

**Classification (when filled in):** UNCLAS

## Command Operations Report

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### 1. Command Data

**Name of your Command or Organization:** USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)

**Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL:** 22202

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

**Last:** Ward **First:** Jeffrey **M.I.:** A.

**Rank:** CAPT/O6

**Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD):** 2015-04-24

**Mission:** To embark and deploy land elements of a Marine Landing Force in amphibious assault operations by helicopter, landing craft, amphibious vehicle or any combination of these methods. USS BONHOMME RICHARD embarks the Commander of Expeditionary Strike Group, the Commander of the Amphibious Squadron and their staffs. With the embarked Marine Expeditionary Unit, USS BONHOMME RICHARD is equipped to play a key role in combat and humanitarian operations.

**Area of Operations:** 7<sup>th</sup> FLEET

**Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units):** Sasebo, Japan

**Immediate Superior In Command:**

Operational: CTF 76

Administrative: CTF 76

**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):**

Assigned Task Group is CTG 76.4. U.S. Navy's only permanently forward deployed Amphibious Ready Group, deployed to U.S. SEVENTH FLEET. 31<sup>st</sup> MEU Amphibious Integration Training (AIT), 31 MEU Certification Exercise (CERTX), Exercise SSANG YONG, Yellow Sea Presence Operations, ROK Ferry SEWOL SAR support.

**Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable):** HSC-25 Det Six,

**Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable:** MH-60S x2 Knightrider 01 & 03

**Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable):** HSC-25 Det 6 with Knightrider 01 & 03, NBU-7 LCAC's CHARIOTs 08, 09 & 21, 31<sup>st</sup> MEU, TACRON 12 Det, Fleet Surgical Team-7, PHIBRON 11, and ESG-7.

**Number of Personnel Assigned:**

Officers: 80 Enlisted: 1,200 Civilian: 3

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

**Name:** LT [REDACTED]

**Job Title/Office Code:** Admin Officer

**E-mail:** [REDACTED]

**Phone number(s):** [REDACTED]

**Command Mailing Address:** USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), UNIT 100184, BOX 1, FPO AP 96617

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## 2. Commander's Assessment

USS BONHOMME RICHARD is Commander, Amphibious Task Force Seventh Fleet's flag ship forward deployed from Sasebo Japan. During 2014 Bonhomme Richard (BHR) started by certifying four warfare areas (AW, CRY, EW & SW) prior to 2014 Spring Patrol. Upon completion of the certification, BHR embarked two Staff's (31<sup>st</sup> MEU and ESG-7) and two Dets (TACRON Twelve and FST-7) for the 2014 Spring Patrol. Spring Patrol included 31<sup>st</sup> MEU onload in White Beach Okinawa, AIT, 31<sup>st</sup> MEU CERTX, Exercise SSANG YONG, Yellow Sea presence OPS, Search and Rescue operations for the Republic of Korea ferry SEWOL sinking and 31<sup>st</sup> MEU offload in White Beach Okinawa. Upon completion of a very successful Spring Patrol BHR underwent an extended CNO Selected Restricted Availability in Sasebo Japan.

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### **3. Chronology**

Training and Certification (06 JAN 2014-07 FEB 2014); 31<sup>st</sup> MEU onload (22 FEB 2014-26 FEB 2014); AIT (27 FEB 2014-11 MAR 2014); CERTEX (12 MAR 2014-21 MAR 2014); Exercise SSANG YONG (29 MAR 2014-04 APR 2014); Yellow Sea presence operations (14 APR 2014); Search and Rescue support for Republic of Korea ferry SEWOL sinking (17 APR 2014- 22 APR 2014); 31<sup>st</sup> MEU offload (24 APR 2014-26 APR 2014) and CNO SRA (14 MAY 2014- 29 DEC 2014).

#### **Narrative**

None

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

None

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### **5. Published Documents**

Command Web Page: <http://www.public.navy.mil/surfor/lhd6/Pages/default.aspx>

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## 6. Photographs



Captain Murray J. Tynch, Commanding Officer, USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)



Captain Jeffrey A. Ward, Executive Officer, USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6)



Resurfacing of USS BONHOMME RICHARD's flight deck during CNO Selected Restricted Availability, Sasebo Harbor, 2014.



Sailors perform diagnostics on newly installed equipment during CNO Selected Restricted Availability, 2014.



Marine embark is support of operations, White Beach, Okinawa.



Marine flight crews perform maintenance during training and certification exercises.



Bonhomme Richard Sailors conduct flight operations as part of Amphibious Integration Training.



Bonhomme Richard at anchor while conducting operations during exercise Ssang Yong 2014.



AAV operations during Operation Ssang Yong 2014.





Bonhomme Richard renders search and rescue assistance after the sinking of the Republic of Korea, ferry Sewol.

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