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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 FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)**

Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: **23149**

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

Last: **Arnold** First: **Andrew** M.I.: **NMN** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2009-12-03**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two Eight**

Administrative: **Commander, Destroyer Squadron Two Eight**

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):

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable):

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable:

Commands, Detachments or Units deployed on board or stationed aboard as tenant activities (as applicable):

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: Enlisted: Civilian:

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

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

Job Title/Office Code: Ship's Historian

E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): ██████████

Phone number(s): ██████████

Command Mailing Address: FPO, AE 09569-1214

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 week of 12-16 January saw the success of FORREST SHERMAN's Aviation Certification (AVCERT) and Aviation Readiness Qualification (ARQ), spearheaded by the First Lieutenant, ENS ██████████, and made possible by the tireless efforts of Deck and "R" Divisions. The ship was officially certified for helicopter operations after

completing Helo Day with HSL 46 in the Jacksonville OPAREA on 22 January. FORREST SHERMAN stayed underway until the 28th, playing as the opposing force to the USS EISENHOWER Strike Group. We had the unique experience of participating in elaborate battle group exercises all while tied to the pier in Norfolk, when we took part in the IKE Strike Group's FST-J from February 3-5. On February 9, we transited to the Naval Weapons Station in Yorktown, VA for a self-defense onload, where we remained until the 13th.

The ship got underway again the next week to travel to New Orleans for Mardi Gras. While pierside at the Gov. Nichols wharf from February 20-25, the crew enjoyed a long, relaxing weekend of sightseeing and revelry in the storied French Quarter. The commanding officer had the opportunity to ride on the Navy float in the Krewe of Tucks parade along with a handful of other crew members, and attended the annual ball hosted by the Krewe of Rex with the executive officer on the evening of Fat Tuesday, the 24th. The ship returned to Norfolk on 28 February, ready to meet our next challenge – FPEX, to be held over 3-4 March.

After successfully demonstrating her ability to defend herself, FORREST SHERMAN passed a critical evaluation of the supply department readiness during SMC in the month of March. In addition, the Surface Warfare team was engaged in training on how to conduct the Naval Gun Fire Support mission. Once concluded the entire Combat suite attended the Wallops Island team trainer where once again we successfully exhibited our ability to conduct sustained combat operations from CIC.

As we entered the training cycle for our upcoming deployment, the ship was also engaged in a series of real world tasking. Upon completing escort duties for SUBLANT, FORREST SHERMAN was detached to perform Operation Noble Eagle off the coast of New York City in April. Once detached she continued her training by completing Ultra-S, FST-GC, and an ISIC Nav-Check ride. The culmination of these events led to the ship attending Fleet Week in FT. Lauderdale, FL.

While at Fleet Week, the crew received some much needed rest and relaxation. Everything from sporting events, cooking challenges, and dignitary visits enabled FORREST SHERMAN to show her spirit and drive to the gracious hosts.

Shortly after, the crew had to set sail for the Baltic Sea in May to participate in BALTOPS 09. A series of multinational events at sea to train a NATO force to conduct combat operations as a singular unit. Navies from 8 European countries participated to include the host nations of Germany and Sweden. While in the Baltic, the ship visited ports in Sweden, Estonia, Latvia, and the host nation, Germany during the month of June. Germany hosted all the navies during their annual celebration known as Kiel Week, in Kiel Germany. The weeklong celebration of the seas included music, food, and festivities.

Upon returning from the Sixth Fleet, FORREST SHERMAN would not rest as she prepared to enter the intermediate phase of her training cycle. Damage Control would start the cycle off during DC RIP in which they displayed their ability to fight the ship during a damage control environment. The USW team would display their tracking and

engagement capability during IAC I and II. Ultra E then took center stage as the engineers once again flexed their ability to operate the engineering plant. All of this would culminate during the COMPTUEX with the NASSAU Amphibious Readiness Group. During this exercise, the entire ARG would demonstrate the ability to deploy as a singular unit.

Upon successful completion of COMPTUEX, the ship settled in for a series of grooms and maintenance periods such as SBTT and C5RA. During this time she received upgrades to systems and equipment to keep her on the cutting edge.

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.

2009-01-12 Aviation Certification (AVCERT) until 16 JAN
2009-01-15 Aviation Readiness Qualification (ARQ)
2009-01-20 Underway for Type Training (TYT) until 28 JAN
2009-01-22 AIR ONE Helo Day
2009-02-03 Participating in USS EISENHOWER Fleet Synthetic Trainer, Joint (IKE FST-J) until 05 FEB
2009-02-09 Arrive Naval Weapons Station Yorktown; depart 12 FEB
2009-02-16 Underway from NAVSTA Norfolk en route to New Orleans, LA
2009-02-20 Arrive New Orleans, Louisiana; depart 25 FEB
2009-02-28 Arrive Naval Station Norfolk
2009-03-02 Continuous Maintenance Availability (CMAV) (Scan Eagle and Remote 25MM Install) until 20 MAR
2009-03-03 Force Protection Exercise (FPEX) until 04 MAR
2009-03-03 STRIKE MITE until 04 MAR
2009-03-09 SISCAL until 20 MAR
2009-03-09 SMC LTT until 13 MAR
2009-03-09 Naval Surface Fire Support Training Team (NSFS TT) until 13 MAR
2009-03-09 MITE until 13 MAR
2009-03-09 CDS-2 Flagship
2009-03-16 COSR until 20 MAR
2009-03-16 PUK Onload until 18 MAR
2009-03-23 Upkeep until 26 MAR
2009-03-23 Fleet Synthetic Trainer, Unit (FST-U) until 26 MAR
2009-03-23 MITE until 26 MAR
2009-03-23 End-to-End Team Trainer until 27 MAR

