

COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT 2007
USS BULKELEY (DDG 84)

Homeport: Norfolk, VA
Commissioned: 8 DEC 2001
UIC: 22992

Command Composition and Organization

Immediate Supervisor:

Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO SIX
CAPT Williams, USN
01 JAN 07 - 31 DEC 07

Commanding Officer:

CDR John T. Beaver, Jr., USN
01 JAN 07 - 17 DEC 07

CDR Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr., USN
17 DEC 07 - 31 DEC 07

Executive Officer:

LCDR T. J. Linardi, USN
01 JAN 07 - 04 MAY 07

LCDR Alexis T. Walker, USN
04 MAY 07 - 31 DEC 07

Combat Systems Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 07 - 31 DEC 07

Weapons Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 07 - 23 AUG 07

Operations Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 07 - 15 FEB 07

LT [REDACTED], USN
15 FEB 07 - 23 AUG 07

LT [REDACTED], USN
23 AUG 07 - 31 DEC 07

Chief Engineer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 07 - 24 OCT 07

LT [REDACTED] USN
24 OCT 07 - 31 DEC 07

Supply Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
01 JAN 07 - 31 DEC 07

Navigator:

LTjg [REDACTED]
01 JAN 07 - 18 JUN 07

LT [REDACTED]
18 JUN 07 - 31 DEC 07

January 2007

01-10 January	2 nd POM leave period
10 January	SBTT (ENG)
11 January	SBTT (ATFP), SAR LTT, Fast Cruise
16-19 January	Ultra-E
18-21 January	U/W, Ultra-E, U/W, Newport, RI
21-26 January	In port Newport, RI
26-29 January	U/W Norfolk, VA Tiger Cruise
30 January	SLAMEX, CNSL Leadership Call

January 2007 was BULKELEY's first full month home since returning from the 2006 deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). BULKELEY started the long process of preparing for the next deployment by immediately jumping into UTLRA-E. BULKELEY finished the month with a trip to Newport, RI to support the Naval Station as a training ship. While in Newport the ship's junior officers participated in training at the Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS). BULKELEY finished January with a Tiger Cruise from Newport to Norfolk, VA. During the underway BULKELEY demonstrated seamanship skills, gunnery exercises, damage control evolutions, and anti-terrorism/force protection evolutions. Additionally, BULKELEY was chosen by COMNAVSURFLANT to host nearly three dozen Commanding Officers from the Atlantic waterfront

February 2007

9 February	Greek Ambassador Alexandros Mallias and COMNAVSURFLANT RADM Curtis, USN visit ship
9 February	Command Winter Celebration
12 February	U/W to Yorktown for Ammo Offload
12-16 February	In port, Yorktown for Ammo Offload
16 February	U/W to Naval Station Norfolk
16 February	Family Day Cruise (From Yorktown to Norfolk)
21-22 February	Force Protection Initial Assessment (FPIA)
22 February	CMS A&A Assist
26 February	Command Excellence Ceremony
27 February	3M Conference
28 February	SWO Board (ENS [REDACTED] and ENS [REDACTED] [REDACTED])

BULKELEY completed a successful weapons offload in the month of February, and scored perfectly on the Force Protection Initial Assessment (FPIA). BULKELEY was selected to host the Greek Ambassador Alexandros Mallias and COMNAVSURFLANT RADM Curtis, USN for a visit to the ship. A Family Day Cruise was held on the return trip from Yorktown Weapons Station. BULKELEY also celebrated with friends and family in the Winter Celebration held at the Waterfront Marriot. In February BULKELEY was recognized as a "Battle E" recipient.

March 2007

01 March	CDO Board (LT [REDACTED])
02-04 March	3M Admin Review
04 March	RADM "Grunt" Smith visit
05 March	CDO Board (LTjg [REDACTED])
07 March	SRA Begins
15 March	WISEX
16 March	FCCM Magnant Reenlistment
21 March	CDO Board (LT [REDACTED])
28 March	Dead Stick move to Marine Hydraulics International

BULKELEY's SRA began in March at Norfolk Naval Station. The ship began with the installation of the SHF and Tactical Tomahawk Weapons Control System (TTWCS). At the end of the month BULKELEY made a "dead stick" move from Norfolk Naval Station to Marine Hydraulics, International (MHI) in support of the 2007 SRA.

