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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 WASP

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 21560

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

Last: HOLDENER First: BRENDA M.I.: M Rank: CAPTAIN

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2010-10-07

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: Cherry Point Operational Area, Jacksonville Operational Area, Virginia Capes Operational Area

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): NORFOLK NAVAL STATION

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: EXPEDITIONARY STRIKE GROUP 2

Administrative: COMNAVSURFLANT

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): HMLA-167, HMLA-269, HMLA-467, HMH-461, HMH-464, HMH-366, HMM-774, VMM-263, VMM-266, VMA-223, VMX-22, HX-21, HM-14, HM-15, HSC-22, HSC-28, AWSTS, DEA, 160TH SOAR, JTF-B

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable:

3 MH-60- 03, 07, 06

10 MV-22- 11, 21, 51, 41, 31, 00, 14, 13, 12, 34

2 CH-53- 12, 07

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 84 Enlisted: 928 Civilian: 1

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: Assistant Navigator

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

Phone number(s): 757-443-7272

Command Mailing Address: USS WASP

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.

WASP conducted a variety of missions during 2010. We began and ended the year conducting maintenance availabilities. The beginning of the year was spent preparing for INSURV which was originally scheduled for February but was delayed until April due to failing seals on the number two main engine. We passed INSURV in April with an overall assessment of degraded due to ACDS blk1 link communication errors and degradations in engineering and damage control.

For the periods of time not involving maintenance, WASP was underway conducting flight operations in support of deploying forces. We trained pilots deploying with the KEARSARGE Amphibious Readiness Group who are deployed to the 5th and 6th fleet AOR. We provided day and night services both in the Cherry Point OPAREA and VACAPES OPAREA for

the 2nd Marine Air Wing. Additionally, we provided a platform to the 160TH SOAR for anti-piracy and interdiction training.

After the Deep Water Horizon oil spill disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, WASP was ordered to head to the JAX Operating Area to wait further tasking as a potential Central Command and Control platform (Mother Ship) in support of clean up operations. We were operating in the Cherry Point OPAREA when WASP was given the order. WASP made best speed to Naval Station Norfolk and within 10 hours, loaded aviation handling equipment and over 100 pallets of supplies and stores. On our way down South WASP embarked two LCACs from ACU-4 and 2 MH-60s from HSC-22. WASP proceeded to the JAX OPAREA until notified our services were no longer required.

Over the summer, we embarked the HX-21 squadron from Putuxent River conducting wind envelope testing for the MV-22, UH-1 Huey and AH-1 Cobra helicopters. Additionally WASP successfully completed ULTRA-S and all certification requirements for electronic charts. WASP is now an ECDIS-N qualified ship and no longer required to navigate using paper charts.

In 2010, WASP was selected as the Joint Strike Fighter test platform. In preparation for the Joint Strike Fighter and incline experiment, WASP conducted CMAV 10A5 and 11A1. WASP is currently in a Chief of Naval Operations Availability conducting Joint Strike Fighter modifications.

WASP was awarded the Coast Guard Special Operations Ribbon as a result of actions during interdiction operations while on SOUTHCOM deployment in 2009. Additionally, WASP received all six battle efficiency awards and green H for the year of 2009.

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.

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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.

WASP began 2010 preparing for INSURV. From January 1 through March 15 the ship was in a Chief of Naval Operations Maintenance Availability (CMAV) 10A1, during which material condition discrepancies were addressed by contractors and crew. WASP conducted two short at-sea INSURV demonstrations while continuing in-port preparations between March 15 and April 18. On April 19 WASP got underway to conduct the two-day at-sea portion of INSURV. The ship and crew successfully demonstrated Detect To Engage (DTE), a full power run, ballasting/deballasting, an AFFF shoot, among many other inspections. WASP returned to the pier on April 20 and concluded INSURV, receiving a grade of degraded on April 23.

WASP departed for the Cherry Point Operational Area on April 26. With VMA-542 embarked, WASP conducted Deck Landing Qualifications from April 26 to May 2. The crew then enjoyed a port visit in Mayport Fla. from May 2 to 5 prior to returning to Norfolk on May 7.

From May 11 to 16 WASP made its way to Earle, NJ. While in-port in Earle from May 16 to 21, WASP off-loaded 900 tons of ordnance and the crew enjoyed liberty in the local area, including New York. WASP returned to Norfolk on May 24 where upon the ship hosted a group of Midshipmen.

WASP conducted a number of short underways supporting Midshipmen requirements, as well as continuing DLQs from May 24 through June 10. On June 15 WASP departed for the Canadian Navy Centennial, held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. En route, WASP picked up Marines from 3rd Battalion 2nd Marines, as well as Sailors from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 22 and Carrier Strike Group 2. WASP arrived in Halifax on June 25 and participated in the seven-day International Fleet Review. Queen Elizabeth II conducted the review on June 29. Sailors participated in a multitude of events in the community, hosted tours each day, and held a reception in honor of U.S. Ambassador to Canada, David Jacobson. WASP departed Halifax on July 2, returning to Norfolk on July 7.

Following a short underway to support DLQs for the 160th SOAR, WASP successfully conducted an ULTRA-S inspection on July 19. WASP then began envelope testing for the MV-22 from July 26 to 30, including a follow-up underway from August 2 to 6. WASP hosted 19 scientists as part of the Scientist to Sea program from August 16 to 23.

WASP conducted an Incline experiment on September 14 as part of the Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) portion of CMAV 11A1, which began shortly thereafter on October 7. On October 8, WASP held a Change of Command ceremony, which saw Capt. Brenda M. Holdener relieve Capt. Lowell D. Crow.

As part of the JSF CMAV 11A1, CIWS mount 22 was permanently removed and Aft RAM and AFT NATO were removed in November but will be reinstalled once testing is complete. WASP concluded the year in-port Norfolk, wrapping up CMAV 11A1.

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.

- a. Situation Reports- Confidential submitted via email
 - b. Operational Reports- Confidential submitted on CD-ROM
 - c. Casualty Reports- Confidential submitted as attachments
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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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Published Documents are on CD-ROM and include Ship's paper First Call, press releases and Biographies of our Captains.

6. Photographs

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.

Photographs are on CD-ROM and include photos of the Commanding Officer and of the Ship.
