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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 BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **23153**

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

Last: **Dorey** First: **John** M.I.: **M** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2005-06-10**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Pre-commissioning, Crew Qualification, and Unit Level Training Phase/Western Atlantic Ocean**

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Regional Support Organization (RSO) Norfolk, VA**

Administrative: **Regional Support Organization (RSO) Norfolk, VA**

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): N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 27 Enlisted: 260 Civilian: N/A

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: Operations Officer

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

[REDACTED]
Phone number(s) [REDACTED]

Command Mailing Address: Commanding Officer, USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96), FPO
AE 09565-1303

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 year 2005 has been one of monumental firsts in the life of USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96), highlighted by the ship's commissioning into the fleet on 12 November 2005.

The ship's commissioning was the culmination of four years of construction, outfitting, and testing that produced a state-of-the-art AEGIS Flight IIA destroyer. Yet to truly "bring to life" this incredibly capable warship took many thousands of hours of individual and team crew training that began in early 2004. This training paid dividends during the

crew's first major test during Builder's Trials (Combined A/B/C "Super Trials") on 31 May - 04 June 2005. Following crew moveaboard on 05 August 05 the ship successfully completed two pivotal pre-sailaway inspections: Light-Off Assessment (LOA) and Crew Certification. Following these events, BAINBRIDGE was placed "in commission, without ceremony" status, allowing the ship to conduct initial sailaway from Bath, Maine, enroute to commissioning ceremony in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

The success of BAINBRIDGE's commissioning week could not have been possible without the outstanding hospitality and patriotism shown to the BAINBRIDGE crew by the local Fort Lauderdale community and specifically by the Broward Navy Days organization.

Following commissioning, the ship conducted its first helo operations with HSL-42 and HSL-44 on 15 November 2005 off the coast of Mayport, FL. On this same transit to the ship's homeport of Norfolk, Virginia, BAINBRIDGE conducted it's first underway replenishment with USNS LARAMIE in the Virginia Capes Operating Area (VCOA) on 17 November 2005.

As stated in our command vision and philosophy, "Our nation is at war. Our job is to get this national asset, ship and crew, into the fight as soon as possible." In 2005, the highly dedicated men and women of this crew went a long way towards that goal, frequently putting in long hours, and making the most of our skills and talents to bring BAINBRIDGE to a state of operational readiness. We now look forward with great enthusiasm to finishing that job in 2006 as the ship completes it's Unit Level Training cycle and pre-deployment training exercises in preparation for BAINBRIDGE's maiden deployment as part of Standing NATO Reaction Force Maritime Group Two (SNMG-2) in 2007.

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.

USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96) Chronology (16 September 2004 - 31 December 2005)

Date	Event
16 Sep 04	AEGIS Light Off
30 Oct 04	Float Off
13 Nov 04	Christening
16 - 20 Mar 05	Main Engine Light Off
04 - 15 Apr 05	Combat Information Center (CIC) Team Trainer
11 - 29 Apr 05	Land Based Engineering Site (LBES) Engineering Team Trainer
11 - 29 Apr 05	AEGIS RCS Team Trainer