April 2007

9-11 April	Petty Officer Indoctrination
16 April	Uniform shift
16-17 April	SAREX
18 April	SWO Board (LTjg [REDACTED])
19 April	Retirement Ceremony—GMC [REDACTED]
23-30	HURREX 07
24 April	CDO Board (LT [REDACTED])
25-27 April	PRT BCA
27 April	LCDR Alexis Walker checked onboard

BULKELEY continued the ship's availability through the month of April at the Marine Hydraulics, International (MHI) ship yard. BULKELEY also participated in the Hurricane Exercise for 2007. The ship and crew began the spring season's Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) by conducting ship wide Body Composition Analyses (BCAs). The end of the month brought the ship's new Executive Officer. LCDR Alexis Walker, USN checked aboard USS BULKELEY on 27 April 2007.

May 2007

1-4 May	HURREX 07, PRT
2 May	SRA 50% Conference
4 May	XO Turnover, LCDR T. J. Linardi departs
9 May	AEGIS Light Off (ALO)
14-16 May	Crew move aboard
15 May	Battle Orders Review
21-25 May	SBTT
21-22 May	ENG Material Checks
23 May	Propulsion Plant Light Off
23-24 May	RADNAV
25 May	Fast Cruise
29 May	U/W from MHI Ship yard to Naval Station Norfolk
30 May	Fuel Onload, SRA Wrap up meeting
30-31 May	PRECERT

May was BULKELEY's final month during the SRA period. During this month BULKELEY began preparations for returning to sea. The Executive Officer, LCDR T. J. Linardi, completed his turnover with LCDR Alexis Walker. The beginning of the month brought the AEGIS Light Off (ALO) and the crew move aboard. BULKELEY continued with the Propulsion Plant Light Off and RADNAV. Shortly before getting underway BULKELEY conducted a fast cruise. On the 29th the ship got underway under it's own power and returned to Norfolk Naval Station.

June 2007

4-5 June	U/W, Sea Trials
4-7 June	U/W, CORTRAMID, Week II
4-7 June	U/W, ENG TSTA-1
5 June	5" Gun Shoot
6 June	NIXIE Stream, CIWS Shoot
11-14 June	U/W CORTRAMID, Week III
18-22 June	AVCERT
21 June	Medical Readiness Inspection, TAO Board (LT ██████████)
25-28 June	U/W, En Route Boston, MA
28 June	CDR Beaver visits Faneuil Hall for Harborfest opening ceremony. CO's Reception at Paul Revere house.
28-30 June	I/P Boston, MA

June began the rigorous certification and work up cycle for BULKELEY's next deployment. This month tested the flexibility and the determination of the crew that had just finished an intense yard period. BULKELEY was able to show off the most recent improvements and upgrades by escorting dozens of Midshipman from the United States Naval Academy and various NROTC programs around the country. BULKELEY was proud to represent the fighting spirit of the United States Navy by having a wonderful port call in Boston, MA. CDR Beaver assisted in the opening ceremonies for Boston's Harborfest 2007

July 2007

01-05 July I/P Boston, MA
Conducted Ship's tours in afternoons

02 July COMREL Project (BULKELEY Caps for Kids
visit to Boston Children's Hospital).
Reenlistment onboard USS
CONSTITUTION (GSEC ██████████,
NC1 ██████████, GSM1 ██████████,
██████████, IT1 ██████████, CS1
██████████)

03 July BULKELEY Color Guard Detail-Fenway Park

04 July Flag Raising Ceremony and Parade downtown
Boston. USS CONSTITUTION turn around
Cruise. Harborfest reception

05 July U/W En Route VACAPES OpArea

07 July Mass Casualty Drill

09-12 July ULTRA-C

09 July Refueling, I/P Norfolk, VA

10 July U/W, VACAPES OpArea

10-11 July Torpedo Evasion Maneuvers

11 July NIXIE Stream

13 July USS HARRY S. TRUMAN OPFOR

16-20 July ATG ENG TSTA-2, TTWCS MATCERT

17 July OOD Board (ENS ██████████)

17-19 July OPFOR Battle Problem #2

18 July EOW Board (LTjg ██████████,
LTjg ██████████)

20 July I/P Norfolk, VA

23 July U/W VACAPES OpArea

24 July RAS w/ USNS LARAMIE

24-26 July SOCOM Scenarios

25 July ULM-4 Test Range

27 July CBR GQ

July 2007 Cont.

