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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTEREY (CG 61)
To: Director of Naval History (OP-09BH)

Subj: USS MONTEREY (CG 61) COMMAND OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 2013

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12J

Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization
(2) Chronology
(3) Narrative

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted as USS MONTEREY'S 2013 Command Operational Report.


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COMMAND DATA

Name of Command / Organization: USS MONTEREY (CG 61)

Unit Identification Code: 21450

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer: CAPT Thomas K. Kiss (Jan 2013-Nov 2013)/CAPT Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr. (Nov 2013-Dec 2013)

Date Assumed Command: 01 November 2011/18 November 2013

Mission / Command Employment / Operations: MONTEREY's primary mission is to provide Ballistic missile defense. MONTEREY's secondary mission is to provide air defense to a High Value Unit such as a Aircraft Carrier. MONTEREY can also coordinate and execute operations in Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Maritime Interdiction, Strike Warfare, and a variety of other warfare areas. MONTEREY has the capability to embark two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters. The crew trains underway primarily off the coast of Virginia, but training operations have taken her up and down the East Coast, to the Caribbean, and North Atlantic. When deployed, MONTEREY typically operates in COMSIXTHFLT, COMFIFTHFLT, or SOUTHCOM Area of Responsibility. MONTEREY began the year at sea participating in Integrated Level Training with the USS HARRY S. TRUMAN Carrier Strike Group. Following this, MONTEREY successfully passed a material inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey and then deployed to the FIFTH and SIXTH Fleet Area of Responsibilities.

Home Port: NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO

Administrative: Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic

Task Force Assigned: While deployed to the Fifth Fleet AOR, MONTEREY reported to CTF-50. While in the Sixth Fleet AOR, MONTEREY reported to CTF-65. When in homeport, MONTEREY is normally assigned to operate under CTF 80 operational control.

Units Assigned Under Operational Control: HSL 48.5 - VENOM 515

Types of Aircraft Embarked: SH-60B

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 38

Enlisted: 296

Civilian: 0

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Command Point of Contact

Name: LTJG [REDACTED]

Title: Navigator

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2013 CHRONOLOGY:

JANUARY

01 JAN: Observed New Years Day. Pier 2, Norfolk Naval Station, Virginia.

07 JAN: Holiday Leave period ends.

08-09 JAN: U/W VACAPES OPAREA for Pre-INSURV Inspection.

11JAN-04 FEB: U/W for Week One Workups with HSL-48.5 prior to conducting Integrated training with USS HARRY S. TRUMAN Carrier Strike Group.

17 JAN: Conducted Chief Petty Officer exam on Mess Decks.

FEBRUARY

03 FEB: Pinning Ceremony held in Hangar Bay for ESWS awardees.
MWR held Super Bowl viewing party on the Mess Decks for the crew.

08 FEB: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for OS2 [REDACTED].

12-13 FEB: U/W VACAPES OPAREA for Pre-INSURV Inspection.

14-22 FEB: Ballistic Missile Defense Readiness Assessment conducted.

18 FEB: ENS [REDACTED] promoted to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

22 FEB: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for GSM3 [REDACTED].

25-26 FEB: U/W VACAPES OPAREA for Pre-INSURV Inspection.

27 FEB: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for DCC [REDACTED].

MARCH

01 MAR: Re-enlistment held in Command Career Counselor's Office for GSE3 [REDACTED].
Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for FC1 [REDACTED].

04-07 MAR: INSURV.

07 MAR: Conducted Navy Wide E-6 Exam.

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08 MAR: LTJG [REDACTED] (Fire Control Officer) rung ashore.

11-15 MAR: In port Naval Weapons Station Yorktown for ammunition on load.

15 MAR: Conducted Navy Wide E-5 Exam.

16 MAR: Pre-deployment leave period begins.

18 MAR: Mr. Willy Stern of the New York Times visits the ship for a tour.

18-22 MAR: Conducted deployment certification BMD exercise onboard.

18-05 APR: Conducted Navy Physical Fitness Assessment.

21 MAR: Conducted Navy Wide E-4 Exam.

25-27 MAR: 3M re-inspection for Operations and Combat Systems held.