31 May - 04 Jun 05	Sea Trials (Cominbed A/B/C "Super Trials")
06 - 17 Jun 05	Single Ship ASW Team Trainer
10 Jun 05	Ship Custody Turnover
10 Jun - 04 Aug 05	Post Delivery Availability (IPDA)
13 Jun 05	Helo Firefighting Team Trainer
20 - 25 Jun 05	MSI Shiphandling/Bridge Resource Management (BRM)
21 Jun 05	Ship's Signal Exploitation Space (SSES) Accreditation
11 - 15 Jul 05	Advanced Firefighting Team Trainer / Wet Team Trainer
05 Aug 05	Crew Move Aboard
29 - 31 Aug 05	Crew Certification I
12 Sep 05	Aviation Certification (AVCERT)
20 - 22 Sep 05	Light-Off Assessment (LOA)
23 Sep 05	Crew Certification II
08 Oct 05	Sail Away from Bath, ME
11 - 13 Oct 05	Port Visit: Newport, RI
21 - 31 Oct 05	Inport Norfolk
12 Nov 05	Commissioning Ceremony - Ft. Lauderdale, FL
07 - 13 Nov 05	Inport Ft. Lauderdale, FL
14 - 17 Nov 05	Underway enroute Norfolk
14 - 17 Nov 05	Mock Command Assessment of Readiness and Training (CART)
14 - 17 Nov 05	HM/E Events: Full Power / CW / OW / Elect.
14 - 17 Nov 05	CSTT / ETT / DCTT / MTT / STT / ITT Drills
15 Nov 05	Deck Landing Qualifications (HSL 42/44): Jacksonville OPAREA
17 Nov 05	Underway Replenishment (UNREP) VCOA (Day/Night)
18 - 28 Nov 05	Inport Norfolk
18 - 23 Nov 05	Aegis Weapon System 7.1.1.1 QA Load Install
29 Nov - 01 Dec 05	Engineering Initial Assessment (IA)
02 - 12 Dec 05	Inport Norfolk
05 Dec 05	CART Scenario Review w/ Afloat Training Group
05 - 07 Dec 05	Multi-ship Inport Training Events (MITE): Link / Comms / GCCS-M
05 - 09 Dec 05	Engineering (MOBE) Tailored Ship's Training Availability (TSTA-1)
05 - 09 Dec 05	Electronic Warfare TSTA-1
05 - 09 Dec 05	Anti-Submarine Warfare TSTA-1
05 - 09 Dec 05	Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification-1
06 Dec 05	PEO IWS Final CSSQT Certification - Washington, DC
12 - 16 Dec 05	Cryptology: NCAT Trainer (NSGA)
13 Dec 05	Underway enroute Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
13 - 14 Dec 05	Ammo Onload - Yorktown Naval Weapons Station
15 Dec 05	Underway enroute Norfolk
16 Dec - 31 Dec 05	Inport Norfolk
17 - 31 Dec 05	Holiday leave & Upkeep period

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.

USS BAINBRIDGE 16 September 2004 – 31 December 2005

While this report details calendar year 2005, it is worth noting that several pivotal events in the pre-commissioning history of BAINBRIDGE occurred in 2004. The AEGIS Combat Systems came to life during AEGIS "Light-off" on 2004-09-16, marking the awakening of the combat system "brains" of the ship. On 2004-10-30, BAINBRIDGE was "floated off" from the drydock at Bath Iron Works into the Kennebec River for final construction and fitting out. A pivotal event in the ship occurred on 2004-11-13 as BAINBRIDGE was christened by the ship's sponsor, Mrs. Susan Bainbridge-Hay, the great-great-great-granddaughter of the ship's namesake, Commodore William Bainbridge.

The week of 2005-03-16 saw a major engineering event for BAINBRIDGE during Main Engine Light-off. April 2005 was a month of significant and intensive team training for the ship's commissioning crew. Approximately sixty Combat Information Center watchstanders flew in from different parts of the country to Wallops Island, Virginia, to work together for the first time at the CIC Team Trainer, 2005-04-04. Here all facets of the ship's multi-warfare capability were covered and reinforced in intense CIC training periods. Likewise, BAINBRIDGE's engineers met in Philadelphia, PA, for Land Based Engineering System (LBES) Team Training, on 2005-04-11. At the same time, the ship's communications team came together in St Inigoes, MD, for two weeks of operator and technician training on the ship's communication suite.

From 2005-05-31 to 2005-06-04, BAINBRIDGE took to the sea for the very first time during the ship's combined Alpha/Bravo/Charlie "Super Trials". Over 400 BAINBRIDGE crew members, BIW shipyard workers, and various technical representative took the ship to sea testing to the limit all of the ship's installed engineering, combat systems, and habitability systems. A major part of the "Super Trials" was the crews flawless execution of SM-2, 5" gun, and SRBOC chaff live-fire events.

