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# Command Operations Report

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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.

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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.

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## 1. Command Data

Name of your Command or Organization: **USS CHAFEE (DDG 90)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **R23155**

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

Last: **Patrick** First: **Chase** M.I.: **D.** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2010-04-24**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Pearl Harbor, HI**

Permanent Location (Home Port for deployable units): **Pearl Harbor, HI**

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Destroyer Squadron 31**

Administrative: **Destroyer Squadron 31**

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: **1 SH-60B 164813 (06March-12July)**

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable): **HSL 37 DET 1**

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 37 Enlisted: 251 Civilian: 0

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

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LT [REDACTED]  
Job Title/Office Code: Operations Officer  
E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): [REDACTED]  
Phone number(s): [REDACTED]  
Command Mailing Address: USS CHAFEE (DDG 90) FPO AP 96662-1305

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## 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.

**USS CHAFEE departed for a three-month surge deployment to Seventh Fleet on 5 April 2010. After a brief stop for fuel in Guam, USS CHAFEE arrived in Sembawang, Singapore, on 20 April and held a planned Change of Command ceremony 24 April. CDR Chase Patrick relieved CDR Heedong Choi as Commanding Officer. The ship very quickly transited the Singapore Straits and the Strait of Malacca, proceeding to the vicinity of Goa, India, for MALABAR 2010, an annual US-Indian Navy exercise intended to enhance bilateral ties and increase interoperability with Indian forces. The next two months were spent patrolling the South China Sea, conducting presence operations, freedom of navigation, special mission ship escort of USNS assets, as well as local**

engagement with maritime partners operating in the area. A Theater Security Cooperation engagement visit to Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, located on the northwest side of Borneo, was also performed. The ship successfully completed the Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) Firing Exercise (FIREX) II qualification on Oki-Daito Jima (ODJ) Island, south of Okinawa. At the time of qualification, CHAFEE was one of only two ships in the last seventeen attempts to successfully certify on ODJ. Immediately upon return to CHAFEE's homeport of Pearl Harbor, CHAFEE sailed again to participate in Rim of the Pacific 2010 as a member of the RONALD REAGAN Strike Group "Ring of Steel".

While CHAFEE operated in the South China Sea, an unprecedented at-sea engagement with a Russian Surface Action Group resulted in a day-long series of exercises with an overall positive tone. The Russian Surface Action Group interaction was cited by COMMANDER TASK FORCE SEVEN ZERO as priceless... a "great example of fostering relationships between those who share the seas".

In 2010, CHAFEE enjoyed a remarkable streak of success in virtually every milestone in operational, training and maintenance categories, a reflection of the fidelity paid to the necessary planning, preparation, rehearsals, and execution. An outstanding 3M Assessment in August 2010 for an overall score of 93.2% came immediately on the heels of the return from deployment, and in which every work center scored passing results. In August, CHAFEE was selected as a CAPTAIN EDWARD F. NEY Food Service Excellence Award finalist. A superbly managed 15-week Selected Restricted Availability/CNO Availability, featuring critical path installations of the MK 38 25MM gun weapon system and the AN/SQQ-89A(V)15 system, yielded solid teamwork in CHAFEE's maintenance team and the foresight necessary to perceive potential conflicts and establish mitigation measures. In the final month of SRA, CHAFEE completed Search and Rescue Certification (SAR), ISIC Light Off Assessment (LOA), Conventional Ordnance Safety Review (COSR), Aviation Certification (AVCERT), and Aviation Readiness Qualification (ARQ). COSR, normally a five day inspection, was completed in six hours. The ISIC Light-Off Assessment resulted in the sought "safe to operate" verification for the Engineering Department, and the Navigation Team attained certification in a near-perfect ISIC Navigation Check Ride. An outstanding Conventional Ordnance Safety Review inspection was concluded in November 2010, and a Command Readiness Assist Visit (CRAV) in December revealed a command strongly committed to supporting its Sailors.

Weekly Activity Report Points of interest:

1. Week Ending 05FEB10. CHAFEE successfully completed the MIDPAC Medical Readiness Inspection, earning an "outstanding" C-1 overall grade. Inspectors were impressed with the organization and preparedness of the medical department.
2. Week Ending 12FEB11. CHAFEE completed the MIDPAC Command Career Counselor review this week with a 100% grade. MIDPAC NCC presented the ship with the 2008 PACFLT Retention Excellence Award.

3. Week Ending 06JUN10. Completed a Theater Security Cooperation port visit to Malaysia. This visit included COMSERV project at an orphanage, senior leadership engagement, ship tours and a futsal (indoor soccer) match.

4. Week Ending 30JUL10. CHAFEE had an excellent RIMPAC experience. The level of tactical integration was high. Our ASTACs logged over 64 hours of control time; and more importantly the AICs controlled live DCA for three missions during the tactical phase.

