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From: Commanding Officer, USS CARR (FFG 52)
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Encl: (1) Welcome Aboard USS CARR (FFG 52)
(2) PRESINSURV NORFOLK VA 210603ZJUN02 QUICKLOOK REPORT
(3) COMDESRON TWO 261810Z SEP 02 FEP Report
(4) COMDESRON TWO 182040ZOCT02 Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification
(5) COMDESRON TWO 221710ZOCT02 3M Certification
(6) COMDESRON TWO 232105ZDEC02 Engineering Certification Report

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Command Short Title: USS CARR (FFG 52)

b. Unit Identification Code: 21233

c. Mission: USS CARR's mission as an Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate is to provide Undersea Warfare, self-defense and local area protection to underway replenishment groups, amphibious groups, and other military shipping against air, surface, and subsurface threats. To accomplish her mission, CARR is armed with HARPOON surface-to-surface missiles, medium range SM-1 surface-to-air missiles, a 76 mm gun, tube-launched torpedoes, and a MK15 Close-In Weapons System (CIWS). The ship is equipped with a long-range 2D air search radar, a surface search radar, a MK92 Fire Control System (FCS), a Towed Array, and an Electronic Warfare suite that can detect and engage threats. The ship also has the capability to embark two LAMPS helicopters that provide long-range surface surveillance and attack capability as well as over-the-horizon submarine localization and attack.

d. Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC): COMMANDER, Destroyer Squadron TWO; Captain Mark E. Kosnik.

e. Commanding Officer: CDR Anthony W. Swain, USN, 009251-40

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f. Permanent Duty Station: Norfolk, Virginia (Naval Station Norfolk).

2. Chronology

Date	Event
01 JAN 02	Inport NORSHIPCO Norfolk, VA (Drydock). Conducted Holiday Leave Stand-down Period. (Second Period)
15 JAN 02	Removed from drydock Moored at NORSHIPCO Pier 4
13 FEB 02	Refueling operations complete
20 FEB 02	Potable water systems returned to ship, allowing crew to move aboard.
08 MAR 02	Underway en route to Naval Station Norfolk
08 MAR 02	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 9
12 MAR 02	Berth Shift to Pier 4 Berth 1
19 MAR 02	DESRON TWO visits in support of Light Off Assessment
21 MAR 02	LOA Completed
26 MAR 02	Berth shift to Pier 4 Berth 2
27 MAR 02	Underway for Sea Trials in VACAPES OPAREA
27 MAR 02	Inport Naval Station Norfolk Pier 4 Berth 2
01 APR 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA
03 APR 02	Inport Norfolk, VA (Pier 2)
08 APR 02	DESRON TWO Embarked
10 APR 02	CRUDESGRU EIGHT visit
23 APR 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA
24 APR 02	TACTAS operations
26 APR 02	Inport Norfolk, VA (Pier 9)
07 MAY 02	Ammunition onload (small arms)
10 MAY 02	Berth Shift to Pier1 Berth 2
29 MAY 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for TACTAS and NIXIE operations
30 MAY 02	Inport Norfolk, VA (Southwall)
12 JUN 02	Exercise RAZORBLADE
18 JUN 02	DESRON TWO disembarks
19 JUN 02	INSURV
08 JUL 02	CART II
08 JUL 02	ATEX SIMPLE SHIELD/ SOLID CURTAIN
12 JUL 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for SMART SEARCH 2002
12 JUL 02	Chaff launching exercise
13 JUL 02	VBSS drill with USS ARLIEGH BURKE
13 JUL 02	RAS with USNS BIGHORN

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13 JUL 02	Man Overboard Drills
14 JUL 02	VBSS drills with USS ARLIEGH BURKE
19 JUL 02	Inport Norfolk, VA (Pier 10)
23 JUL 02	Initial Assessment
16 AUG 02	Underway for KEFTACEX 2002
24 AUG 02	Inport Reykjavik, Iceland
26 AUG 02	Underway North Atlantic Ocean
29 AUG 02	BSF Reykjavik, Iceland
30 AUG 02	Underway North Atlantic Ocean
29 AUG 02	Main Space Fire Certification
05 SEP 02	BSF Reykjavik, Iceland
06 SEP 02	Underway North Atlantic Ocean
11 SEP 02	BSF Ponta Delgada, Azores
16 SEP 02	FAMFIRE
17 SEP 02	RAS with USNS BIGHORN
18 SEP 02	Inport Norfolk, VA
24 SEP 02	FEP
14 OCT 02	3M Inspection
17 OCT 02	CMTQ
14 OCT 02	FMAV
12 NOV 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for group sail
15 NOV 02	Inport Norfolk, VA
19 NOV 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for UD rehearsal
21 NOV 02	Inport Norfolk, VA
25 NOV 02	Ammunition Onload
10 DEC 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for UD rehearsal
13 DEC 02	Inport Norfolk, VA
17 DEC 02	Underway VACAPES OPAREA for UD rehearsal
20 DEC 02	Underway Demonstration
20 DEC 02	Inport Norfolk, VA
20 DEC 02	Holiday leave period one begins
23 DEC 02	Change of Command
27 DEC 02	Holiday leave period one ends. Holiday leave period two begins

3. Narrative

USS CARR (FFG 52) began 2002 in dry-dock at NORSHIPCO Shipyard Norfolk, VA. The crew was nearing the end of the holiday stand-down period, and was making final preparations to conclude the Depot Level Availability. At 1622 on January 15, CARR was floated in dry-dock and departed dry-dock at 1754. The remainder of January and all of February were devoted to bringing necessary systems back on line throughout the ship.