2009-03-26 NAVAIR Tour until 27 MAR
2009-03-27 ATFP Seminar
2009-03-30 Week One Workups (WOWU) until 05 APR
2009-03-31 SSN Escort until 03 APR
2009-04-01 Nobel Eagle NYC (PRI) until 20 APR
2009-04-06 Unit Level Training Readiness Assessment (ULTRA-S) Preps until
07 APR
2009-04-07 WSP FST-GC FPC until 09 APR
2009-04-08 ULTRA-S until 10 APR
2009-04-09 ISIC NAV CHK
2009-04-13 SMC until 17 APR
2009-04-13 SAR EX until 14 APR
2009-04-13 EKMS Inspection
2009-04-14 PFA
2009-04-20 WSPESG GRP Sail 1 until 26 APR
2009-04-21 PASSEX With FRDD
2009-04-21 BALTOPS FPC (POLAND)
2009-04-21 MITE until 24 APR
2009-04-22 UNITAS GOLD until 25 APR
2009-04-27 FLT WK PEV until 01 MAY
2009-05-02 Type Training (TYT) JAX OPAREA/RTHP 08 MAY until 08 MAY
2009-05-02 Anchorage
2009-05-04 MITE until 08 MAY
2009-05-05 AUTEK
2009-05-08 CDS-2 Flagship until 16 MAY
2009-05-11 MOB-E LTT until 15 MAY
2009-05-11 Blue Team Assessment until 15 MAY
2009-05-18 BALTOPS TRANSLANT until 03 JUN
2009-05-23 In-chop to COMSIXFLT
2009-05-25 MITE until 29 MAY
2009-05-29 RAS
2009-06-02 R2P2 Primer until 03 JUN
2009-06-04 Arrive Karlskrona, SW; Depart 08 JUN
2009-06-08 MITE until 12 JUN
2009-06-09 BALTOPS Exercise until 18 JUN
2009-06-19 Arrive Kiel, GE; Depart 22 JUN
2009-06-22 MITE until 26 JUN
2009-06-25 Arrive Tallin, EN; Depart 27 JUN
2009-06-28 Arrive Ventspils, LG; Depart 30 JUN
2009-07-01 ENRT Portsmouth until 04 JUL
2009-07-05 Arrive Portsmouth, UK
2009-07-06 TRANSLANT until 17 JUL
2009-07-06 MITE until 10 JUL
2009-07-12 In-chop to COMSECFLT
2009-07-16 RAS
2009-07-20 CMAV until 07 AUG
2009-07-20 DC RIP until 24 JUL
2009-07-20 PK/SO Course until 24 JUL

2009-07-20 IAC 1 until 24 JUL
 2009-07-20 RADNAV until 21 JUL
 2009-07-20 Tour, 30 FOLKS
 2009-07-27 C5RA until 04 AUG
 2009-07-27 MOB-E MA until 29 JUL
 2009-07-27 MITE until 31 JUL
 2009-07-27 Blue Team Assessment until 31 JUL
 2009-08-04 PEO Interview until 06 AUG
 2009-08-05 SBTT 1 until 07 AUG
 2009-08-06 Unit Level Training Readiness Assessment, Engineering (ULTRA-E)
 Rehearsal until 07 AUG
 2009-08-07 N86 Tour
 2009-08-10 FPA until 11 AUG
 2009-08-10 MITE until 14 AUG
 2009-08-11 ULTRA-E until 14 AUG
 2009-08-11 Small Arms SIM Shoots until 12 AUG
 2009-08-12 NSPS TT until 13 AUG
 2009-08-17 NAS ARG FST-GC until 27 AUG
 2009-08-17 SMC until 21 AUG
 2009-10-19 CMTQ 2 until 22 OCT
 2009-10-19 MITE until 23 OCT
 2009-10-19 PFA Make Up
 2009-10-23 NASARG C2X (JAXOA)
 2009-11-02 MITE until 06 NOV
 2009-11-06 IAC 2 until 08 NOV
 2009-11-19 Safety Survey
 2009-11-23 MITE until 27 NOV
 2009-11-30 3M CERT until 03 DEC
 2009-12-04 TRANSIT until 06 DEC
 2009-12-07 MITE until 11 DEC
 2009-12-07 SEA SWITI 101 (JAXOA) until 11 DEC
 2009-12-12 TRANSIT until 14 DEC
 2009-12-15 POM/CMAV until 07 JAN 2011

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.

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

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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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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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