Sonar Techs and Operations Specialists attended Single Ship ASW Team Trainer on 2005-06-17; while on 2005-06-10, custody of the ship was officially turned over from the shipyard to the Navy. The Helo Firefighting Team conducted a team trainer on 2005-06-13. Also, BAINBRIDGE's wardroom and bridge team attended MSI Shiphandling training on 2005-06-20 in Newport, RI. Additionally, the ship's cryptologic space (SSES), received accreditation on 2005-06-21.

July 2005 saw more team training for the crew, including the Advanced Firefighting Team Trainer and Wet Team Trainer in Newport, RI, on 2005-07-11.

Following completion of a post-custody transfer work package by Bath Iron Works (BIW), BAINBRIDGE's crew moved aboard ship on 2005-08-05, marking a major step in the transformation from a "new construction" to a naval warship.

September 2005 continued with more training and certifications. Crew Certification I was conducted by BAINBRIDGE's ISIC Regional Support Organization Norfolk, VA, on 2005-08-29/31. AVCERT (Aviation Certification) was achieved on 2005-

09-12 12. Light Off Assessment (LOA) was successfully completed 2005-09-20/22. Crew Certification II was completed on 2005-09-23.

BAINBRIDGE sailed away from Bath Iron Works (BIW) on 2005-10-08. Several days of initial shakedown were followed by a port visit to Newport, RI. A few more days underway brought the ship to its homeport of Norfolk, VA for the first time.

On 2005-11-12, USS BAINBRIDGE was commissioned into active service in the United States Navy, culminating a week of events hosted by the gracious and patriotic residents of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The principal speaker was the Honorable E. Clay Shaw, Congressman from the 22nd District, State of Florida. Other speakers included: Dr. Delores Etter, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Mr. John "Dugan" Shipway, President of Bath Iron Works; RADM(Sel) Nevin Carr, USN, Deputy for Combat Systems/ Weapons, Surface Warfare Division, Office of CNO; RADM Michael P. Nowakowski, USN, Commander, Naval Surface Force, United States Atlantic Fleet; RADM Charles S. Hamilton II, USN, Program Executive Officer, Ships; and Mrs. Allison Stiller, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition. The commissioning ceremony culminated with BAINBRIDGE's sponsor, Mrs. Susan Bainbridge-Hay, ordering the commissioning crew to, "Bring this ship to life."

During BAINBRIDGE's return transit to Norfolk, 2005-11-14, the ship conducted a mock CART II as well as numerous training team drills. Additionally, BAINBRIDGE conducted her first deck landing quals (DLQs) on November 15, and her first UNREP on November 17.

Inport Norfolk, 2005-11-18, BAINBRIDGE received the AEGIS weapon system 7.1.1.1 QA load install. Distance Support training was conducted 2005-11-21/23 by NSWCCD Philadelphia. BAINBRIDGE next successfully completed her engineering Initial Assessment (IA) while underway in the Vacapes Opearea, 2005-11-29 to 2005-12-01.

The week of 2005-12-05 was a busy one, with BAINBRIDGE completing the following Afloat Training Group (ATG) supported events: MOBE-1, EW-1, ASW-1, and CMTQ-1.

BAINBRIDGE's final underway for 2005 was 2005-12-13/14 for ammo onload at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station. On 2005-12-15, BAINBRIDGE transited back to Naval Station, Norfolk to begin holiday leave and upkeep.

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
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- 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.

N/A

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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- A. Commissioning Book (unclas)
 - B. Copy of Commands website (unclas)
 - C. Welcome aboard brochure (unclas)
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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.

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B. Construction Photos

C. Christening Photos

D. Commissioning Photos

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