28 MAR: Commander, Carrier Strike Group 2 visits the ship. LCDR [REDACTED] (Combat System Officer) rung ashore.

29 MAR: EMCS [REDACTED] (3M Coordinator) and YNC [REDACTED] (Ship Secretary) rung ashore.

31 MAR: Observed Easter.

APRIL

04 APR: Pre-deployment leave period ends.
Re-enlistment held on the mess decks for OS2 [REDACTED]

08 APR: Deployed enroute to Fifth Fleet AOR.

13 APR: Operationally chopped to Sixth Fleet.

17 APR: In port Funchal, Portugal for refueling.

19 APR: Transit the Straits of Gibraltar.

22-25 APR: In port Livorno, Italy for liberty port visit.

27 APR: Transit the Strait of Messina.

28 APR: Conducted small boat PASSEX with Albania, testing their coastal search radars.

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29 APR - 02 MAY: In port Souda Bay, Greece for missile exchange and refueling.

MAY

01 MAY: Re-enlistment held on the Mess Decks for CS2 [REDACTED].

03 MAY: Operationally chop into the Fifth Fleet AOR.

04 MAY: Transit the Suez Canal.

06 MAY: Burial at Sea held on the fantail.

07 MAY: Ensign [REDACTED] qualifies as a Surface Warfare Officer.

08 MAY: Transit Bab-el-Mandeb strait.

12 MAY: Mother's Day Meal held on the Mess Decks.

13 MAY: Conducted Strait of Hormuz transit.
Ensign [REDACTED] promoted to Lieutenant junior grade.

14-19 MAY: In port Bahrain for missile exchange.

15 MAY: The crew participates in a COMREL held at a local school.
Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for STG3 [REDACTED].

16 MAY: Secretary of the Navy, Honorable Ray Mabus, visits.
FC1 [REDACTED] is commissioned an Ensign by Secretary Mabus.

26 MAY: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for HT2 [REDACTED]

27 MAY: Monterey embarks two UAE LNO's for assistance with Operation Arabian Strike.
Ensigns [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] promoted to Lieutenant junior grade.

30 MAY: Ice cream social sponsored by the Second Class Petty Officer Association held on the mess decks.

31 MAY: Frocking ceremony is held on the forecastle for advancement selectees from the March Navy Wide Advancement Exam.

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JUNE

01 JUN: Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are promoted to Lieutenant.

7 JUN: Battle of Midway remembrance Ceremony is held on the Mess Decks.

11 JUN: Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] qualifies as a Surface Warfare Officer.

14 JUN: Father's Day steel beach picnic sponsored by the Wardroom held on the missile deck.

16-18 JUN: MONTEREY participates in exercise Falcon Response with Kuwait and US Coast Guard and Navies.

24 JUN: DC Olympics held onboard. Combat Systems Department wins First Place.
Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] qualifies as a Surface Warfare Officer.

25 JUN: GSMC [REDACTED], HMC [REDACTED], and ITC [REDACTED] are advanced to Senior Chief Petty Officers.

27 JUN: Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage ceremony was held on the Mess Decks.

JULY

03-16 JUL: In port Bahrain.

04 JUL: Observed Fourth of July with full dress ship.

06 JUL: COMREL event held at local women's shelter in Bahrain.

09 JUL: Ramadan begins while MONTEREY is in port Bahrain.

10 JUL: Commander CTF 53 visits and has lunch with the Wardroom.

15 JUL: Commander Fifth Fleet tours the ship and speaks with the Wardroom, Chief's Mess, and crew.
Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for MM2 [REDACTED].

20 JUL: Retirement ceremony held on the forecastle for ISC Briglin.

31 JUL: Deployment half-way point celebration held on the mess decks.

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Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for IT1 [REDACTED].

AUGUST

01-07 AUG: In-port Bahrain.

01 AUG: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for BM1 [REDACTED].

05 AUG: Re-enlistment held at NSA Bahrain for FCC [REDACTED].

11 AUG: AD2 [REDACTED] wins MONTEREY sandwich competition held on the Mess Decks.

14 AUG: Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] qualifies as Surface Warfare Officer.

15 AUG: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for MM2 [REDACTED]. LCDR [REDACTED] (Chief Engineer) rung ashore.

