

COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT 2009
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 BARWIS
JAN 09 - DEC 09

Commander, DESTROYER SQUADRON TWO
CAPT WILLIAMSON
DEC 09 -

Commanding Officer:

CDR Richard J. Cheeseman, Jr., USN
JAN 09 - MAY 09

CDR Chris P. DeGregory, USN
MAY 09 -

Executive Officer:

LCDR Alexis T. Walker, USN
JAN 09 - MAR 09

LCDR Michael Vecerkauskas, USN
MAR 09 -

Combat Systems Officer:

LCDR [REDACTED], USN
JAN 09 - OCT 09

LT [REDACTED], USN
OCT 09 -

Weapons Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
JAN 09 - OCT 09

LT [REDACTED], USN
OCT 09 -

Operations Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
JAN 09 - SEP 09

LT [REDACTED], USN
SEP 09 -

Chief Engineer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
JAN 09 -

Supply Officer:

LT [REDACTED], USN
JAN 09 -

Navigator:

LT [REDACTED], USN
JAN 09 -

January 2009

01-07 JAN

Holiday Stand down

14-29 JAN

IKE CSG OPFOR

BULKELEY came out of her Holiday leave period with her crew quickly shifting gears as they began the strike group OPFOR. Underway events included engineering drills, CPR training, EKMS training, an ASW scenario, a MOB S Drill, Engineering GQ, a RAS with the USS SACAGAWEA, Sonar self noise testing, WASEX, Lookout training, VBSS training, a NIXIE Stream, CHAFF Shoot, CIWS PACFIRE and STT drills. In addition to her training evolutions, BULKELEY hosted the CPO exam, and welcomed aboard Ensigns [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

February 2009

09 FEB	UNDERWAY en route Yorktown Naval Weapons Station, arrives same day
09-13 FEB	Ammunition Off-Load
13 FEB	UNDERWAY en route Norfolk Naval Station, Arrives same day
16 FEB	Begin SRA
26 FEB	SAR Certification

February was a calm month as BULKELEY began an availability period that will last her through May 2009. Towards the end of the month she said farewell to LCDR [REDACTED], LTJG [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED] while welcoming LT [REDACTED].

March 2009

06 MAR

XO Turnover

18 MAR

Moved to Marine Hydraulics,
International

BULKELEY welcomed aboard a new executive officer early this month. LCDR Vecerkauskas took over from LCDR Walker 06 MAR 2009. In the middle of the month, BULKELEY made a "dead stick" move from Norfolk Naval Station to Marine Hydraulics, International (MHI) in support of her 2009 SRA. Also, this month, she and her crew said farewell to CW04 [REDACTED] and welcomed ENS [REDACTED] and FCC [REDACTED].

April 2009

01-03 APR	BCA
03 APR	SKC ██████ Retirement
06-07 APR	RADNAV
06-10 APR	PFA
27 APR - 01 MAY	BRM
30 APR	Crew move aboard

Although BULKELEY continued her availability period at Marine Hydraulics, International, April proved to be a busy month for her crew. The spring Physical Readiness Test started the month with a command-wide Body Composition Analysis followed by the Physical Fitness Assessment. Preparations continued for the upcoming Light-Off Assessment and Aviation Pre-Certification. This month, BULKELEY welcomed aboard SKC ██████ and FCC ██████ and said farewell to SKC ██████ and FCC ██████.

May 2009

04-07 MAY	CO Turnover
08 MAY	Change of Command
13 MAY	Moved to Norfolk Naval Station
18 MAY	All Khaki Uniform Shift to NWU

May was a month of beginnings and endings. In the first week, BULKELEY welcomed a new Commanding Officer, CDR Christopher DeGregory while saying goodbye to CDR Cheeseman. Also, the crew started the transition to a brand new working uniform, the NWU. Finally, the latter part of May brought the end of BULKELEY's yard period at Marine Hydraulic International.

Ensigns [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were promoted to LTJG this month and LTJG [REDACTED] was promoted to LT. BULKELEY said farewell to LTJG [REDACTED] and HMC [REDACTED] while welcoming LTJG [REDACTED] and HMC [REDACTED].

