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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 FORREST SHERMAN (DDG 98)**

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

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

Last: **Busch** First: **Bradley** M.I.: **W.** Rank: **CDR**

Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): **2012-07-21**

Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations: **Exercise Joint Warrior 2012/Operation Sharp Sentry/Operation Atlantic Sentry/Eastern Mediterrean**

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

Immediate Superior In Command:

Operational: **Commander, Destroyer Squadron Six Zero**

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): **CTF 65/Flag**

## Officer Sea Training (FOST)/Exercise JOINT WARRIOR (12-1)/Exercise MAVA BALINA/Exercise LOCAL HERO

Name(s) of Forces, Commands, Ships, Squadrons or Units assigned or under your operational control (if applicable): **HSL 48**

Type and number of Aircraft Assigned and Tail Codes, if applicable: **1 SH60B Helo; Tail Code 163235**

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

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 38 Enlisted: 257 Civilian: 1

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

Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name): ENS ██████████  
Job Title/Office Code: Administrative Officer  
E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): ██████████  
Phone number(s): ██████████  
Command Mailing Address: FPO, AE 09569-1214

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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.

**FORREST SHERMAN (FSH) returned from a hard-earned holiday leave period and kicked off the 2012 calendar year with Tier 2 Afloat Training Group (ATG) events. Surface and Air watch standers participated in combat scenario training at CSCS DET, Norfolk while the engineers completed their pre-deployment Gas Turbine Module (GTM)**

inspections. Weapon and Operations departments completed the Naval Surface Fire Support (NSFS) and Naval Fire Control System (NFCS) team trainers. FSH also welcomed the Air Department on board for Week One Work Ups and completed over 46 hours of flight operations.

DESRON 26 visited during the month as FSH prepared to depart to participate in Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) and Exercise JOINT WARRIOR (JW) 12-1. Key leaders were off the ship in the last week of January to participate in Exercise JOINT WARRIOR Warfare Commander's Conference in the United Kingdom. Looking further ahead in preparation for the upcoming deployment, FSH underwent a full Combat Systems equipment groom (C5RA) at the end of January.

In the month of February, FSH completed the following ATG events and inspections: MED 1.4, SUP 1.4, STW 2.3/2.4, NSFS 2.4, CRY 2.3, INT 2.3, EW 2.3, USW 2.2/2.3/2.4, SW 2.3, AW 2.3, MED 1.4, and VBSS 2.3. FSH started the month by getting underway to AUTECH (Bahamas) and completed the underway with a degaussing run in Mayport, FL. Upon return to Norfolk, FSH excelled through the ATG 3M Assessment and scored 92%, the highest score of any DDG in the fleet! ATG certifications were also accomplished in Strike (CMTQ and the IMPASS FIREX) and USW.

By the first week of March, the crew had completed ATG's new Pilot Basic Phase by finishing up the 2.4 assessment! Following the completion of FSH's Basic Phase, FSH said "good-bye" to its loved ones for a transit across the Atlantic Ocean for exercises with the Royal Navy. FSH stopped briefly for fuel in the Azores, before going to Plymouth, England to participate in FOST and Joint Warrior.

During JW, FSH got a chance to operate with NATO allies Germany, France, Denmark and the United Kingdom throughout the UK/Scotland area. CDRE Castro and his team from DESRON 26 embarked on FSH for the JOINT WARRIOR portion of our underway and served as the Sea Combatant Commander and the Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO) Commander for the exercise. FSH demonstrated to the DESRON and our NATO allies proper operations to conduct boardings, air defense, and joint fire exercises over Cape Wrath. The Royal Navy spotters and gunnery experts were extremely impressed with the accuracy of the FSH NSFS team. FSH made port stops in Brest, France and Faslane, UK.

In April, FSH completed JW successfully along with an Independent Deployed Certification (ID CERT EX). The FSH VBSS team scored an unprecedented 98% during their MSO-R certification with COMSTKFORTRALANT. Following JW activities, FSH welcomed on board over 50 "tigers" in Mayport, FL who joined their family members on a three-day underway back to Norfolk, VA. They were treated to a 5" gun shoot, and ship-wide tours. Weapons department conducted a weapon's on load which ended with a friends and family day cruise through Virginia OPAREA. FSH had one final Command Maintenance Availability (CMAV) period in June prior to leaving for deployment. Following a pre-operational movement leave period in June, the crew came back well rested and prepared to set sail to SIXTH fleet.

FSH began her 2012 deployment on July 3. FSH trained during the TRANSLANT to the Eastern Mediterranean, making a brief stop for fuel in Rota, Spain. After turning over with ARLEIGH BURKE (DDG 51) in Augusta Bay, Italy, the ship made her way to station. The crew was afforded liberty after conducting operations and briefs in Augusta Bay as well as in Souda Bay, Crete. On 21 July, CDR Busch relieved CDR Sanchez as Commanding Officer while on station in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.

FSH began her second month of deployment with a port visit in Souda Bay, Crete for equipment repairs to SPY. The crew worked hard to troubleshoot and make repairs so the ship could return to station. Upon completing repairs and returning to station, the crew participated in a Search and Rescue/Maritime exercise with the Israeli Navy. During this exercise, FSH was able to demonstrate ship handling, firefighting, and medical treatment skills. After the exercise, FSH pulled into Haifa, Israel for a couple of days of hard earned liberty. During this port visit, MWR arranged great tours for the crew to sites such as the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, and Jerusalem.