19 AUG: Captain's Cup held onboard. Combat Systems Department wins First Place.

20-22 AUG: CS3 [REDACTED] and CS3 [REDACTED] win MONTEREY's Iron Chef competition.

22 AUG: Aviation Safety Stand Down conducted.

26 AUG: Retirement Ceremony held on the forecastle for LSCS [REDACTED].

28 AUG: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for GM2 [REDACTED].

29 AUG - 06 SEP: In-port Jebel Ali.

SEPTEMBER

01 SEP: LT [REDACTED] promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

02 SEP: MONTEREY's soccer team participates in a Community Relations soccer game with a local team. MONTEREY participates in a community relations event with the Dubai Autism Learning Center.

05 SEP: Conducted Navy Wide E-6 Exam.

12 SEP: Conducted Navy Wide E-5 Exam.

13 SEP: CPO Pinning Ceremony held on the flight deck for PS1 [REDACTED], GSM1 [REDACTED], FC1 [REDACTED], and FC1 [REDACTED].

19 SEP: Conducted Navy Wide E-4 Exam.

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18 SEP: Ensign [REDACTED] qualified as Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer.
LCDR [REDACTED] (Air Defense Officer) rung ashore.

21 SEP: Wardroom hosts pizza night on the Mess Decks.

29 SEP: Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.

OCTOBER

01 OCT: Mr. David Bloomer of Radio Bahrain visits the ship.

03 OCT: Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] is promoted to Lieutenant.

07-13 OCT: In-port Bahrain for missile swap with USS HOPPER.

14 OCT: Transit the Strait of Hormuz.

18 OCT: Ensign [REDACTED] and Ensign [REDACTED] qualified as Surface Warfare Officers.

19 OCT: Ensign [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.

20 OCT: Operationally chop into Sixth Fleet AOR.
Transit the Suez in company with NIMITZ and RAINIER.

21-25 OCT: In-port Souda Bay, Crete for missile swap with USS Barry.

31 OCT: MONTEREY observes Halloween on the mess decks.

NOVEMBER

01 NOV: Crew photo taken on the forecastle while underway.
Ensign [REDACTED] promoted to Lieutenant junior grade.

03 NOV: Steel beach picnic and swim call in the Mediterranean.

04 NOV: Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Supply Corps Officer.

05 NOV: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for IT3 [REDACTED].
Small arms qualification shoot held on the flight deck.

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07-13 NOV: In-port Souda Bay, Crete for missile swap with USS RAMAGE.

08 NOV: PCO Captain Richard Cheeseman, Jr. reports onboard.

11 NOV: Re-enlistment held on forecastle for QM2 [REDACTED].

13 NOV: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for SH2 [REDACTED].

14 NOV: Lieutenant junior grade [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.

15 NOV: Chief Warrant Officer [REDACTED] qualified as a Surface Warfare Officer.

18-21 NOV: In port Limassol, Cyprus.

18 NOV: Change of Command Ceremony is held on the flight deck. Captain Rick Cheeseman, Jr. relieved Captain Tom Kiss.

23 NOV: Wardroom hosts ice cream social on the mess decks. ESWS pinning held on the mess decks.

28 NOV: Re-enlistment held in the hangar bay for AD2 [REDACTED] and AO1 [REDACTED].
Thanksgiving Celebration observed on the mess decks.

DECEMBER

01 DEC: Re-enlistment held on Mess Decks for DC2 [REDACTED].

04 DEC: Frocking ceremony is held on the flight deck for advancement selectees from the September Navy Wide Advancement Exam.

08-14 DEC: In port Souda Bay, Crete.

16-19 DEC: In port Valetta, Malta.

16 DEC: Reception held on the flight deck in honor of the U.S Ambassador to Malta.

20 DEC: In port Augusta Bay, Sicily.

21 DEC: Family Readiness Group fundraiser auction is held on the mess decks.

22 DEC: 5k fun run held on the MONTEREY Track.
Transits the Strait of Gibraltar.