

CDR Eric A. Dukat, USN

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“Professional team-builder and teacher. CDR Dukat improved the capability and capacity of my staff to respond to crises, serving initially as the leader for planning efforts; then mentoring and developing the capacity of his subordinates to lead subsequent efforts.”

BG Gregg Olson, Commander Task Force-51

Professional Experience

Military Professor, Operational Level Programs - Naval War College, Newport, RI **07/2014-Present**

Military Faculty Lead for Assist and Assess Team (AAT) Fleet Engagement and Maritime Advanced Warfighter School (MAWS).

- Faculty member in the College of Operational and Strategic Leadership at NWC. Presents instructional sessions to Executive Level OLW Course (ELOC), Maritime Staff Operator Course (MSOC) classes, in support of AAT tailored assist visits and MAWS.
- One of OLP designated representatives for Warfare Analysis and Research (WAR) Department to Pacific Command (PACOM) C2 Summit for development of emerging theater level warfare concepts.
- Subject Matter Expert in Joint / Coalition / Maritime Planning, Current Operations (COPS), Crisis Action Teams (CAT), Future Operations (FOPS), Operational Planning Teams (OPT), Fires, Protection, Assessment, Integrated Air and Missile Defense (IAMD), Command and Control, Composite Warfare, Crisis Response, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance (FHA) and Expeditionary Operations.

Assistant Chief of Staff, Operations – Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) FIVE, Manama, Bahrain **06/2013 –06/2014**

Directly responsible to the Commander for development and execution of contingency and crisis plans in support of major joint and coalition combat operations, Foreign Humanitarian Assistance, and Crisis Response at ESG FIVE / CTF-51.

- Provided Crisis Response, Expeditionary and Amphibious Operations expertise to USNAVCENT during multiple classified operational level evolutions in support of combat and crisis response operations, acting as NAVCENT Crisis Response Forward Command Element (FCE) Operations Officer for three US Embassy crisis response operations, one FHA support and multiple special operations counter terrorism operations.
- Led development of USNAVCENT “New Normal” Crisis Response operational concepts, capabilities, execution procedures and assessment criterion for coordinating joint force responses to support Department of Defense / US Central Command (CENTCOM) requirements for Department of State US Embassy security priorities.
- Developed innovative employment concepts for assigned Navy (Amphibious Ready Group, Afloat Forward Staging Base, Expeditionary Resuscitative Support System) and Marine (Marine Expeditionary Unit, Fleet Anti-terrorism Security Team) forces to conduct scalable support to multiple joint / maritime mission areas (amphibious assault, special operations, crisis response, and maritime infrastructure protection) to include training and exercise requirements coordinated with adjacent USNAVCENT task forces, CENTCOM theater components and regional partner naval and ground forces.
- In support of the transition to USMC leadership, developed staff processes and integrated battle rhythm to strengthen relationships and synchronize Task Force 51 and Marine Corps Forces Central Command (Forward) for exercise planning and crisis operations in support of their shared commander. Designated representative to USNAVCENT in concept development for a new combined Navy and Marine Maritime Staff to replace theater NAVFOR and MARFOR staffs.
- Led JFMCC level OPT in the development of a multinational major theater exercise to integrate Naval Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC), Amphibious Ready Group / Marine Expeditionary Unit (ARG / MEU), and Marine Expeditionary Brigade Command Element (MEB CE) forces in defensive support of regional partner through an amphibious assault transitioning into major combat operations.

Military Professor, Operational Level Programs - Naval War College, Newport, RI **04/2009-05/2013**

Recognized subject matter expert in maritime operational level joint functions. Led multiple missions to all US Navy Maritime Operations Center (MOC) staffs to provide maritime operational level of war training and staff support during combat operations and training exercises.

- Served as the lead action officer for all Naval War College support to three naval component command / fleet headquarters: COMSECONDFLT, COMNAVCENT and COMPACFLT. Responsibilities included leading and designing tailored assist visits for MOC staffs to improve their ability to command and control joint, coalition, and maritime forces at the operational level of war; assist staffs with exercise design; and identify areas for MOC process improvement during real-world and exercise execution.

