness Assessment
Team
EXPSAF – Explosive Safety
FDNF – Forward Deployed Naval Forces
FST-J – Fleet Synthetic Training - Joint
HSM – Helicopter Squadron Maritime
INPT – Inport
IRAT – INSURV Readiness Assessment Team
INSURV – Inspection and Survey
ISATT – Integrated Ship Air Team Trainer
LTT – Learning Training Team
MASOC – Maritime Air Support Operations
Center

MOB – Mobility
N – Navigation
NSFS – Naval Surface Fire Support
PAC – Pre-Action Calibration
PVST – Port Visit
RAP – Recognized Air Picture
RAS – Replenishment at Sea
READ-E – Readiness Evaluation
S – Seamanship
SAG – Surface Action Group
SAR – Search and Rescue
SAU – Search and Attack Unit
SCAT - Small Caliber Action Team
SCS – South China Sea
THR – USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT
TYCOM – Type Commander
ULT – Unit Level Training
U/W – Underway
USW – Undersea Warfare

Narrative

1. Operational Effectiveness. LASSEN had a landmark year in 2017 operating in various strategic environments with other United States naval vessels. LASSEN conducted many high-skill evolutions such as man overboards, astern refueling, and deck landing qualifications. LASSEN has been set up to successfully complete a CNO Availability at BAE Systems.

2. Exercises. LASSEN demonstrated her capability and readiness to perform every mission, the first time every time. Whether it was conducting naval exercises or executing material inspections, LASSEN set the highest standard of excellence:

- a. LASSEN participated in OPFOR exercises during BATAAN C2X.
- b. LASSEN participated in TFEX 17-1.
- c. LASSEN participated in DLQs with HSM 40, 48, and 72.
- d. LASSEN participated in OPFOR exercises with Leyte Gulf during Carrier Strike Group 4 tasking in TFEX 17-2.
- e. LASSEN participated in DLQs with HSM 48, 40, 46, and 72.
- f. LASSEN participated in OPFOR exercises with Dwight D. Eisenhower during Carrier Strike Group 10 SUSTAINEX.
- g. LASSEN participated in multiple TOW-BE TOWED exercises with other DDGs.
- h. LASSEN participated in astern refueling with PC Zephyr.
- i. LASSEN participated in Midshipman tours during underways, exposing future Naval officers to regular ship operations.

3. Warfare Readiness. LASSEN showcased her warfare readiness during 2017 New York Fleet Week. LASSEN conducted over 30 community relations projects and conducted over 50 tours for over 10,000 personnel.

a. LASSEN remains at the peak of readiness as an Air Defense Unit (ADU), qualified and ready to assume the duties as an Anti-Air Warfare Commander (Force).

4. Real-world operations. As the most mission-ready destroyer in Fleet Forces, LASSEN has met every commitment and maintained continuous readiness while excelling in real-world operations. LASSEN also successfully placed 200+ rounds downrange in support of Marines at Camp Lejeune.

a. Port Visits: LASSEN's crew have outshone their peers and been the hallmark of poise. They are always embodying the Navy's current slogan, "Forged by the Sea".

During all port visits, LASSEN conducted various community relations events to aid and assist the local population. LASSEN Sailors upheld "Liberty is a Mission" standards to mitigate any possible incidents. LASSEN Sailors volunteered at New York Fleet Week and at events in Eastport, ME and Newport, RI. LASSEN also had midshipmen underway and

with the crew for the duration of the underway to Eastport, ME. Tours of the ship were also given to OCS candidates during the port visit to familiarize themselves with aspects of shipboard life. LASSEN finally visited Yorktown, VA to complete an ammunition offload in preparation for the 2017 CMAV and DSRA.

LASSEN also completed a rescue and assistance at sea during the underway to Eastport, ME. The crew aided stranded fisherman who requested assistance to return to their port. LASSEN also completed a man overboard when the pilot fell overboard during inbound sea and anchor to Eastport, ME.

5. Community Relations Projects.

a. New York Fleet Week: Sailors volunteered at fire departments in New Jersey, soup kitchens in the Bronx, and gave tours to thousands of visitors at the 2017 New York Fleet Week.

b. Eastport, Maine: LASSEN participated in the 4th of July Parade and many activities around the town. LASSEN was awarded a plaque for their time and service in Eastport, ME from the community.

c. Newport, Rhode Island: Tours were given to OCS candidates as described above.

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

N/A

5. Published Documents

(1) USS Lassen Participates in New York Fleet Week

Welcome Aboard Materials:

- (2) Welcome Aboard Pamphlet
- (3) Welcome Aboard Letter Template
- (4) Commanding Officer's Command Philosophy

Misc:

Command Websites:

- (1) <https://www.facebook.com/ussslassen>
- (2) <http://www.navy.mil/local/ddg82/>
- (3) <https://www.flickr.com/photos/ussslassen>

6. Photographs

- (1) Commanding Officer – CDR Thomas Chekouras
- (2) Executive Officer – CDR Ryan Ventresca
- (3) Command Master Chief – CMC Christopher Farrar
- (4) Air Boss – LCDR [REDACTED]
- (5) Combat Systems Officer – LCDR [REDACTED]
- (6) Weapons Officer – LT [REDACTED]
- (7) Chief Engineer – LT [REDACTED]
- (8) Supply Officer – LT [REDACTED]
- (9) Operations Officer – LT [REDACTED]
- (10) Navigator – LTJG [REDACTED]
- (11) Public Affairs Officer/ Combat Information Center Officer- ENS [REDACTED]

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