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From: Commanding Officer, USS MONTEREY (CG 61)  
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Subj: USS MONTEREY (CG 61) COMMAND OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR 2012

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Encl: (1) Command Composition and Organization  
(2) Chronology  
(3) Narrative

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted as USS MONTEREY'S 2012 Command Operational Report.

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T. K. KISS

COMMAND COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION

Name of Command / Organization: USS MONTEREY (CG 61)

Unit Identification Code: 21450

Name and Rank of Commanding Officer: CAPT Thomas K. Kiss

Date Assumed Command: 01 November 2011

Mission / Command Employment / Operations: MONTEREY's primary mission is to provide Ballistic missile defense and point and area air defense. MONTEREY can also coordinate and execute operations in Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Maritime Interdiction, Strike Warfare, and a variety of other warfare areas. MONTEREY has the capability to embark two SH-60 Seahawk helicopters. The crew trains underway primarily off the coast of Virginia, but training operations have taken her up and down the East Coast, to the Caribbean, and North Atlantic. When deployed, MONTEREY typically operates in COMSIXTHFLT, COMFIFTHFLT, or SOUTHCOM Area of Responsibility. MONTEREY began the year in a CNO Availability at BAE Shipyards for various installs and upgrades. Throughout the year MONTEREY made preparations to independently deploy to the FIFTH fleet AOR as well as for a March 2013 materiel inspection by the Board of Inspection and Survey.

Home Port: NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Immediate Superior in Command:

Operational: Commander, Carrier Strike Group TWO

Administrative: Commander, Naval Surface Forces Atlantic

Task Force Assigned: CTF80

Units Assigned Under Operational Control: None in 2012

Types of Aircraft Embarked: N/A

Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 38

Enlisted: 296

Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact

Name: LTJG [REDACTED]

Title: Navigator

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2012 CHRONOLOGY:

JANUARY

- 01 JAN: Observed New Years Day. Pier 4, BAE Systems, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 12 JAN: Holiday Leave and upkeep period ends.
- 13 JAN: LT [REDACTED] retirement ceremony held at Vista Point Center, Norfolk Naval Base.
- 23 - 27 JAN: ATG onboard to conduct 3M training.
- 25 JAN: Attended Selected Restricted Availability 50% Completion meeting.
- 30 JAN: Promotion ceremony held in the Wardroom for ENS [REDACTED]

FEBRUARY

- 01 FEB: In port Pier 4, BAE Systems, Norfolk, Virginia.
- 06-10 FEB: Attended CIC Team Trainer at Wallops Island, Va.
- 17 FEB: FCC [REDACTED] and ET2 [REDACTED] reenlistment ceremony held on Mess decks.
- 22-27 FEB: Conducted Command Managed Equal Opportunity focus group meetings.

MARCH

- 01 MAR: In port Pier 4, BAE Systems, Norfolk, Virginia.  
Conducted Navy Wide E-6 Exam.  
GM1 (SW) [REDACTED] reenlistment held on Mess decks.
- 02 MAR: EM2 [REDACTED] and GSM2 [REDACTED] reenlistment held on Mess decks.
- 05-09 MAR: Attended Bridge Resource Management training.  
Conducted ASW Single Ship Team Trainer.  
[REDACTED]
- 08 MAR: Conducted Navy Wide E-5 Exam.
- 15 MAR: Conducted Navy Wide E-4 Exam.
- 19-23 MAR: Participated in Operation Solid Curtain / Citadel Shield force protection exercise.  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- 20 MAR: Conducted a Condition 1 General Quarters Main Space Fire drill in preparation for Engineering Light Off Assessment.

23 MAR: LTJG █████ awarded Surface Warfare Officer Pin.  
26 MAR: Commenced AEGIS Light off.  
27 MAR: Conducted a Condition 1 General Quarters Main Space Fire drill in preparation for Engineering Light Off Assessment.  
OS2 █████ retirement rehearsal conducted at NAS Oceana.  
29 MAR: OS2 █████ retirement ceremony held at NAS Oceana.