29-30 July

CNO Project

31 July

SWO Board (ENS ██████████),
TAO Board (LT ██████████, LT ██████████),
Helo fly-off, Gun Shoot, Anchored at
Lynnhaven Anchorage

July marked an unprecedented schedule of events for BULKELEY, starting with a wonderful port call to Boston, MA. Members of the crew were selected to participate in various ceremonies in support of Boston's Harborfest. Additionally, BULKELEY Sailors visited local children at the Boston Children's Hospital in a community relations project. The ship and crew were called upon many times during the following weeks to meet the challenges of certification. In addition to meeting the demands of qualification, BULKELEY also assisted in several special CNO projects and SOCOM training endeavors. BULKELEY was requested to serve as a member of the Operational Forces for the Harry S. Truman Strike Group. The crew's first daunting task was to conquer ULTRA-C, which proved to be quite a challenge having left the yards only a couple of weeks prior. Naturally, BULKELEY demonstrated exemplary performance in many different areas for ULTRA-C.

August 2007

01 Aug	OOD Board (ENS ██████████)
01 Aug	I/P, Norfolk, VA
02 Aug	OOD Board (ENS ██████████, ENS ██████████ ██████████)
02 Aug	Awards ceremony
06-20 Aug	CMAV 7A2
13 Aug	Rapid Planning Conference NASESG
13-17 Aug	NSFS Team Trainer, 3M Certification
14 Aug	CDO Board (LT ██████████, LT ██████████ ██████████)
20 Aug	COMPHIBRON 6 Visit (CDRE Lineberry), Arizona Memorial Trophy Presentation Rehearsal
20-24 Aug	C5RA
22 Aug	Arizona Memorial Trophy Presentation
23-24 Aug	EMI Certification
31 Aug	I/P, Norfolk, VA

In August BULKELEY and her crew were recognized for their tremendous achievements over the past two years of service when the ship was awarded the Arizona Memorial Trophy for combat excellence. The Arizona Memorial Trophy is only awarded the most combat ready ship in the entire Fleet over a two year period. The award was presented by the CFFC Admiral Gary Roughead. The ship finished the month of August with a very brief availability period to help pull together the new equipment that had just been tested.

September 2007

02 Sep	U/W, En Route Yorktown Naval Weapons Station I/P, Yorktown, VA, Commenced
02-06 Sep	Self Defense On Load
05-06 Sep	Warfare Commander's Conference (TACTRAGRULANT)
06 Sep	U/W, En Route Norfolk, VA I/P, Norfolk, VA
07 Sep	Helo Dept On load, CNO Project On load Link Long Look
09 Sep	U/W VACAPES OpArea
09-16 Sep	CNO Project
13 Sep	E-5 Advancement Exam
17 Sep	Pulled into Norfolk, VA for stores on load and refueling, returned to underway in VACAPES OpArea
17-20 Sep	FST-U
18 Sep	Link Syndicate
21 Sep	EOC
24 Sep	NAV Check Ride
25-30 Sep	ESGINT

September was the month in which BULKELEY had its first weapons on load and began to conduct operations with the NASSAU Expeditionary Strike Group. BULKELEY began to find her Battle Rhythm as she assumed Air Defense Commander for the ESG, and lead the way for Air Defense training and planning. The success of the ESG Integration was the guiding force throughout September. FST-U served as a brief insight and test of the ship's ability to conduct an integrated Air Defense exercise. EOC proved to be a distinct challenge for the crew and ship. However, BULKELEY once again was able to demonstrate that she was well on her way to being fully combat ready for the rapidly approaching 2008 deployment.

