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To all BALTOPS-85 participants:

I want to commend the many units attached to Task Group 109.1 for their very professional performance during our diverse operations. I especially want to recognize the significant contribution made to this U.S. National exercise by the participating forces of the Federal Republic of Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the NATO Airborne Early Warning Force. Together we have again demonstrated the interoperability of our forces in a demanding, three-dimensional, tactical environment at sea.

This annual exercise demonstrates the freedom of the seas in the very important international waters of the Baltic, as well as the commitment of the United States to the defense of Northern Europe. The presence of American forces in the area this year did not go unnoticed with over one hundred thousand visitors to U.S. Navy ships during our port visits.

Reflecting the resurgence of the U.S. Navy in recent years, BALTOPS-85 contained a number of firsts. You were able to work closely with the Guided Missile Cruiser *USS BROADBENT* and her *Angels* air defense system. You observed the awesome firepower of the Battleship *USS M* during gunnery exercises East of Bornholm Island. You conducted anti-submarine warfare exercises with *USS K* *SS-466* LAMPS helicopters which possess state-of-the-art capability together with *F-4E* *USN* maritime patrol aircraft from Patrol Squadron *TEB*. You demonstrated the capability to link between *USN* *F-3A* and the guided missile ships from three nations while conducting anti-air warfare exercises. Many of your officers and enlisted ratings participated in a personnel exchange program with other units. BALTOPS has been conducted at least since the early 1970's and some of these activities had been done before. Everyone in Task Group 109.1 joined in earnestly and made it all work in a most professional manner.

I challenged your professional skills by designing a very packed schedule of events and then assigned you to make it work. Each of you had the opportunity to direct the action and you produced outstanding results. I received many favorable comments at the Post Exercise Conference concerning your creativity; your ability to develop the necessary teamwork; and most importantly your ability to resolve minor difficulties quickly and then demonstrate interoperability within our multi-national task group.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege for me to be the Officer in Tactical Command of BALTOPS-85. Should it ever be required for us to sail in some way together, I would do so with confidence. Well done to all.

  
M. E. FITZGERALD









































































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