After 4 weeks on station in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, FSH pulled back into Souda Bay for emergent repairs on SPY during this stop, FSH welcomed ISCS Lott of CTF508 for an Anti-Piracy brief in preparation for upcoming missions. Though these missions were cancelled, the VBSS and combat teams received valuable training. In addition to the Fleet missions, FSH was actively participating in C6F STRIKE scenarios. On September 16, FSH pinned our new Chief Petty Officers while underway in the Levant region:

CTTC [REDACTED]  
EMC [REDACTED]

DCC [REDACTED]  
FCC [REDACTED]

FCC [REDACTED]

The biggest success of October was a flawless execution of Exercise LOCAL HERO 12-5 with the Israeli Naval Forces. Following the exercise, FSH's port visit in Haifa was extended to allow for emergent repairs. A "Bravo Zulu" was given to the engineers for making their repairs as well as to the Air Department for getting VENOM 503 back flying again after a challenging month. Once successfully underway again, FSH was able to enjoy its first swim call of the deployment. The fun continued on Halloween when the Fun Boss became the Fright Boss for a night.

The major event for the ship in November was the successful participation in the multi-national exercise, MAVI BALINA (MB) 2012 in the beginning of the month. MB was primarily an ASW exercise but tested the combat ability of the entire ship to operate with and in support of our NATO allies. FSH was redirected from Haifa to Larnaca, Cyprus for Thanksgiving. At the end of the month, FSH arrived in Souda Bay, Crete to conduct voyage repairs.

The priority for the ship in December was mid-deployment voyage repairs in Souda Bay. We returned to station mid-month, and completed a successful LOCAL HERO exercises with our Israeli allies. On December 14 a frocking ceremony was held for 39 FSH Sailors who were selected to advance. FSH showed its commitment to training throughout the course of 2012: 7 officers earned their SWO pin, 13 officers earned their OOD qualification, and 58 Sailors earned ESWS pin. The FSH crew spent Christmas and

New Years Day at sea. The Supply Department provided outstanding holiday meals for the crew to enjoy. FSH remains on track for returning home to Norfolk in February, 2013.

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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.

2012-01-01 CMAV until 13 JAN  
2012-01-01 BASIC PHASE until 29 FEB  
2012-01-03 GTM Pre-Deployment Inspection until 06 JAN  
2012-01-09 SW, AW, USW, and STW 2.2 until 13 JAN  
2012-01-17 TYT VCOA until 20 JAN  
2012-01-17 WOWU (HSL 48.1) until 20 JAN  
2012-02-03 TYT VCOA until 10 FEB  
2012-02-03 CRY, INT, EW 2.2 and 2.3 until 10 FEB  
2012-02-03 USW 2.3A and B until 10 FEB  
2012-02-03 SW and AW 2.3B until 10 FEB  
2012-02-13 3M and SUP 1.4 until 17 FEB  
2012-02-13 AW/SW 2.3A until 17 FEB  
2012-03-12 Depart on Exercise JOINT WARRIOR; TRANSIT until 23 MAR  
2012-03-23 Arrive Plymouth, UK; Depart 25 APR  
2012-03-26 Flag Operation Sea Training until 5 APR  
2012-03-30 Arrive Faslane, UK; Depart 2 APR  
2012-04-06 Arrive Brest, FR; Depart 10 APR  
2012-04-16 JOINT WARRIOR EXERCISE until 26 APR  
2012-04-23 RAS with USNS LEROY GRUMMAN  
2012-04-27 Arrive Faslane, UK; Depart 30 APR  
2012-04-30 TRANSIT until 10 MAY  
2012-05-11 Arrive Mayport, FL; Depart 15 MAY  
2012-05-15 Tiger Cruise until 18 MAY  
2012-05-18 RTHP  
2012-05-29 Arrive Yorktown; Depart 01 JUN  
2012-06-01 RTHP; Family Day Cruise  
2012-06-01 Command POM Period until 29 JUN  
2012-07-03 Depart Norfolk to Yorktown; Depart on Deployment  
2012-07-03 TRANSIT until 11 JUL  
2012-07-08 Chop into C6F  
2012-07-12 Arrive and Depart Rota, Spain  
2012-07-12 TRANSIT Strait of Gibraltor  
2012-07-16 Arrive Augusta Bay, Sicily; Depart 18 JUL  
2012-07-16 Ammo Onload

2012-07-17 CDS-60 Turnover Briefs  
2012-07-18 UNREP with USNS CHARLES DEWITT  
2012-07-21 Change of Command; Turnover with USS FARRAGUT  
2012-07-27 Arrive Souda Bay, Crete; Depart 31 JUL  
2012-07-09 UNREP with USNS JOHN LENTHAL  
2012-08-12 Arrive Haifa, Isreal; Depart 17 AUG  
2012-08-12 Exercise RELIANT MERMAID until 16 AUG  
2012-09-03 Arrive Souda Bay, Crete; Depart 10 SEPT  
2012-09-03 Arrive Souda Bay, Crete; Depart 19 SEPT  
2012-09-24 Arrive Souda Bay, Crete; Depart 25 SEPT  
2012-10-14 Arrive Haifa, Israel; Depart 22 OCT  
2012-10-30 Exercise LOCAL HERO  
2012-11-04 Arrive Aksaz, Turkey; Depart 07 NOV  
2012-11-07 Exercise MAVI BALINA until 12 NOV  
2012-11-07 Arrive Larnaca, Cyprus; Depart 24 NOV  
2012-11-30 Arrive Souda Bay, Crete; Depart 8 DEC  
2012-11-30 VMAV until 8 DEC

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-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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## 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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