Classification (when filled in): UNCLAS

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 DONALD COOK (DDG 75)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **21949**

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

Last: **Esposito** First: **John** M.I.: **M** Rank: **O-5/CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2006-01-13**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Norfolk, VA**

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **CDS 22**

Administrative: **CDS 22**

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): **CTF 20**

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: 32 Enlisted: 263 Civilian: 0

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

      Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): LTjg ████████████, USN
      Job Title/Office Code: Navigator
      E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): ████████████████
      Phone number(s): ████████
      Command Mailing Address: FPO AE 09566-1294

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.

During CY2005, DONALD COOK made preparations for a regularly scheduled deployment as a part of TRCSG, to include a Command Assessment Readiness and Training evaluation, Graduate level Battle Group exercises, a COMTUEX and JTFEX. During this time, DONALD COOK was designated as both a primary and alternate unit in support of Operation Noble Eagle, defending the United States.

On 01 September 2005, DONALD COOK deployed to the Arabian Gulf in direct support of Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. While deployed, DONALD COOK spent time under the tactical control of CTF 60, CTF 61, CTF 150, CTF 50, CTF 51, CTF 152, and CTF 58. DONALD COOK's primary mission on her 2005 deployment to the Arabian Gulf

was that of Maritime Security Operations; using deterrence to provide safe waterways for local fishermen. DONALD COOK's Visit, Board, Search, and Seisure (VBSS) team conducted patrols among the local merchant seamen to build trust between the Coalitian and the local fishermen.

DONALD COOK was also fortunate enough to conduct several port visits in both the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf during CY 2005 to include Tarragona, Spain, Rhodos, Greece, Jebel Ali, UAE, Mina Salman, Bahrain, and Muscat, Oman. These port visits gave the crew an excellent opportunity to both conduct much needed maintenance onboard the ship as well as enjoy some spectacular liberty opportunities.

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.
JANUARY 2005

Chronology
01 – 10 Jan   Inport Norfolk Virginia
11 - 19 Jan   Underwy Virginia Capes Operating Area
19 – 26 Jan   Inport Norfolk Virginia
26 - 31 Jan   Underwy Virginia Capes Operating Area

Narrative
        DONALD COOK completed holiday stand down and began work ups and the basic phase of training conducting training with the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

FEBRUARY 2005

Chronology
01 - 28 Feb   Inport Norfolk Virginia

Narrative
        DONALD COOK was inport all of February conducting upkeep and maintenance. Also conducting various drills associated with the basic phase of training..
MARCH 2005

Chronology
01 - 08 Mar   Inport Norfolk Virginia
08 - 10 Mar   Underway Virginia Capes Operating Area
10- 21 Mar   Inport Norfolk Virginia
21 - 25 Mar   Underway Virginia Capes Operating Area
25 – 31 Mar   Inport Norfolk Virginia

Narrative
　　　DONALD COOK continued the month of March with various in port times for drills and upkeep and underway periods associated with the Basic Phase of Training including DLQ's.

APRIL 2005

Chronology
01 – 06 Apr   Inport Nofolk Virginia
06 - 13 Apr   Underway Virginia Capes Operating Area
13 - 23 Apr   Inport Norfolk Virginia
23 - 26 Apr   Underway Virginia Capes Operating Area
26 - 30 Apr   Inport Norfolk Virginia

Narrative
April saw DONALD COOK finishing up TSTA IV and commencing Group Sail 0 as part of the USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT battle group. She also completed several major hurdles including force protection exercises.

MAY 2005

Chronology
01-23 May   Inport Norfolk Virginia
23-31 May   Underway Virginia Capes Operating Area

Narrative
DONALD COOK spent most of the month in port and then conducting local operations in the Virginia Capes Operating Area.

JUNE 2005

Chronology
01-22 Jun   Inport Norfolk Virginia
22-31 Jun   Underway Virginia, Cherry Point, and Jacksonville Operating Areas

Narrative
　　　DONALD COOK was in port for most of the month. On June 22 she commenced JTFX and COMPTUEX, closing the month underway conducting operations off the East Coast.

JULY 2005

Chronology
01-04 Jul   Underway Jacksonville Operating Area
04-08 Jul   Inport Port Everglades Florida
08-22 Jul   Underway Jacksonville and Virginia Capes Operating Area
22-25 Jul   Inport Norfolk Virginia
25-27 Jul   Inport Naval Weapons Station Yorktown Virginia

27-31 Jul   Inport Norfolk Virginia

Narrative
        The month commenced with DONALD COOK underway for JTFX and
COMPTUEX. During these exercises she made a port visit to Port Everglades Fl. Upon
Completion of the exercises she returned to homeport Norfolk Va and then proceeded to
Naval Weapons Station Yorktown VA for final weapons onload prior to Deployment.
Once completed she returned to Norfolk and commenced POM stand down and Pre-
deployment preparations.

AUGUST 2005

Chronology
1-31 Aug   Inport Norfolk Virginia

Narrative
        DONALD COOK spent the month of August pier side in stand down and pre-
deployment preparations.

SEPTEMBER 2005

Chronology
01-12 Sep   Underway Atlantic Ocean
12-16 Sep   Inport Tarragona, Spain
16-20 Sep   Underway Mediterranean Sea
20-23 Sep   Inport Rhodes, Greece
23-24 Sep   Underway East Mediterranean Sea
25-26 Sep   Transited Suez Canal
26-30 Sep   Underway Gulf of Aden
Narrative
        DONALD COOK commenced deployment on 1 Sept. Following a 12 Day transit
she made her first port visit of the cruise to Tarragona Spain. Following that she
transited to Augusta Bay, Sicily for a RHIB swap out and proceeded to Rhodes, Greece
for a port visit. Following the 3 day port visit she headed south and transited the Suez
Canal, and continued her transit to the Gulf of Arabia.

OCTOBER 2005

Chronology
01-08 Oct   Underway Gulf of Aden/Arabian Gulf
08-12 Oct   Inport Jebel Ali, UAE
12-25 Oct   Underway Arabian Gulf
25-31 Oct   Inport Manama, Bahrain

Narrative
        DONALD COOK continued the transit to her first port visit in the Arabian Gulf,
Jebel Ali, UAE. Upon completion of the port visit she took station in defense of oil
platforms 'ABOT' and 'KAAOT' in the Northern Arabian Gulf. During these operations

she suffered a casualty to her starboard shaft. She entered port in Manama, Bahrain for emergent repairs.

NOVEMBER 2005

Chronology
01-03 Nov   Inport Manama, Bahrain
03-28 Nov   Underway Arabian Gulf/Indian Ocean
28-30 Nov   Inport Jebel Ali, UAE

Narrative
        DONALD COOK completed repairs to the starboard shaft while in port Bahrain. She then commenced operations in the Arabian Gulf and in the Indian Ocean off the Horn of Africa in support of Anti-Piracy operations. She finished the month with a port visit to Jebel Ali, UAE.

DECEMBER 2005

Chronology
01 - 02 Dec   Inport Jebel Ali, UAE
02 - 30 Dec   Underway Arabian Gulf
30 - 31 Dec   Inport Muscat, Oman

Narrative
        DONALD COOK completed a port visit to Jebel Ali, UAE. During operations in the Arabian Gulf DONALD COOK conducted various operations with the THEODORE ROOSEVELT Battle Group. DONALD COOK pulled in to Muscat, Oman for maintenance and New Year's eve.

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.

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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-Cruse/Deployment Reports
l. Intelligence Summaries
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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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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

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