APRIL

01 APR: In port Pier 4, BAE Systems, Norfolk, Virginia.  
02 APR: Promotion ceremony held in the Wardroom for LTJG █████.  
03 APR: Conducted a Condition 1 General Quarters Main Space Fire drill in preparation for Engineering Light Off Assessment.  
05 APR: IT1 █████ and IT1 █████ Reenlistment held on the barge Mess decks.  
06 APR: GM3 █████ Reenlistment held on the barge Mess decks. Commenced Crew move aboard.  
09 APR: Underway dead-stick from BAE Shipyard en-route Naval Station Norfolk.  
10 APR: Conducted a Condition 1 General Quarters Main Space Fire drill in preparation for Engineering Light Off Assessment.  
12 APR: Conducted a Condition 1 General Quarters Main Space Fire drill in preparation for Engineering Light Off Assessment.  
Conducted a Crew Certification phase I.  
23-25 APR: Conducted Engineering Light Off Assessment.  
26-27 APR: Conducted Crew Cert phase II, Dock Trials and Fast Cruise.  
30 APR-03 MAY: Underway, Norfolk, Virginia in support of Post-Selected Restricted Availability contractor Sea Trials.

30 APR: Conducted Anchor drop test, Full power run, crash back and full power steering checks.

MAY

01 MAY: Underway VACAPES Operating area. Conducted 5" Gunnery and Close In Weapons System (CIWS) INSURV PACFIRE check.  
Conducted Man Overboard drills.

02 MAY: Conducted PAX transfer for BAE ship riders to Rudee Inlet.

03 MAY: Arrived, Norfolk Naval Station Pier 2.

04 MAY: EN2 [REDACTED] and EN3 [REDACTED] Reenlistment held on the barge Mess decks.

10 MAY: ENS [REDACTED] awarded Surface Warfare Officer Pin.

11 MAY: ENS [REDACTED] awarded Surface Warfare Officer Pin.  
LS2 [REDACTED] Reenlistment held at USS WISCONSIN.

14-18 MAY: Conducted Command Physical Readiness Test weigh-ins and sign ups.

16 MAY: Attended the CYBERFORCE training seminar at ATG.

17 MAY: Conducted Command Safety Stand down.

21-25 MAY: Conducted Aviation Certification.

21-30 MAY: Conducted Command Physical Readiness Test.

24-25 MAY: Performed MI-270 pre-INSURV checks with Surface Forces Atlantic.

28 MAY: Observed Memorial Day.

JUNE

01 JUN: Held Frocking Ceremony for Petty Officer Advancements from the March test on the flight deck.

04 JUN: GSCS (SW) [REDACTED] reenlistment held on the 04 level next to the FWD stacks.

11-15 JUN: Petty Officer INDOC training conducted.

11 JUN: Held Frocking Ceremony on the flight deck for Petty Officer Third Class advances and 3 additional personnel.

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14 JUN: GM2 [REDACTED] and CTTC [REDACTED] reenlistment held on the Mess decks.

18-22 JUN: Underway VACAPES OPAREA to Conducted TYCOM Sea-trials.

20 JUN: Conducted Helicopter "Day Light Qualifications".

#### JULY

02-03 JUL: Conducted In-port INSURV I-240 Checks.

04 JUL: Observed Fourth of July.

05-06 JUL: Underway VACAPES operating area for INSURV I-240 checks.

09 JUL: Conducted Helicopter "Day Light Qualifications".

09-13 JUL: Underway VACAPES operating area for MOB D MOB E and MOB N 1.3B training events.

11 JUL: Conducted a "Tow and be Towed" evolution for MOB S Proficiency demonstration with the USS SAN JACINTO (CG-56).

12 JUL: Conducted an Underway replenishment with the USNS Leroy Grumman.

13 JUL: Conducted a Precision anchorage at "G4" Anchorage for MOB N proficiency demonstration.

16 JUL: Underway from Pier 2 en-route Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, for weapons on load.

19 JUL: Underway Yorktown Naval Weapons to sea for Damage Control drill practice.

23-27 JUL: Underway VACAPES operating area for Navigation, Seamanship, Engineering, and Damage Control 1.4 Certification events.

24 JUL: Conducted small arms qualification shoot.

25 JUL: Conducted "Be-Towed" TOWEX with USS MAHAN (DDG-72).

#### AUGUST

06-31 AUG: Continuous Maintenance Availability period.

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09 AUG: Naval Safety Center Team onboard to conduct Safety Survey.

10 AUG: FCCM (SW/AW) [REDACTED] and OS3 [REDACTED] Re-enlistment held on the Mess decks.  
EMCS (SW/AW) [REDACTED] re-enlistment held on the USS Wisconsin.

27-30 AUG: Conducted 3M certification.