October 2007

02-05 OCT	STRIKE TSTA, FST-U
07 OCT	ENS ██████ promoted to LTjg
09-12 OCT	Ship wide inventories
09 OCT	Sonar testing, stores on load
10-12 OCT	FST-J planning conference
12 OCT	CBR GQ
15 OCT	Personnel Inspection
15-19 OCT	FST-J, STRIKE TSTA, NAVCERT
19-22 OCT	Underway for INSURV Rehearsal
20 OCT	30 Hour WSN Check
21 OCT	CBR GQ
22 OCT	Moored Norfolk, VA
22-23 OCT	MOB-D, CBR GQ
22-24 OCT	Industrial Hygiene Survey
22-26 OCT	STRIKE TSTA/CMTQ
29-30 OCT	Underway in support of INSURV
29-31 OCT	INSURV

October proved to be a month that culminated in many of the ship's certifications and qualifications. This month the ship was bombarded with ATG training scenarios for FST-J, FST-U, and SLAMEX's. BULKELEY had as many as five SLAMEX's a week during each of the STRIKE TSTA's. BULKELEY also completed its NAVCERT and certified the WSNs for combat readiness. The end of the month culminated with a ship wide inspection from INSURV. INSURV was an intensive material assessment that tested the fortitude of the crew during the days and weeks prior to the final inspection.

NOVEMBER 2007

01-02 NOV	INSURV Cont., FP Certification
05 NOV	UNDERWAY en route Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, arrives same day
05-07 NOV	Bridge Resource Management (BRM)
05-08 NOV	AMMO On load
07 NOV	Awards Ceremony
08 NOV	UNDERWAY en route Norfolk Naval Station, Arrives same day
13-16 NOV	STRIKE CMTQ, SMC, OHSAT
15 NOV	NASSG C2X meeting
19 NOV	Safety Stand down
21 NOV	CPR 6 JAG ROE brief
26 NOV	UNDERWAY en route Mayport Naval Station
27 NOV	In Port, Mayport, FL, SWO Board ENS [REDACTED] and ENS [REDACTED], Air Det on load
28-30 NOV	Underway C2X

November was a very fast paced month for the BULKELEY crew. Bearing the strain of relentless excellence the crew and ship excelled when confronted with an overlapping INSURV and Final Force Protection Exercise. BULKELEY focused heavily on its combat readiness, and the preparations necessary to have a successful 2008 deployment. BULKELEY had a weapon on load early in the month, followed quickly by Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification (CMTQ). In a short week following CMTQ BULKELEY was underway en route to Mayport, FL to receive the Helo detachment and proceed onto C2X. At the end of the month BULKELEY also qualified two officers as Surface Warfare Officers (SWO).

DECEMBER 2007

01-14 DEC	Underway, C2X
02 DEC	IAC 2
03 DEC	MIO w/ PREVAIL
05 DEC	MIO w/ HUGO, TLAM Quickdraw
06 DEC	PAX Transfer, TLAM Quickdraw
07 DEC	GQ Main space fire drill
08 DEC	TLAM Quickdraw
09 DEC	Counter targeting exercise, Air Defense Exercise, RAS w/ USNS KANAWHA
10 DEC	TALM Quickdraw
11 DEC	Battle Problem #1
12 DEC	TLAMEX
13 DEC	Air Defense Exercise #2, Counter Targeting Exercise #2
14-15 DEC	Battle Problem #2
14-17 DEC	Commanding Officer turnover
15 DEC	Return to Norfolk Naval Station
17 DEC	Change of Command
17-31 DEC	Holiday Stand Down

The beginning of December was presented a myriad of training and qualification hurdles for BULKELEY. The ship settled into the demanding pace of C2X, which integrated multiple warfare areas into single battle problems. BULKELEY spent much of her time during this underway participating heavily in Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) and TLAM exercises that could prove critical in the 2008 deployment. In the final week of C2X BULKELEY's perspective Commanding Officer, CDR Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr. arrived to commence his turnover with CDR John T. Beaver, Jr. BULKELEY completed a challenging year with a Commanding Officer turnover ceremony onboard the ship. On 17 December 2007, CDR Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr. assumed full command of USS BULKELEY (DDG 84)