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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 LEYTE GULF (CG-55)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **21388**

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

Last: **McGUIRE** First: **THOMAS** M.I.: **F** Rank: **Captain**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2002-09-12**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **2nd Fleet CMAV, SRA-3, AMMO ONLOAD, PVST MIAMI, 6TH FLEET FIREX II, 5TH FLEET OPLAT DEFENSE AT ABOT / KAAOT, WASP ESG MED/MEF/DEPLOYMENT '04, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation SEA DRAGON, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Operation MARKET TIME II, CAYA EX.**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **Norfolk**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Expeditionary Strike Group 2/Carrier Strike Group Eight**

Administrative: **CCSG 8**

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): **WASP ESG MED/MEF/DEPLOYMENT '04, Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, Operation SEA DRAGON, Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, Operation MARKET TIME II, CAYA EX.**

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): **HSL-48 DET 9**

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **SH-60 B / 2 /VENOM 510 BUNO 163909 & VENOM 506 BUNO 162121**

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: **37** Enlisted: **374** Civilian: **0**

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

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): **OSCS [REDACTED]**

Job Title/Office Code: **OI LCPO**

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.

The crew enjoyed holiday stand down until January. LEYTE GULF then proceeded to Naval Weapons Station Yorktown for Ammo Onload. On February 19, LEYTE GULF got underway for Deployment. USS LEYTE GULF'S VBSS (VESSEL BOARDING SEARCH

AND SEIZURE) TEAM discovered 400 pounds of contraband on board a suspect dhow near the Horn of Africa / Gulf of Aden. LEYTE GULF seized the contraband, and turned it over to the Pakistani authorities. While conducting operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf, USS LEYTE GULF was assigned to Oil Platform Defense of ABOT (AL BASRA OIL TERMINAL) and KAAOT (KHUR AL-AMAYA OIL TERMINAL) performed Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO), and boarded 150 dhows. LEYTE GULF became the floating Texaco station, refueling various small ships including Patrol Coastal (PC), Mine Sweepers (MCM), MK V Seal Boats, and the first and only Cruiser to LCAC refueling. The ship provided hot meals "MEALS ON KEELS" to the Marine and Navy personnel assigned to oil platform security. Personnel were accommodated with trips to the ship to enjoy showers, meals, and e-mail on a rotating basis. The crew enjoyed port visits in Civitavecchia, Italy, and Rota, Spain enroute to homeport. On 13 August, LEYTE GULF returned home for a well-deserved leave and stand down period. On September 12, LTJG R. S. O'Connor was struck and killed by a motor vehicle in South Bend, IN. From October 3 to December 2, LEYTE GULF was inport MHI (Marine Hydraulic Industries) Shipyards for SRA (SELECTIVE RESTRICTED AVAILABILITY). On November 19, Captain M. J. Turner assumed command of USS LEYTE GULF. On November 19, SK3 P. V. West was found dead at his apartment. His death was ruled as a suicide by the Norfolk Coroner's Office. On December 12, while inport NOB, flooding took place in FWD 5in/54 magazine, FWD 5in magazine, CIWS magazine, .50 cal magazine, and dome equipment room. Cause of flooding was failure of the pneumatic remote pilot (prp) valve in magazine group eleven.

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.

Group Sail

Deployment

Port visit Split, Croatia

Port visit Jabel-Ali

Port visit Bahrain

Port visit Muscat, Oman

Port visit Civitavecchia, Italy

Port visit Rota, Spain

Inport Norfolk

Ammo Offload

Yard period MHI Norfolk

Post-CMAV Seas trials

Holiday Standown Period

Underway periods:

2004/01/01-2004/01/04 Inport Norfolk, Va
2004/01/05 Underway enroute Yorktown, Va
2004/01/05-2004/01/06 Inport Yorktown, Va for Ammo onload
2004/01/06- Underway enroute Norfolk, Va
2004/01/06-2004/01/13 Inport Norfolk, Va
2004/01/14-2004/01/15 Underway enroute CPOA
2004/01/16-2004/01/18 SOCEX
2004/01/18-2004/01/19 Enroute Norfolk, Va
2004/01/20-2004/02/19 Inport Norfolk, Va
2004/01/27 Installation of 25 MM
2004/02/19-2004/03/05 Underway enroute Split, Croatia
2004/03/01 Transit Straits of Gibraltar
2004/03/06-2004/03/09 Inport Split, Croatia
2004/03/10-2004/03/14 Underway enroute Suez Canal
2004/03/11-2004/03/12 Conducted FIREX II in Albania
2004/03/12-2004/03/14 Transit Mediterranean Sea
2004/03/15-2004/03/16 Transit Suez Canal
2004/03/16-2004/04/01 Enroute Jabel-Ali
2004/04/02-2004/04/06 Inport Jabel-Ali
2004/04/06-2004/04/07 Underway enroute Bahrain
2004/04/07-2004/04/12 Inport Bahrain
2004/04/12-2004/04/15 Underway enroute OPERATION Sea Python
2004/04/15-2004/04/20 Arrived PANSNI II Oparea
2004/04/19 GMC Sullivan injury
2004/04/20-2004/05/14 Conducted OPERATION Sea Dragon
2004/05/14-2004/05/18 Inport Muscat, Oman
2004/05/18 Underway enroute Bahrain
2004/05/19-2004/05/20 Inport Bahrain
2004/05/21-2004/06/26 Underway in Northern Arabian Gulf OPLAT DEFENSE
2004/06/27-2004/06/28 Inport Bahrain
2004/06/29-2004/06/30 Underway enroute Jabel-Ali
2004/06/30-2004/07/06 Inport Jabel-Ali
2004/07/07-2004/07/20 Underway enroute Suez Canal
2004/07/21 Transit Suez Canal
2004/07/22-2004/07/25 Enroute Civitavecchia, Italy
2004/07/26-2004/07/29 Inport Civitavecchia, Italy
2004/07/30-2004/07/31 Underway enroute Rota, Spain
2004/08/01-2004/08/04 Inport Rota, Spain
2004/08/05-2004/08/12 Underway enroute Norfolk, VA
2004/08/13-2004/09/20 Inport Norfolk, Va
2004/08/21 Underway enroute Yorktown, VA
2004/08/21-2004/09/23 Inport Yorktown, VA Weapons Offload
2004/08/23 Underway enroute Norfolk, VA
2004/08/23-2004/10/02 Inport Norfolk, Va
2004/10/03 Underway enroute MHI Shipyard Norfolk, VA
2004/10/03-2004/12/02 Inport MHI Shipyard Norfolk, VA
2004/11/19 Change Of Command
2004/12/03 Underway enroute Norfolk, VA

2004/12/03-2004/12/08 Inport Norfolk, VA
2004/12/09-2004/12/10 Underway for Sea Trials
2004/12/11-2004/12/31 Inport Norfolk, VA

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.

N/A

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.

Situation Reports: Enclosure 1

Casualty Reports: Enclosure 2

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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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.

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