5. Week Ending 17DEC10. NEY Assessment. CHAFEE provided an effective performance at the NEY evaluation. Also during this week the CRAV was completed and all programs were assessed as effective, with very minor discrepancies noted.

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### 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.

02-05 FEB 2010	Underway for USS LA JOLLA Sea Trials
16-19 FEB 2010	Underway - Unit Level Training
22-26 FEB 2010	Underway- for NSFS Training
12 MAR 2010	Underway- Family Day Cruise
05 APR 2010	CHAFEE departs for WESTPAC deployment
14 APR 2010	Port Visit- Guam
19 APR 2010	Port Visit- Sembawang, Singapore
24 APR 2010	Change of Command Ceremony- Singapore
27 APR -02 MAY 2010	Underway- MALABAR 2010
31 MAY-03 JUN 2010	Port Visit- Kota Kinabulu
27-30 JUN 2010	Port vist- Okinawa, Japan
30 JUN 2010	NSFS- Oki-Daito Jima
15 JUL 2010	Return from deployment- Pearl Harbor
19-30 JUL 2010	RIMPAC 2010
01 AUG-30 NOV 2010	CNO Availability/ Selected Restricted Availability
06 AUG 2010	3M Assessment
06 AUG 2010	OHSAT Certification
01-03 NOV 2010	ISIC Light off Assessment
05 NOVr 2010	SAR Certification
22-24 NOV 2010	Aviation Certification
24 NOV 2010	Conventional Ordnance Safety Review
02 DEC 2010	Sea Trials- Hawaii Operating Area
07 DEC 2010	Pearl Harbor Day Pass In Review
13 DEC 2010	Command Holiday Party -Hale Koa Hotel

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 CHAFEE began 2010 in a continuous maintenance availability (CMAV). The major maintenance action was the refurbishment of the flight deck in preparation for an upcoming Western Pacific Deployment. Following completion of CMAV, CHAFEE was underway for USS LA JOLLA (SSN-701) post availability sea trials, providing on-scene support and safety. Upon return to homeport, the ship focused on completing required training events prior to deployment. These included the successful completion of Single Ship ASW team training, Naval Surface Fire Support team qualification and Advanced Air Warfare training provided by the Center for Surface Combat Systems. CHAFEE also conducted Week One Work-Ups with HSL-37 Detachment 1 (The Easy Riders). In the final weeks before deployment, CHAFEE embarked over 150 family members and friends for a one day cruise through the Hawaiian Operational Area and the waters off Waikiki.

CHAFEE departed for deployment in April 2010 and held the Change of Command ceremony 24 APR 2010 in Singapore. This was immediately followed by MALABAR 2010, an exercise to enhance bilateral ties and increase interoperability with Indian forces. While deployed, the ship successfully conducted Naval Surface Support (NSFS) FIREX II qualification on Oki-Daito Jima (ODJ) in the Western Pacific. At the time of qualification, CHAFEE was one of only two ships in the last seventeen attempts to successfully certify on ODJ. Immediately upon return from deployment, CHAFEE participated in Rim of the Pacific with the RONALD REAGAN Strike Group.

In August 2010, CHAFEE was selected as a CAPTAIN EDWARD F. NEY Award finalist and scored a 93.2% on Material Maintenance Management (3M) Certification, with no department receiving less than a 94.5%. CHAFEE also completed the OHSAT certification.

From August to December, CHAFEE underwent complex maintenance upgrades and installation of the SQQ-89A (V) 15 sonar suite and the MK38 Mod 2 25mm guns during a 15 week CNO Availability/ Selected Restricted Availability (SRA).

In the final month of SRA, CHAFEE completed Search and Rescue Certification (SAR), ISIC Light Off Assessment (LOA), Conventional Ordnance Safety Review (COSR), Aviation Certification (AVCERT), and Aviation Readiness Qualification (ARQ). COSR, normally a five day inspection, was completed in six hour

In December, CHAFEE satisfactorily completed a Command Readiness Assist Visit with Commander, Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

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## 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.

1. Battle Effectiveness Award
  2. ARLEIGH BURKE Fleet Trophy Nomination
  3. 2010 Unit Tactics Award Nomination
  4. 2010 Spokane Trophy Nomination
  5. 2010 Secretary of defense Maintenance award
  6. 2010 consideration for Nomination for Chief of Naval operations (CNO) Surface Ship Safety Award.
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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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**Included documents:**

1. Welcome Aboard Brochure (Family Day)
  2. Press release-Sinapore Change of Command
  3. Press release- Port Visit Kota Kinabalu
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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.

**Photographs included:**

1. CHAFEE Blood Drive (October 2010)
  2. Fast Cruise (November 2010)
  3. Pass in Review (07DEC10)
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