- Personally requested by USSIXTHFLT as on-call contingency maritime fires planning augment for JTF Joint Manning Document for any crisis JTF activation. Additionally augmented COMFOURTHFLT logistics staff during FHA support to JTF Haiti.
- Designated OLP representative to the US Fleet Forces MOC Warfighter Improvement Program (WIP) for IAMD / Protection, Fires and Assessment for the development of MOC requirements and funding priorities for submission to the CJCS.
- Conducted Joint Exercise Life-Cycle (JELC) exercise design for major theater exercises in support of CENTCOM, PACOM and NORTHCOM Operational Plans. This included the integration of Fleet training objectives and MOC training team observations with supporting scenario and master scenario event list (MSEL) development for a joint force operational campaign.
- Directly assisted the MOC staff development and testing of the Commander 10th Fleet cyber fires procedures to include the conduct of supporting exercises.
- Contributing author to “Maritime Component Commander’s Guidebook,” for Operations Process steps of Preparation and Execution to include the development of supporting academics for ELOC.
- For the initial Maritime Operational Planners Course (MOPC), developed academic objectives, curriculum, and educational lectures on following topics: Maritime Operational Fires, Protection, and Command and Control.
- Directly supported WAR Department Gravely Group development of US Navy OLW Maritime BMD / IAMD education requirements through research, joint course attendance and supporting exercise design and assessment. This included development of the continuing IAMD exercise series for PACOM to integrate planning and execution activities of the theater MOC and Air Operations Center (AOC).
- Developed and evolved the two week Commander’s Operational Planning Course (COPC) in support of COMUSNAVCENT requirements for the education, training and preparation of mid-grade regional naval officers for roles in the Coalition Maritime Force (CMF) staff and task forces. The curriculum included US and CMF Planning processes, OPT procedures, international OPLAW and NAVCENT / CMF staff and task force orientations with a supporting scenario-based practical application exercise.
- Faculty member in the College of Operational and Strategic Leadership at NWC. Presented tailored instruction to MSOC classes, ELOC and during AAT training assist visits. Education and training sessions provided to audiences varying in rank from senior enlisted (E-7) to senior officer (O-6).
- Established and designed supporting curriculum for targeted O-6 level engagement and education at each of the Fleet MOCs to support Maritime OLW objectives in the wake of the loss of retired flag officer Senior Mentors for tailored assist visits. These new academic sessions became the foundation for ELOC.

Joint Planner, Levant and Maritime, USCENTCOM J3P, MacDill AFB Tampa, Fl

08/2008 – 03/2009

Expertly led and managed multiple joint and coalition planning efforts in support of maritime operations in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR).

- Established and led the coalition counter-piracy OPT to support crisis action planning and direction of subordinate forces in response to the 2008 unforeseen rise in Horn of Africa piracy.
- In support of the USCENTCOM J5P, developed maritime priorities and operational elements of the Theater Campaign Plan (TCP) through the Joint Planning and Execution System (JOPES) deliberate process.
- Developed crisis maritime response priorities and established capabilities for the DoD FHA response in Yemen during catastrophic floods
- Adapted and consolidated the Joint Chiefs of Staff directives for Maritime Counter-Proliferation Initiative (MCPI) as an Execute Order for use by subordinate components that served as the template for all other Geographic Combatant Commanders.

Additional Experience / Designations:

- Joint Combatant Commander Level Planner (J3P)
- Maritime Staff Operators Course (JOM)
- Active Top Secret / Special Compartmented Information security clearance
- Maritime, Joint, Interagency, NATO and Coalition Operations
- Multiple JTF Staffs: CT, NEO, BMD, FHA
- Career Surface Warfare and Maritime Staff Officer at the tactical, operational and strategic levels of war: four ships, five maritime staffs (DESRON, ESG, CSG, Fleet, TYCOM) and one joint staff (CENTCOM)

Education and Training:

- Master of Science, Management, Project Management, University of Maryland University College (2013)
- Bachelor of Science, General Science, U.S. Naval Academy (1991)

Awards:

- 2012 Recipient of the “Rhode Island Federal Employee of the Year – Military”
- Personal references and 23 years of US Navy Fitness Reports / Joint and Service awards available upon request