31 AUG: Commissioning Ceremony and reception conducted for ENS [REDACTED] on the flight deck and Hangar bay.  
GSE2 (SW) [REDACTED] re-enlistment held on the Mess decks.  
Promotion Ceremony held in the Wardroom for LCDR [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED].

SEPTEMBER

04 SEP: Underway in VACAPES operating area for INSURV Rehearsal.

06 SEP: Conducted Navy Wide E-6 Exam.

07 SEP: Conducted All guns FIREX for INSURV Rehearsal.

08 SEP: The Honorable Mr. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, ADM Harvey, Commander Fleet Forces Command, and RADM Thomas, Commander Surface Forces Atlantic arrived for a visit and tour.

10-14 SEP: Attended Independent Deployers Academic training

13 SEP: Conducted Navy Wide E-5 Exam.

14 SEP: Held Chief Petty Officer pinning ceremony on the flight deck.

20 SEP: Conducted Navy Wide E-4 Exam.  
Held Retirement ceremony for OS1 (SW) [REDACTED] at USS Wisconsin Memorial.

28 SEP: Underway from Norfolk Pier 2 en-route AUTEK and Savannah, Georgia.

30 SEP: Conducted Burial at sea ceremony for 10 fallen servicemen and two of their wives.

OCTOBER

02-03 OCT: Conducted ASW exercises on AUTEK range.

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15-19 OCT: Conducted Naval Surface Fire Support qualification exercises in VACAPES.

16 OCT: Held Hispanic Heritage Month Ceremony.

22 OCT: Promoted Ensign [REDACTED] to Lieutenant Junior Grade.

27-29 OCT: Weathered Tropical Storm Sandy In-port Norfolk.

31 OCT: Second Class Petty Officer Association held Command Halloween Party for children on ship's mess decks.

NOVEMBER

02 NOV: GSM1 [REDACTED]'s Retirement Ceremony held in the Hangar Bay.

06-08 NOV: MI-150 held onboard.

12-26 NOV: 2012 Cycle-2 PFA conducted.

19 NOV: PXO, LCDR Dugan, Checks onboard.

22 NOV: Observed Thanksgiving Day. Holiday Dinner held on Mess Decks for crew and their families.

26-28 NOV: PMAP video shoot conducted onboard MONTEREY with Navy Biologists and film crew.

27 NOV: XO, CDR Myers, is relieved as Executive Officer.

DECEMBER

01-08 DEC: CAPT Kiss, LCDR [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED] flew to Bahrain for visit with Fifth Fleet representatives.

12 DEC: SURFLANT visited MONTEREY for I-90 visit.

13-14 DEC: MONTEREY underway to VACAPES operating area for INSURV demonstration practice.

17 DEC: Holiday Leave period commenced.

18 DEC: Promotion Ceremony was held in the wardroom for CDR Dugan.

25 DEC: Observed Christmas Day.

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## 2012 NARRATIVE

USS MONTEREY (CG-61) began the year 2012 at pier 4 in BAE Systems, Norfolk, Virginia while going through a Selective Restricted Availability (SRA). Many of MONTEREY's systems received Hardware and software upgrades. MONTEREY received the SPS-73 surface search radar, taking the place of the SPS-64 and SPS-55 radars which were removed during the SRA.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup> MONTEREY entered the basic phase of training. This training cycle was part of the CNSL training pilot program.

In February, MONTEREY continued ship's force work and Shipyard work.

In March as ship's force work and Shipyard worked continued, the chain of command held the E-4, E-5 and E-6 exams.

In April MONTEREY left BAE and conducted a dead stick shift to Naval Base Norfolk to complete the SRA. MONTEREY made preparations to get underway to conduct Sea Trials, that included preparations for conducting a Fast Cruise, Dock Trials and an Engineering Light Of assessment. Contractor Sea Trials commenced on the 30<sup>th</sup> and continued into the beginning of May.

The month of May began with numerous Sea Trial events to include an Anchor drop test, full power (max speed) run and all guns PACFIRE. MONTEREY leadership and some technicians attended CYBERFORCE training at Afloat Training Group. Toward the end of the month was the Aviation Flight Deck Certification, the Command Physical Readiness Test and the 270 day prior to INSURV demonstrations and practice.

June started off on a great note with a Frocking Ceremony for MONTEREY sailors selected for advancement. MONTEREY conducted a second round of Sea Trials for Type Commander - Surfaces Forces Atlantic. During this underway aviation was at the forefront of training. Day and night qualification was completed thus re-certifying MONTEREY's flight deck for flight operations.

