

Summary-Capt. Sander's Presentation

Since the Navy Public Affairs was not able to review Capt. Sanders' presentation before it was made on June 2, we were not allowed to record it. So, because a number of our members have asked, I have summarized it with some of his visuals enclosed.

As you can see from the following slides, USS Portland had a very successful year in spite of obstacles presented by the pandemic. The ship won the overall "E" Efficiency Award and well as many department "E" Awards. In addition to talking about the past, Capt. Sanders also told us the ship would be making its initial deployment in the next few months. It will be part of an ARG (Amphibious Ready Group) that will consist of USS Essex (LPH-2), USS Portland (LPD-27) and a LPD but I didn't get its name. In July Capt. Sanders will leave the Portland and fleet up to Commodore of the ARG and move to USS Essex for the remainder of the deployment. Congratulations Capt. Sanders and best for a successful cruise.

(from G. Piercy's memory)



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USS PORTLAND (LPD 27)

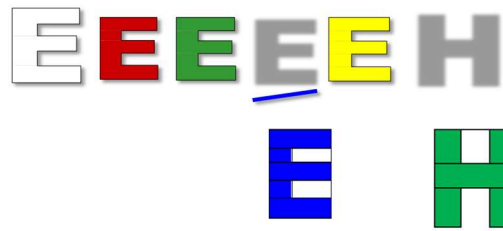
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- Battle Effectiveness Award for fiscal year 2020
- Blue “E” Supply Excellence Award
- Red “E” Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award
- Yellow “E” CNSF Ship Safety Award
- Green “H” Health and Wellness Award
- Command Retention Excellence Award
- Unit Tactics Award for FY20
- Amphibious Squadron ONE Junior Officer Award for Excellence in Shiphandling
- CPR-1 Tactician of the Year

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Vertical BAT (VBAT) Unmanned Aerial System

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Engineering Department

- Conducted over \$3 million in equipment repairs, saving the Navy countless outside activity contracting hours and maintaining our mission readiness.
- Our most recent full power run was conducted on 28MAR21.
- In response to the USS Bonhomme Richard incident, USS PORTLAND implemented a new roving fire watch and more frequent Damage Control and Engineering drills. PORTLAND earned her MOB-D certification with score of 97%.
- Pre-Deployment Maintenance Availability 1A3 is the last scheduled availability prior to the 2021 Deployment.



Supply Department

- Managed a budget of \$4.8 Million with no discrepancies.
- Supply Department recently got their 2nd Logistics Excellence Award (Blue “E”) in a row.
 - Transferred over 60 CASREP items totaling over \$900,000 in parts.
- Food Service Division serves phenomenal meals daily.
- We are 1 of 2 LPDs to have a morale boosting Starbucks coffee bar operating onboard.
- The Ship’s Store has transferred over \$55,000 in profits to the Morale Welfare and Recreation fund.



Air Department

- Executed over 1,900 deck evolutions in support of multiple exercises, Deck Landing Qualifications (DLQs), and real world Search and Rescue (SAR) tasking.
- Operated with CH-53E, AH-1Z, UH-1Y, MV-22, MH-60S and MH-60R .
- Operated with MH-47G from the Army’s 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR) to test and expand wind envelopes.
- Embarking 4x CH-53E and the initial role out of the Vertical BAT (VBAT) Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) program.



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Operations / Navigation

- Completed 48 Sea & Anchor Details including:
 - 2 precision anchorages
 - 7 restricted waters transits in support of Solid State Laser testing
- 27 combined amphibious and air ship-to-shore movements which landed over 800 Marines and allied forces.
- MOB-N obtained a score of 96% for administration and 100% for material readiness from ISIC yellow light assessment.
- Navigator, LT Anthony Carrillo, received Amphibious Squadron ONE Junior Officer Award for Excellence in Shiphandling.



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Deck Department

- In the last year, Deck has participated in three major Amphibious Exercises (Dawn Blitz, Island Fury and Iron Fist) to include 35 amphibious operations with 10 Amphibious Assault Vehicle, 21 Landing Craft Utility and eight Landing Craft Air Cushion ship to shore operations.
- Conducted 48 Sea and Anchor Details with two precision Anchorages .
- Completed six underway replenishment details with a TAO, T-AKE and LHD.
- 23 Small Boat operations with the 7M and 11M Rigid Hull Inflatable Boats.



Plans and Tactics / Executive

- Successfully installed, integrated, and tested the Navy's first 150kW Solid State Laser (SSL).
- Executed 20 at-sea test events for SSL including the first ever High Energy Laser engagement of a UAV- a Chief of Naval Operations initiative.
- Received FY19 and FY20 Retention Excellence Award , earning a score of 97% on the most current Career Information Program Review, 100% Veterans Opportunity to Work compliance, and backbone of the Brilliant on the Basics effort!
- Our team managed 52 work center supervisors and eight departmental 3M assistants in the completion of three force revisions and PORTLAND's first 3M certification with an overall Command score of 95%.

