

Classification (when filled in): UNCLAS

Command Operations Report

1. Command Data (Boxes will expand as information is typed)

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: KASTNER First: KURT M.I.: A Rank: CAPTAIN

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2015-01-23

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:

Mission: Embarkation, deployment, landing, and support of a Marine Landing Force. Specifically designed to accommodate Air Cushion Landing Craft (LCAC), a full range of Navy and Marine Corps helicopters, conventional landing craft, amphibious vehicles, Osprey MV-22 Tilt Rotor aircraft, Harrier II AV-8B STO/VL jets, and Medical/Dental facilities capable of providing intensive medical assistance to 600 humanitarian or combat casualties.

Command Employment: CNO Availability, Sea Trials and JSF OT- 1.

Area of Operations: Western Atlantic / CONUS

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: COMPHIBRON 6

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): 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): None

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 91 Enlisted: 1052 Civilian: 0

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

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name):

MCC (SW/AW/NAC) [REDACTED]

Job Title/Office Code: PAO

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2. Commander's Assessment

Wasp spent a majority of 2015 gearing up for INSURV and completing our basic phase for deployment. During the year, Wasp also completed basic phase certifications in aviation, MOB-D, MOB-E, and TYCOM navigational validation. Mid-year, Wasp participated in Fleet Week New Orleans and Fleet Week Port Everglades. Maintaining our support for the F-35B, Wasp had the privilege of hosting F-35B's Operational Phase One Testing (OT-1). Wasp also played a key role in spreading the Navy's/Wasp's awareness by hosting many dignitaries, both foreign and domestic.

3. Chronology

12-16 January – SSDS CSSQT Phase 1A

16 January – WASP held Safety Stand-Down

27 January – WASP completed TYCOM Administrative Navigational Ship validation

02-06 February – SSDS CSSQT Phase 1B

02-06 February – Aviation Certification

06 February – Japan Ministry of Defense Tour

17-21 February – SSDS CSSQT Phase 2A

09-13 March – SSDS CSSQT Phase 2B

16-20 March – TYCOM Sea Trials

16-24 March – SSDS CSSQT Phase 2C & Missile Exercise

03 April – US Senate Staff Tour

11 April – Dutch Embassy Tour

23-28 April - Fleet Week New Orleans

04-09 May - Fleet Week Port Everglades
04 May-18 June - Joint Strike Fighter Operational Phase One Testing
02 June - Baptism of BM2 ██████████'s Child, ██████████
05 June – WASP was awarded the Best of Class, Ships Store Retail and Service Excellence Award fiscal year 2014.
20 June – MOB-E Certification
02 July – German Ambassador Tour
10 July - WASP completed the 2015 Supply Management Certification
13 July – MOB-D Certification
17 July – 28 August - Maintenance Availability
26-29 July – Industrial Hygiene Survey
29 Jul – WASP 26th Birthday Celebration
06 August – Dutch General Tour
24 August – Congressional Meet the Fleet Program Tour
28 August – Senior Level Engagement Program Tour
03 September – Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic Tour
23 October – WASP held Safety Stand-Down
24 October – WASP completed TYCOM Administrative Navigational Ship validation
28 October – Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Visit
16 November - End of Year - Maintenance Availability
26 November – Senator Gramm Thanksgiving Visit
12 December – RDML Butler Tour
11 December – Commander Turkish Naval Forces Tour
14 December – Senate Senior Staffer Visit

4. Narrative

Wasp's year started off with the SSDS CSSQT Phase 1A exercise from January 12 – 16. Shortly afterward, Wasp held its first Safety Stand-down of the year. Capping January, Wasp completed its TYCOM administrative navigational certification.

From February 2 – 6, Wasp completed its SSDS CSSQT Phase 1B exercise while simultaneously getting our Aviation Certification. In addition to the exercise, Wasp had the honor of hosting the Deputy Director, Personnel Division, Japan Ministry of Defense Mr. Masanori Ono on February 6th. Wasp completed its SSDS CSSQT Phase 2A exercise toward the end of February.

From March 9 – 13, Wasp completed its SSDS CSSQT Phase 2B exercise. On March 16, Wasp began two events; Wasp's TYCOM sea trials and Wasp's SSDS CSSQT Phase 2C & Missile exercise.

April was started with a US Senate Staff tour on the 3rd, followed by a Dutch Embassy tour on the 11th. April 23 – 28 was Wasp's Fleet Week New Orleans port visit.

In May, Wasp held her second Fleet Week Port visit in Port Everglades, Fl. Additionally, May 4th started Wasp's Joint Strike fighter Operational Phase One Testing.

The baptism of BM2 ██████████'s daughter ██████████ on June 2nd was the first noteworthy event for the month. On June 5th, Wasp was awarded the Best in Class, ships store

retail and service excellence award for fiscal year 2014. Capping June, Wasp completed her MOB-E Certification.

July was a busy month for Wasp, starting with a visit from Germany's Ambassador to America, Peter Wittig, for a general shipboard orientation tour. In mid-July, Wasp completed the 2015 Supply Management Certification and MOD-D Certification. On July 17th, Wasp started her maintenance availability. On the 26th, Wasp started her Industrial Hygiene Survey. Closing out July, Wasp celebrated her 26th birthday.

In August, Wasp hosted three significant events. On the 2nd, Wasp hosted Brigadier Ivo de Jong NLD Army for a general shipboard orientation tour; on the 24th, Wasp was the lead ship for a congressional Meet the Fleet program tour; and on the 28th, Wasp held a senior level engagement program tour for 35 SLEP VIPs from D.C. On July 17th, Wasp closed out her maintenance availability.

September was relatively quiet with the only event happening on the 3rd, when Commander Naval Surface Force Atlantic, RADM Christopher Grady visited Wasp for a tour and lunch.

On October 23rd, Wasp held its holiday Safety Stand-down. On the 24th, Wasp had to revalidate its TYCOM administrative navigational certification. Wasp ended the month with a general shipboard orientation tour for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Developmental Test and Evaluation, Dr. Brian Hall.

On November 16th, Wasp started another maintenance availability which lasted past the New Year. On Thanksgiving, Wasp was honored to host retired senator Phil Gramm as he toured the ship and enjoyed lunch on the mess deck with the crew.

Near the end of 2015, Wasp hosted the Commander Turkish Naval Forces, Admiral Bülent Bostanoğlu, which he received briefs about Wasp's logistical supply operations, CIC operations, and operational training. Wasp wrapped up the year with general shipboard orientation tours for Senate Senior Staffers.

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

None Attached

6. Published Documents

www.wasp.navy.mil

7. Photographs

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