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The final system restored to service was potable water, on February 20, allowing the crew to move from the berthing barge back onto CARR.

On 8 March, CARR was towed to Norfolk Naval Base, Pier 9. While on Pier 9, CARR continued making final preparations for the upcoming Light Off Assessment (LOA). On 12 March, CARR was moved to Pier 4 Berth 1 to facilitate final LOA preparations. The LOA was successfully conducted 19 - 21 March. Many months of hard work was rewarded on 21 March when COMDESRON TWO certified CARR as safe to light off. On 27 March, CARR conducted sea trials in the Virginia Capes Operating Area. CARR tested all mission critical systems, concentrating on equipment that had been repaired or overhauled during the shipyard maintenance period.

CARR spent 1 - 3 April underway in the Virginia Capes Operating Area conducting normal operational and casualty control drills on engineering and combat systems equipment. For many in the crew who had reported to CARR following the ship's previous deployment, this was their first introduction to the ship's training cycle. Training during this underway focused heavily on damage control procedures. On 3 April, CARR returned to Norfolk Naval Station to Pier 2.

Commodore Thompson, COMDESRON TWO, and his staff embarked CARR on 8 April. CARR was underway 23 - 26 April to conduct system testing and training in preparation for a June INSURV. CARR moored at Norfolk Naval Station, pier 9 berth 6 on 26 April. This berth allowed CARR to onload small arms ammunition on 7 May. On 10 May, CARR shifted berths to pier 1 berth 2. CARR was underway in the Virginia Capes Operating Area 29 - 30 May, again practicing for the upcoming INSURV. CARR returned to the South Wall pier at Naval Station Norfolk on 30 May.

From the South Wall, CARR continued preparations for INSURV while completing several other difficult tasks. On 12 June, CARR participated in the force protection exercise RAZORBLADE. Commodore Thompson and his staff disembarked CARR on 18 June. CARR completed its INSURV inspection 19 - 21 June, setting a new standard for FFG-7 class ships.

CARR immediately shifted its focus to preparing for the upcoming CART II, the notional starting point of the inter-deployment training cycle basic phase. CART II was successfully completed 8 - 11 July. During the CART II inspection, CARR also

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participated in the SIMPLE SHIELD/SOLID CURTAIN anti-terrorism/force protection exercise.

On 12 July, CARR and the rest of the DESRON TWO ships got underway for exercise SMART SEARCH 02. This ASW exercise was designed to hone the search and prosecution techniques of the ships' watch teams. This underway period also provided an outstanding opportunity for the ship's to practice Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) drills. CARR also managed to let the embarked Midshipmen practice man overboard drills, conn during a replenishment at sea, and observe a chaff launching exercise.

CARR's engineering team took advantage of this underway period to prepare for their upcoming Initial Assessment (IA), which started on 23 July. CARR excelled during the IA, and then immediately began preparing for KEFTACEX 02, the longest underway period in more than a year. CARR departed Norfolk on 16 August for KEFTACEX 02, a multi-national ASW exercise conducted in the North Atlantic Ocean off the Icelandic Coast. The opportunity to work not only with the other members of DESRON TWO, but also Dutch and Canadian surface ships, a Norwegian submarine and air units from Canada, England and the US, was a valuable training evolution. The trip also afforded CARR's crewmembers a unique opportunity to visit Reykjavik, Iceland.

Upon completion of KEFTACEX 02 on 5 September, CARR was scheduled to transit to Halifax, Nova Scotia for a four-day port visit. However, several days of very heavy weather and OTSR diverts resulted in CARR pulling into the Azores, on the opposite side of the Atlantic Ocean. CARR refueled in Ponta Delgado on 11 September and immediately got underway, rendezvousing with a returning battlegroup for the remainder of the transit back to Norfolk. During the return transit, CARR twice received fuel via underway replenishment from USNS BIGHORN. On 18 September, CARR returned to Naval Station Norfolk.

CARR completed the Final Evaluation Period (FEP) 23 - 25 September, and passed with flying colors. The next major milestones in CARR's inter-deployment training cycle was a 3M inspection and Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification, which occurred simultaneously starting on 14 October. Both inspections went very well, and CARR was ready to exit the basic phase of the inter-deployment training cycle. From 12 - 15

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November, CARR was underway in the VACAPES OPAREA for a DESRON TWO group sail. From 19 - 21 November CARR was underway rehearsing for the upcoming Underway Demonstration (UD). Commodore Kosnik, COMDESRON TWO, flew aboard on 21 November to observe the preparations.

CARR conducted a pier side ammunition onload on 25 November, taking on two SM-1 missiles and one Harpoon missile in preparation for the upcoming SINKEX. Due to scheduling changes, however, CARR was withdrawn from the list of participants in the SINKEX and was able to focus her full attention on UD. CARR was underway again 10 - 13 December conducting an Engineering LTT with ATG Norfolk in preparation for UD. On 17 December CARR headed out to the VACAPES OPAREA for a final UD rehearsal. The Underway Demonstration was successfully completed on 20 December. CARR returned to port late on 20 December and immediately began the first holiday leave period.

On 23 December, while moored at pier 14 berth 5, CARR conducted a Change of Command ceremony. CDR Anthony W. Swain relieved CDR Brian T. Donegan as Commanding Officer of USS CARR at 0915. CARR held a leave turnover day on 27 December and the remainder of the crew commenced holiday leave on 28 December.

4. Supporting Documents. See Enclosures (1) through (6).


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