MONTEREY spent the majority of July underway. During the first week the ship conducted 240 days prior to INSURV checks. The following week, MONTEREY was underway for the Damage Control and Engineering mission area training events with ATG. Also during this underway period, a "Tow be towed" evolution was conducted with MTY towing USS SAN JACINTO (CG-56) and vice versa. A Replenishment at Sea with USNS Leroy Grumman and a precision anchorage proficiency demonstration were completed. The middle of July was spent in Yorktown for an Ammunition Onload. July concluded with MONTEREY underway for the Navigation and Seamanship certification events with ATG. During this underway, MONTEREY was also towed by USS MAHAN (DDG-72) for one of their certification events.

The majority of August was spent in-port for a Continuing Maintenance Availability period (CMAV), in addition the Naval Safety center conducted a safety survey. Toward the end of the month was MONTEREY's 3M Certification event. MONTEREY ended the month by conducting a Commissioning Ceremony for ET1, followed by a promotion ceremony for LCDR and LT.

The 1<sup>st</sup> week in September, while underway, MONTEREY conducted an all guns FIREX in support of INSURV rehearsal. Following the return

to home port, a Distinguished visitor tour for The Honorable Mr. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture, ADM Harvey, Commander Fleet Forces Command, and RADM Thomas, Commander Surface Forces Atlantic occurred. Throughout the month, the E-4, E-5 and E-6 exams were administered. Toward the end of the month officers and key watch standers participated in Independent Deployers Academic training at Dam Neck. 5 of MONTEREY's first Class Petty Officers selected for advancement were promoted to the rank of Chief Petty Officer during a traditional Chief frocking ceremony. On September 28<sup>th</sup>, September concluded with an underway en-route to the AUTEK range and Savannah, Georgia. On Sunday the 30<sup>th</sup> MONTEREY conducted a burial at sea for SM3 George Bacon, USNR, AN Donald Brennaman, USN, BM2 Michael Crispino, USN, AMS2 Henry Kutlik JR., USN, CDR Richard Tinney, USN, RET PH3 Fredderic Miller, USNR, BM2 George Soresina, USN, SGT Robert Rappolt, USA, FA Lawrence Saxon, USN RM3 James Noble, USN and his wife Nina Noble, and Julia Schultz wife of AT1 Shultz who was previously buried at sea.

The month of October began with MONTEREY underway for testing in AUTEK, followed by a liberty port visit in Savannah, Georgia. Upon arrival in Savannah, MONTEREY was received by the Navy League and held a reception onboard for the Navy League. Following her return to homeport, MONTEREY remained in port for a short week before returning to sea for NSFS qualifications in the VACAPES OPAREA. During this underway, MONTEREY also observed Hispanic Heritage Month with a cake cutting ceremony and special dinner. The month of October was closed out with Tropical Storm Sandy. Initially ordered to sortie with the rest of the fleet, MONTEREY was then ordered to remain in port due to expected weather conditions the ship would experience out to sea. The crew was given an extra day of liberty to account for potential damage from the flooding due to the storm and to ensure the crew's safety as they made their way back to the ship.

November was marked by a prolonged CMAV. The month began with the MI-150 assessment, in which MONTEREY had various inspectors from SURFLANT and other agencies onboard to assess her readiness for the March 2013 INSURV. Upon her return to port, MONTEREY remained pier side for 36 days, allowing numerous critical repair jobs to be completed throughout the ship. The crew observed Thanksgiving on the mess decks for the duty section, sailors and their families. The following week, CDR Myers was relieved as Executive Officer by CDR Dugan.

December arrived with the crew looking forward to the upcoming Christmas Stand-Down. Each leave period consisted of 10 days, starting on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. At the beginning of the month, Captain Kiss, LCDR [REDACTED] (Operations Officer) and LT [REDACTED] (Air Defense Officer) flew to Bahrain to meet with Fifth Fleet representatives and discuss MONTEREY's coming deployment. Upon their return, MONTEREY was visited by RADM Thomas (SURFLANT), who visited the ship to discuss preparations for INSURV in March 2013 and the corrections made following the ship's MI-150 assessment in early November. Christmas Day was observed on the mess decks of the USS ANZIO for duty section, sailors and their families due to ongoing work in MONTEREY's galley. A grilled lunch was also prepared on the flight deck for the crew by the duty section khaki leadership.

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