June 2009

01 JUN	All Hands Shift To NWU
01-02 JUN	Sea Trials
08-11 JUN	Yorktown
11-12 JUN	Out To Sea
22-26 JUN	Trident Warrior
30 JUN - 09 JUL	Out To Sea

Starting in June, BULKELEY was again, an underway, war-fighting capable ship. Early in the month, sea trials were used to prove that all ship systems and her engineering plant were ready for sea again. Trident Warrior included a week of testing brand new equipment all while performing multiple other exercises including the firing of our CIWS and five-inch gun.

This month, E-4, E-5, and E-6 advancements were announced as well as Chief [REDACTED]'s advancement to Senior Chief. BULKELEY said hello to LTJG [REDACTED], Ensigns [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], and EMC [REDACTED] and said farewell to LTJG [REDACTED], LTJG [REDACTED], and Senior Chief [REDACTED].

July 2009

30 JUN - 02 JUL	Transit To RI
02-06 JUL	Port Visit Bristol, RI
07-09 JUL	Out To Sea
19-29 JUL	Out To Sea - Emergency Tasking

July turned out to be a very exciting, but busy month for BULKELEY. The Fourth of July holiday was spent in Bristol, Rhode Island, where the crew participated in many community events including volunteering at the local Veterans Home, marching in the town's historic 224th running of the July 4th parade, and playing in a softball tournament at a sponsored local picnic. To end the month, BUL supported an emergency tasking which provided an excellent time to train and prepare for the Training Assessments coming in August.

This month, the crew said farewell to LT [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED] while welcoming LTJG [REDACTED].

August 2009

03 AUG	Damage Control Rip
03-07 AUG	ULTRA-E
10-14 AUG	ULTRA-C
12-14 AUG	Out To Sea
24-25 AUG	Force Protection Assessment

August brought the beginning of many command-wide training assessments and certifications that are drawn out of multiple months. First, the DC Rip was an outstanding success especially after what should be completed in three days was done within one day. ULTRA-E and FPA brought small problems that were scheduled to be rectified in the coming months while ULTRA-C proved high results. BULKELEY's crew can be nothing but proud of their accomplishments this month.

This month, the crew welcomed aboard LT [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED].

September 2009

21-25 SEP	NSFS Team Trainer
30 SEP	FPA II
30 SEP - 02 OCT	NFCS Team Trainer

During September, the ship's Naval Surface Fire Support team started their certification journey with two weeks of separate team trainers. The team accomplished all of the assigned missions and certified with a high score. Also, late this month, the ship completed its Force Protection Assessment with the last couple of scenarios that were needed.

This month, the crew said farewell to LT [REDACTED] and LT [REDACTED].

October 2009

05-09 OCT	Out To Sea - ULTRA-E TSTA I
12-16 OCT	ULTRA-E TSTA II
19-23 OCT	3M Certification
26-27 OCT	Out To Sea - EOC
28-30 OCT	COSR

October proved to be a hectic month for BULKELEY and her crew. Most importantly, we saw a successful end to many program certifications and reviews including our Maintenance Management program and Engineering Training Assessment. The Gunnery division was put to the test at the end of the month during their Command Ordnance Safety Review.

The crew said goodbye to LCDR [REDACTED] and hello to LT [REDACTED].

November 2009

16-24 NOV

Out To Sea - NSFS FIREX

26-29 NOV

Thanksgiving Holiday

During BULKELEY's time at sea this month, the Naval Surface Fire Support team finished its qualification by successfully completing an IMPASS live firing assessment. After the underway, the crew enjoyed a four-day Holiday weekend.

December 2009

12 DEC Children's Holiday Party
16 DEC Ship's Holiday Party
18 DEC Beginning of Holiday Stand-down

December was a lighter month for the crew and much joy was had at both the Children's Party held onboard and the Holiday Party in Virginia Beach. BUL participated in a Holiday Decorative Lighting Competition by stringing hundreds of strands of every color around the ship. Holiday Stand-down provided the crew some much needed rest and time with their family and friends after a long year of success.

The ship said farewell to LTJG [REDACTED] and LTJG [REDACTED], while LTJG [REDACTED] was promoted to LT.