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From: Commanding Officer, USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD 17)  
To: Director, Naval History and Heritage Command

Subj: 2017 USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD 17) COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT

1. Command Data

a. Name of your Command or Organization: USS SAN ANTONIO (LPD 17)

b. Unit Identification Code (UIC), per the SNDL: 07207

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

(1) Last: NELSON First: DARREN M.I.: W Rank: CAPT

d. Date Assumed Command (date format YYYY-MM-DD): 2016-07-21

e. Mission/Command Employment/Area of Operations:

(1) Mission: SAN ANTONIO's mission is to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies by embarked air cushion or conventional landing craft, augmented by helicopters or vertical take off and landing aircraft. She supports amphibious assault, special operations and expeditionary warfare missions through the first half of the 21st Century. Secretary of the Navy John H. Dalton named the lead ship of the LPD 17 class San Antonio in 1996. The ship is named in honor of the City of San Antonio, Texas.

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

g. Immediate Superior-In-Command: Commander, Amphibious Squadron SIX

h. Operational: Commander, Amphibious Squadron SIX

i. Administrative: Commander, Expeditionary Strike Group TWO

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j. 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):

Currently assigned: CTF 80.9.6

Assigned during CY 16: CTF 80.9.6

Operations: None

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

None

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

None

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

None

n. Number of Personnel Assigned:

Officers: 46 Enlisted: 336 Marines: 2

Brazilian Officer: 1 Civilian: 0

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

(1) Name (Rank, First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name):  
LTJG, Luke, M, Dehon

(2) Job Title/Office Code: Navigator

(3) E-mail (both classified and unclassified, if available): nav@lpd17.navy(.smil).mil

(4) Phone number(s): 757-443-8650

(5) Command Mailing Address: COMMANDING OFFICER  
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## 2. Commander's Assessment

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## 3. Chronology

2017-01-19 Holiday leave period ended  
2017-01-27 Berth shift from NAVSTA Norfolk pier 10 to pier 4.  
2017-01-30 Departed NAVSTA Norfolk and arrived at Naval Weapon Station Yorktown  
2017-02-03 Returned to NAVSTA Norfolk  
2017-02-07 Departed from NAVSTA Norfolk for INSURV  
2017-02-08 Returned to NAVSTA Norfolk  
2017-02-09 Completed INSURV  
2017-02-14 Commenced READ-E 3, TSRA2 and 7A1 CMAV  
2017-02-14 Command Master Chief Turnover  
2017-02-23 Safety Stand-down  
2017-02-17 Community Relations project at Equi-Kids Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center in Virginia Beach  
2017-03-03 CWO2 Silcox promoted to CWO3  
2017-03-06 Departed NAVSTA Norfolk and arrived at Pier 3, BAE Systems Norfolk. Commence Docking Phase Maintenance Availability. Earned Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary medal for role in Operation INHERENT RESOLVE.  
2017-03-14 Earned Battle "E" for CY2016, per message DTG 142210MAR17Z  
2017-03-29 Community Relations project at Norfolk SPCA  
2017-04-18 Promotion ceremony for Personnel Specialist Senior Chief Serrano and Hospital Corpsman Master Chief Musset  
2017-04-21 Community Relations project at Brock Environmental Center  
2017-04-24 SAN ANTONIO Sailors at Fiesta in San Antonio, TX  
2017-04-25 ESG2 visit for an all hands call  
2017-05-10 Entered BAE's TITAN dry dock  
2017-06-11 Awarded Combat Action Ribbon for event of 12OCT16

## 4. Narrative

a. At the start of 2017, SAN ANTONIO's crew enjoyed a holiday stand down after a demanding deployment, while also preparing for INSURV. The ship was scheduled to execute her pre-INSURV assessment by Surface Forces Atlantic, but did not get underway

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as scheduled on the 24<sup>th</sup> of January, due to weather conditions off the Virginia Capes. Beset by engineering issues, she did not get underway until the 27<sup>th</sup>. SAN ANTONIO executed a READ-E 6 while inport, while preparing for thr short trip to Yorktown for an ammo offload on January 30th.

b. After her ammunition onload, SAN ANTONIO returned to Naval Station Norfolk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February and continued preparations for INSURV. INSURV commenced on February 7<sup>th</sup> and concluded on the 9<sup>th</sup>, resulting in SAN ANTONIO resulting in a class average grade in material condition. This spoke well considering she had just completed an arduous deployment and was due to start a 15 month docking phase in March. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, SAN ANTONIO commenced READ-3, Continuous Maintenance Availability and a Total Ship Readiness Assessment.

c. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, SAN ANTONIO transited to Pier 3 at BAE Systems Norfolk to commence her Docking Phase Maintenance Availability. The ship was also notified of being awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, earning a service star. On March 14<sup>th</sup>, SAN ANTONIO was awarded the Battle Effectiveness Award for her third time, the previous were earned in 2012 and 2013. She was also awarded the Maritime Warfare, Command, Control, Communications and Information Warfare, Ship Safety, and for the fourth time consecutively, the Engineering/Survivability Command Excellence Awards.

d. In April, seven SAN ANTONIO Sailors visited the namesake city during Fiesta to showcase the ship's presence, missions and accomplishments, via visits to various elementary and high schools, colleges, parades, radio broadcasts and public affairs events.

e. In May, the ship completed a dead stick movement to BAE's Titan Dry Dock to continue her Docking Phase Maintenance Availability.

f. SAN ANTONIO awarded Combat Action Ribbon for Bab Al-Mandeb missile incident. Also awarded were USS MASON, USS NITZE and USS PONCE.

5. Supporting Reports (Provided Separately)

Orders

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Deployment

None

Lessons Learned

OPREPs

CASREPs

January-December 2017

Misc

CY2016 Battle Effectiveness Award Message  
"Bravo Zulu" message from ESG2 for Battle Effectiveness Award  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal Submission  
Combat Action Ribbon Citation

6. Published Documents

Safety Stand-down Notice  
Published Photos  
Published Stories  
Advancement Records

Command Website: <http://www.san-antonio.navy.mil/>

Command FaceBook URL: <https://www.facebook.com/ussanantonio/>

7. Photographs

a. Command Leadership:



Commanding Officer  
Darren W. Nelson



Executive Officer  
Edgardo A. Moreno

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