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BOLD ALLIGATOR 2012 Lessons

BOLD ALLIGATOR 2012 (BA12) was the largest joint and multinational amphibious exercise conducted in ten years. Led by Commander, United States Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Marine Corps Forces, it was a live and synthetic, scenario-driven, simulation-supported exercise conducted from 30 January to 10 February 2012. The primary training audience included Expeditionary Strike Group Two, 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade, and the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group. Additional at-sea and ashore Naval assets, a robustly manned Coalition Force Maritime Component Commander and numerous coalition forces and assets completed the training audience of more than 20 ships and over 20,000 Marines and Sailors.

The BA12 final report has been published as an interim product with the expectation that information within be used to improve our amphibious capability.

The following are a few lessons and recommendations contained in the report:

- Provide liaison officers when there are considerable differences in cultures, such as between coalition partners and the U.S. or between the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Marine Corps.
- Define the execution network of choice as soon as practical and with consideration of coalition involvement from the start.
- Ensure personnel assigned to exercise communications duties are well versed in standard ship-to-shore communication procedures.

Registered users can review the BA12 final report on a CAC enabled computer at:

<https://www.jllis.mil/NAVY/middle/servefile.cfm?filetype=cdr&id=1048&repositoryDirectory=Briefings>



Director's Corner

Thank you for taking the time to read our latest newsletter. The Navy Lessons Learned Program continues to grow in the number of users and amount of data. Our goal is to continue to remain useful to the Fleet. To do that, we need your help. We rely on Fleet input for the lessons, and on requests for information to know what to disseminate to the Fleet. As always we welcome your

candid comments and inputs.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812, let's continue to learn from those who sailed before us.

Please contact us with any of your lessons learned needs at :

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-CAPT Randy "Astro" Ferguson

If the past cannot teach the present and the father cannot teach the son, then history need not have bothered to go on, and the world has wasted a great deal of time.

—Russell Hoban

Hurricane Season - Are you ready to SORTIE?

For those of us on the east coast, it's hurricane season. Thanks to Hurricane Irene riding up the entire east coast last year, causing the fleet to sortie and the closure of many bases, Navy lessons learned received an influx of pertinent recommendations for the surface, sub-surface and aviation communities. Examples include:

#6666: Use of Social Media

Commander Naval District Washington made excellent use of social media to update employees on the status of the base facilities. All commands should maintain an appropriate social media presence during non-emergency situations to obtain a following and embrace social media as a means of communication during emergencies.

#5776: Submarine Maintenance WRT Sortie Order COMSUBLANT may have some hard choices with respect to submarines in maintenance availabilities and their inability to sortie. If significant surge or sea conditions are expected at Naval Station Norfolk, these units need to be towed up-river to safe haven at Norfolk Naval shipyard. However, that has significant impact on port handling availabilities and the act itself adds risk. A detailed discussion between the sortie commander, TYCOM,

and regional commanders needs to occur early to assess the movement of these ships while still having sufficient port handling capability to sortie the remainder of the Fleet.

#6720: Preparing the HURREVAC Sortie Current wing and squadron instructions lack guidance for deploying to a ship during Hurricane Evacuation (HURREVAC) or Humanitarian Aide and Disaster Relief (HADR) missions. Typically during HURREVAC aircraft are flown to a land-based airfield. Special challenges arise when the mission changes to ships, including what to pack, shortened prep time, and the existing week one work up (WOWU) requirement for working with new ships. Recommend the wing clarify the WOWU requirements for a non-deploying detachment as well as update pack-up checklist for HURREVAC and HADR missions.

The Hurricane Season community of practice can be accessed at the Communities, Assessments & Publications Tab on the NLLIS home page. [Hurricane Season 2012](#).

Communities of Practice (COP):

Within NLLIS, a community of practice is a population that has common interests and demonstrates or employs like core competencies. It's a place for an organization to share observations, collaborate on resolutions and post items of interest.

Current COPs include Arctic Operations, Decommissioning, BA12, and Hurricane Season.

Featured Port Visit Report: Haifa, Israel

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Haifa, Israel is located at the northern end of Israel and is built on the slopes of Mount Carmel. Boasting a history of more than 3,000 years, Haifa is rich in culture and acts as a major sea port city along Israel's northern Mediterranean coastline.

Between February and May of this year, five US Navy ships visited Haifa. The following are a few comments taken from those ships' port visit reports submitted to the Navy Lessons Learned Information System:

- The husbanding agent was accommodating, professional and spoke good English. All services were delivered as stated and in the condition promised. The agent came to the ship throughout the port visit. Excellent service!
- A prominent red and white buoy is uncharted at the pilot pick-up location. Exact coordinates are provided in port visit lesson 1671. In addition, a charted green buoy just inside the breakwater is not present.
- Soundings along the cargo jetty are inaccurate. Sounding data on the NGA chart was reported from a commercial survey completed in 1996.
- Water taken from the pier was tested UNSAT. It had to be treated in the ship's tanks before use.

View the entire port visit reports (PVR) for Haifa, Israel: PVR Link [1671](#); [1651](#); [1639](#); [1602](#); and [1571](#).

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